

# Greystone

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January/February 2020

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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." -Isaiah 43:19

The beginning of a new year is a natural time to consider change, to turn over a new leaf, to start anew. These are grace-filled moments as we imagine a better future for our lives. Considering the prophet Isaiah's words, however, we are reminded that sometimes we are not in control of the new thing that God is doing in our midst. Remove the control from the new and it doesn't feel so exciting anymore. Maybe it even produces a little anxiety? What's wrong with the way we've always done it?

In 2020, Greystone will experience a lot of new things about which we can get excited! We look forward to launching two search committees to discern God's direction for ministerial positions related to music and student ministries. We hope those processes will result in a fully staffed team that enables us to dream and vision together (staff and congregation) in new and exciting ways. We continue to meet new people who are our guests in Sunday worship each week. In 2020, we also embark on a year-long campaign focusing on kindness as a spiritual practice that impacts our whole lives. We're calling it "Kindness Starts Here"; look for the special edition newsletter, coming soon! Each month we will focus on kindness as a spiritual practice and we'll examine how kindness is possible in many different areas of our lives. Because January can be a time for us to be overly critical of ourselves (remember those New Year's resolutions?) January's theme is "Kindness with Ourselves." This gives us an opportunity and a reminder to extend the same grace with ourselves as we would with our friends.

These are just a few examples of the new things God is doing within, among, and around us here at Greystone. I'm sure there will be many more new things God brings forth for us this year.

I wonder, in this season of *new*, what is springing forth within you? Can you see it?

Pastor Chrissy

## **Worship and Fellowship @ Greystone**

### **Sunday Worship Services @ Greystone**

8:45 and 11:00 AM  
Sunday school @ 9:45

### **Wednesday Night Live**

Dinner - 5:30 PM  
Children's Music & Missions - 6:00 PM  
Prayer, Adult Study - 6:15 PM  
Youth *Selah* - 6:15 PM

### **Leadership Council**

1/19/20 and 2/16/20

### **Buddy Break**

Next one: Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30 - 1:00 PM

### **Second Sunday Fellowship**

Next one: Sunday, Feb. 9 at  
Sawmill Taproom after the 11:00 worship service

### **Pancakes & Combined Adult SS**

Sunday, January 26 @ 9:30 AM  
Fellowship Hall

### **Crock Pot Cook-off & Kid's Dessert Contest**

Saturday, February 1 @ 5:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall

### **Save the Dates:**

African Children's Choir, 2/12/20  
Segue Youth Choir Festival, 2/15/20  
Youth Choir singing at Zebulon Baptist, 2/16/20  
Ministry Design Conference (off-site), 2/22/20  
Pancake Dinner, 2/25/20, location TBD

### **Solos for Lunch**

This fellowship is for any adult who is single or whose spouse is out of town, etc. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary after the 11:00 service. Upcoming January schedule: 1/19 - Imperial Garden, 1/26 - Uncle Julio; February schedule: 2/2 - Bonefish, 2/9 - Miltons, 2/16 - Kanki, 2/23 - San Marcos

# Growing Greystone

## Attendance

Date	#	off-site*
Dec. 1	175	
Dec. 8	208	
Dec. 15	207	
Dec. 22	201	
Dec. 29	**	
Jan. 5	232	
Jan. 12	225	

\*attending camps, mission trips, etc.

\*\*no count turned in

## New Members in 2019

Brianna Brice  
Les and Judi Brown  
Quinton Cox  
Chris Haire  
John and Susan Horton  
Kasandra Maddox  
Megan and Ben Mallard  
Becki Moore  
Nicole Moorefield  
Anne Morgan  
Ariel Ngandu  
Joel Ngandu  
Jonathan Ngandu  
Mordecai Ngandu  
Uel Ngandu  
Sam and Kelly Roberts  
Kathleen Thompson  
Charlie Vestal  
Justin and Chrissy Williamson

## Generosity as of 11/30/19

2019 General Fund	\$935,084.94
YTD General Fund needed	\$857,161.25
YTD Operating Receipts	\$669,985.02
YTD Operating Expenses	\$720,683.86

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

## Wednesday Nights in January

Please join us on Wednesday nights in January for a 4-week series on the Poetry of Isaiah, led by Amanda Atkin. Dinner is at 5:30 PM, children and youth activities begin at 6 PM, and Adult Study begins at 6:15 PM.

Upcoming Menus for January: 1/22 - pork roast, 1/29 - potato bar for adults, kids-TBD.

