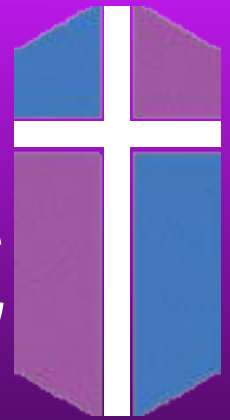


# Greystone

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## Sermon Series: Faith Through Fear

"Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be. You must move against it with the weapons of faith and love." -Rick Warren

"Do not fear" is perhaps the most frequently repeated phrase in all of scripture. Yet as we look out into our world, we see people, communities, and even nations living and acting in fear. We are afraid of financial crisis. We are afraid of the Coronavirus. We are afraid of the upcoming general election (no matter which party wins). We are afraid of war. We are afraid of losing the people we love. We are afraid of our unknown futures. And if we rely only on ourselves to solve the problems we see and to prevent the outcomes we fear... we should perhaps be afraid.

In scripture, however, we read story after story of a God who remains with, who guides, and who cares for the people. In God's constant presence we see miracles happen. In scripture, we read about a God who delivers captive Israel from Egyptian slavery and who provides for them in the wilderness. We read about a God who brings dry bones to life again. We read about a God who provides sight to blindness, and a God who's final word is "resurrection" after Jesus dies on a Roman cross. Scripture tells the story of a God who is always working among us, around us, and within us, bringing new possibilities to life so that we don't have to be afraid.

During the season of Lent (Feb 26 through April 12) we will read these stories from scripture and consider how God is working to guide us through our fears, leading us to deeper faith... and hopefully leading us to a spiritual place where we can proclaim with the women who went to the tomb that first Easter morning, "I am not afraid!"

Prayer for Lent: *God, as I look around I can see that there is much that scares me. Be my stronghold during those fearful moments and remind me that you are always with me. Show me the times when my faith falls short, when I tend to act in fear. In those moments, help me to boldly and bravely trust in you to fill those spaces with compassion and courage. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.*

## Upcoming Worship Opportunities during Lent

### Sunday Worship Services @ Greystone

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Sunday school @ 9:45

#### Mar. 8, 2nd Sunday in Lent

J. Dana Trent preaching

John 3:1-17, *Fear of Uncertainty*

#### March 15, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Chrissy Tatum Williamson preaching

Exodus 17:1-7, *Living with Xerophobia*

#### March 22, 4th Sunday in Lent

Chrissy Tatum Williamson preaching

John 9:1-41, *...but Now I See*

#### March 29, 5th Sunday in Lent

Chrissy Tatum Williamson preaching

Ezekiel 37:1-14, *Fear of Death, the Promise of Life*

#### April 4, Palm Sunday

Chrissy Tatum Williamson preaching

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*Steps of Fear, Steps of Faith*

#### April 9, Maundy Thursday

Readings from the Gospel of Matthew

### Save the Dates:

- Sun., Mar. 8 - Daylight Saving Begins
- Second Sunday Fellowship, 12pm, Sawmill Taproom
- Sat., Mar. 14 - Buddy Break
- Sun., Mar. 15 - Leadership Council, 12pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sat., Mar. 21 - Racial Equity Workshop
- Sat., Mar. 28 - Kindergarten School Physicals @ Cedar Point Apts. 10am-12pm
- Sun., Mar. 15, 22 & 29 - Orientation Class, 10am, Books on the Corner

# ONE BREATH AT A TIME

## ***Season of Lent: Series on Fear***



### **J. Dana Trent Lenten Study Leader and Guest Proclaimer March 4, 8, 11 and 18**

This Lenten season we will consider the call to faith in a world teeming with fear. In the midst of everything that threatens to undo us, how can we thoughtfully and carefully build habits and spiritual practices that will draw us deeper into faith? Reverend J. Dana Trent will lead a series of Wednesday nights that encourage and enlighten us in this critical task, and she will be our guest proclaimer for worship on March 8. We will be working through her book, "One Breath at a Time". Join us for this time of learning and spiritual development as we journey through this season of Lent.