## Wednesday Nights in February

In just the last week I have heard two stories about how important Wednesday Night Church is. One couple met and fell in love at Wednesday Night dinner and another family made their first visit to Greystone on a Wednesday night and have been coming ever since. Wednesday nights are when we step away from our weekday work and responsibilities to sit with friends, pray together, and learn. It is a time of fellowship, laughter and sharing. It is important. - Amanda Atkin

We will meet every Wednesday in the month of February. Come. There is a place for you here. Come on any Wednesday night but especially consider these two. On February 12 the African Children's Choir will give a concert entitled, *Just As I Am*. These children from Uganda are truly talented and offer a concert that you won't want to miss. And then on February 26 we will begin the Lenten season with our annual Ash Wednesday Service. It is a time of preparation and contemplation as we consider the life and ministry of Jesus and our journey as disciples.

Menus for February: 2/5 - fried chicken and BBQ, 2/12 - chicken parmesan, 2/19 - pork roast, 2/26 - TBD



## CROCK POT COOK-OFF and KIDS DESSERT CONTEST

On Saturday, February 1, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall we will hold our annual Crock Pot Cook-off. We want your best crock pot dish, be it pot roast, mac-n-cheese, soup, stew or chili, we want to taste it. While the adults try out their culinary skills in slow cookers, our children will be baking, stirring and whipping up a storm as they create magnificent and tasty desserts.

Sign-up sheets will be in the hallway and on Sunday school clipboards or you can sign up online by clicking this [link](#). Contact April Alston, Amy Ng or Lou Dawson with any questions or to receive the link by email.



## Habitat Worship Service

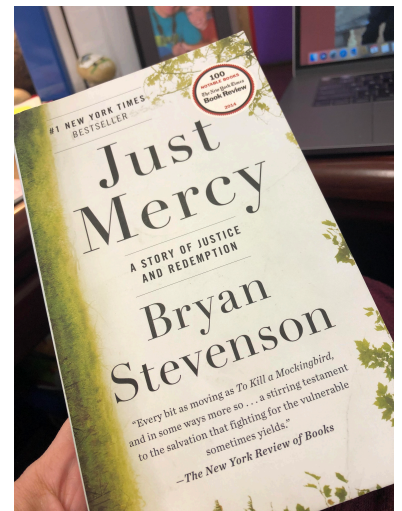
Sunday, January 19  
Hayes Barton Baptist Church

For many years Greystone has partnered with other Baptist congregations in Wake County to build new homes through Habitat for Humanity. We are excited to join in this effort again in 2020. Two homes on Forest Point Drive will be built through the efforts of Baptists of all different backgrounds who come together to serve. On Jan. 19 at 3 PM, join us at Hayes Barton Baptist Church for worship and to hear from the families who will soon be living in these homes. For information on how to volunteer on the construction site, please contact Johnny Glover.



### Weekday Preschool News

Happy New Year! The Weekday Preschool has made a resolution to focus on kindness this year, most specifically – catching the children being kind. We will be decorating the bulletin board in the preschool hallway with a Kindness Tree. Each day as the children interact with their friends and teachers, our staff will be watching for acts of kindness. When a child is caught being kind, his name will be written on a heart and added to the Kindness Tree. We hope to see kindness bloom throughout the year. We invite each of you to join us! Be on the lookout for kindness around the church. When you catch someone in an act of kindness, please add their name to our kindness tree. And be sure to come by often to see how the tree changes during the year.



### Greystone Goes to the Movies

Just Mercy is a national bestselling book by Bryan Stevenson retelling his journey to represent and defend Walter McMillian. It is a difficult read that calls all of us to consider how race and poverty play a crucial role in our justice system. This month a movie based on the novel will be released. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25th. We will be getting a group together to watch the movie and discuss afterwards. As we get closer to the date and movie theaters release their schedules, we will announce details. In the meantime, get a copy of the book and read it if you haven't already.

Please let Amanda Atkin know if you are interested ([amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org](mailto:amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org)).



On January 26 we hope you will join us for a pancake breakfast followed by a combined Adult Sunday School led by Sam and Melody Harrell. Sam and Melody will be leading in our worship service and then during the Sunday School hour they will share their insights around global migration trends and the impacts and opportunities these trends present.

Sam was born to Baptist missionary parents in Kenya, and Melody was born and raised in Uganda. Together they founded Africa Exchange, a non-profit education and community development organization, through which they have operated over the last 20 years – 16 of those under the auspices of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as global field personnel. Sam is currently Associate Coordinator of Global Missions and Melody is a practicing Spiritual Director.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us. You won't want to miss it.



# SHARE ABUNDANT LIFE

*"I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10*

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

The Global Missions Offering supports long-term field personnel serving in 25 different countries. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, this diverse group of individuals are serving throughout the world to cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development among people and places otherwise forgotten or forsaken. During the month of February, you will be learning about some of the people and ministries that CBF has called and sent. 100% of the Global Missions Offering goes to support our field personnel. We hope that you will consider making a gift to the Global Missions Offering. We will begin this emphasis by hearing from Sam and Melody Harrell on January 26. Come and learn, pray for those who are serving, give as you are led by the Spirit.



## African Children's Choir

Mark your calendar and invite your friends! Greystone is hosting the African Children's Choir for a concert on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This choir has sung at Greystone before, and it was such a wonderful concert. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear these young singers in the new year.

# Youth News...

Thanks again to all of the youth, parents, chaperones and church members who made our Christmas trip to Oak City so special. It was great to share a little Christmas cheer with those who needed it most.

There are many things going on in youth ministry over the next few months and we would love for you to mark your calendars now to be a part of them:

- January 19 - 6PM - Exam Jam 2020 - Come chill out and relax with friends before exams begin.
- February 2 - 12NOON - Kicking off Kindness - We will meet directly after worship for a little Super Bowl fun as we explore how we can share kindness, even when we are on 'opposite teams'.
- February 9 - 5PM - Combined Choir Rehearsal - Zebulon Baptist Church Youth Choir will join us for a special rehearsal as we prepare for Segue Youth Choir Festival.
- February 15 - ALL DAY - Segue Youth Choir Festival at Campbell Divinity School.
- February 16 - 10:15AM - GBC joins the Zebulon Baptist Youth Choir in worship leadership at ZBC.
- March 6 - 8 - Youth Retreat to Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center - Registration info coming soon.
- April 19 - Youth Sunday.

Youth and parents, be sure to keep an eye out in our weekly *Happenings* newsletter for details on each of these events. If you do not subscribe to *Happenings* and would like to, please let Annette in the church office know so that we can add you to our distribution list.



On Sunday night, Feb. 9, the Greystone Youth Choir will be joined by the Youth Choir from Zebulon Baptist Church as we have a combined rehearsal on the last Sunday night before the Segue youth choir festival.

Then on Saturday, Feb. 15, the Greystone Youth Choir will join other Youth Choirs from around the state at the Segue youth choir festival on the campus of Campbell University. The festival begins at 9:15 AM and will conclude with a 5:00 PM Worship Concert. Parents, Greystone members, and other friends are invited to join us for this worship service in Butler Chapel on the Campbell University Campus in Buies Creek, NC. The service and choir festival should conclude by 6:15 PM.

## Summer Spotlight

Our weather keeps teasing us and reminding us that summer might be closer than we realize. Be sure to mark your calendar for August 6 - 9 for Greystone's VBS. We are looking forward to exploring our 'Great Big Beautiful World' and would love for you to be part of the planning team. Let April know if you are interested in serving on the planning team.

In addition to VBS, our current 3rd - 5th graders will be attending PASSPORT Kids July 6 - 9. Parents, watch your inboxes for registration information coming soon. If you know of a 3rd - 5th grader who might be interested in joining us, please let April know so that she can add them to the invitation list.



**A BIG thanks** to all who contributed to our Buddy Break Christmas party. There was so much joy as we celebrated Christmas with our Buddy Break families. The food and gift donations were appreciated and we appreciate the great support our ministry has received from our Greystone family!

## Birthdays to Celebrate:

1/1 Donnie Moorefield, Dottie Thompson,  
Joy Millikan, Katie Perkinson  
1/2 David Ammons  
1/3 Virginia Creamer, Quinton Cox  
1/4 Thomas Pendergrass, Jamie Brookshire  
1/5 Michael Worley  
1/7 Alex Tatum  
1/8 John Meyer  
1/9 Cynthia Griesedieck, Alston Walker  
1/10 Charlie Hilliard  
1/11 Gary Hollingsworth  
1/12 Joe LeNoir  
1/14 David O'Neal, Trish Boone  
1/15 Caleb Kleven  
1/18 Rick Perkinson  
1/19 Joe Langston, Megan Perry  
1/20 Cheyenne Ennemoser, Aaron Ng  
1/22 Katie Mallard  
1/24 Helen Tugwell  
1/25 Wendy Top  
1/27 Jeb Brookshire  
1/28 Courtney O'Donoghue  
1/29 Kathy Nobles, Matt Brawner



1/30 Michael Kanai, Andy Hunt  
1/31 Joan Nelson, Mark Stewart, Ben Grant  
2/1 Jackson Potter  
2/4 Gus Phillips  
2/7 Nancy Register  
2/8 Lilian Grant  
2/9 Hunter Ouzts  
2/11 Debbie Mikeal, Jay Sherron  
2/12 Evelyn Harper, Beth Allen, Jillian Brookshire  
2/13 Daryl Tunstall  
2/14 Johnathan Eshleman, Megan Daniels  
2/15 Gretchen Phillips, Brandon Daniels  
2/16 Rick Chamblee  
2/17 Cindy Turner  
2/18 Dustin Tuttle, Sam Griesedieck, Sam Brown  
2/19 Katie O'Neal  
2/20 Jerry Chiles  
2/21 Julia Glover, Walt Kennedy  
2/22 Erich Brewer, Becca Thompson  
2/23 Priscilla Crumpler  
2/24 Lorri Heilig  
2/25 Adam Nix  
2/26 Steve Wheeler

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