Rev. Trent is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and professor of World Religions and Critical Thinking at Wake Tech Community College. An ordained Baptist minister and former hospital chaplain, her work has appeared on Time.com, and in Religion News Service, Sojourners, Religion Dispatches, and The Christian Century. She is also an award-winning author.

Copies of "One Breath at a Time" are available for purchase in the office for \$12.

Dinner on Wednesday nights is at 5:30 PM, children activities begin at 6 PM, Youth activities begin at 6:15 PM, and Adult Study begins at 6:15 PM.

Menus for March: 3/4 - fried chicken and BBQ, 3/11 - chicken parmesan, 3/18 - pork roast, 3/25 - breakfast

## **Growing Greystone**

### **Welcome Our New Member!**



Gus Phillips, Joined 2/9/20

### **Attendance**

<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>
Jan. 19	215
Jan. 26	207
Feb. 2	203
Feb. 9	221
Feb. 16	218
Feb. 23	257

### **Generosity as of 1/31/20**

2020 General Fund	\$798,749.92
YTD General Fund needed	\$ 66,562.49
YTD Operating Receipts	\$ 61,156.92
YTD Operating Expenses	\$ 52,199.06

## Kindness Challenges for March: Kindness in our Families



*We hope that you will consider taking on a challenge or two this month as we consider Kindness in our Families. As you complete a challenge (one of these or one of your own) don't forget to turn in a wooden heart in the collection plates during worship.*

- Leave a love note for your partner
- Help with a chore unexpectedly
- Sit down to dinner as a family and share 3 things about your day
- Lend a hand to a family you know
- Send a post card to a distant relative
- Call a family member just to say "Hi!"
- Don't work at home, after hours
- If you have young kids, play with them, on their level – don't stress about being productive
- Take a 5 minute breather between work and home on a stressful day
- Say "I love you"

Kindness Starts Here



Deacon Dinner Groups: Starting this month, our deacons are hosting monthly dinner groups (locations and meeting dates are depending on the group and group leader) related to the themes from our year-long Kindness Starts Here campaign. If you've been around Greystone for a while now, you might remember "Salt Shakers" dinner groups? If so, this is very similar. If you'd like to participate, sign up on the sheet in the foyer outside of our Sanctuary or contact the church office. Groups will be determined once we know who plans to participate.

Orientation Sessions - March 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 AM in Books on the Corner. Do you know of someone who has been visiting Greystone? Someone who might be interested in learning more about our wonderful community of faith? Someone who might like to get more involved and would consider becoming a member? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, please encourage your friends to attend our 3-part Orientation Sessions. They will learn about Greystone's history, structure, mission and so much more. They will be able to ask questions and meet some of our leaders. We would like to send a personal invitation to interested guests. If you have a person in mind who would benefit from these sessions, please share their name and contact information with the church office.



"Ask Pastor Chrissy" Podcast: Since we launched our podcast, we have been trying to find ways to create a dialogue with church members and guests who are listening to sermons and other podcast content. We've begun putting our voices out there and now we want to find ways for others to share their voices back with us, so that we create a digital conversation, rather than a digital monologue. One idea is to invite people to send thoughts and questions about sermon content. This will be a sort of online version of the "sermon talkback" we hosted last summer in the Fellowship Hall. We've created a new email address, [podcast@greystonechurch.org](mailto:podcast@greystonechurch.org), to be the receiver of those questions and comments. If you have



questions about theology, biblical interpretation, or church applications raised in a sermon or in a podcast episode, send those thoughts, comments, or questions to the email address listed above and we'll see if we can create a podcast response!



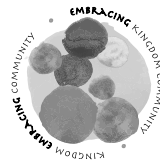


**Greystone Classifieds** - The Outreach Committee wants to make sure you know of a tool to connect our church families and preschool families outside the walls of our building. Check out the bulletin board across the hall from the Preschool Director's Office. You can post about a local 5K or an upcoming summer camp. Are you looking for a pet sitter? Collecting craft supplies for an Easter project? Need a math tutor? Fill out a card, put up your flier, or tack up your business card. Think of it as the "classifieds" for Greystone. Stop by to fill out a card and post. Contact Jennifer Anderson with questions: jennya1017@gmail.com.

## Join Us in March for Our CBFNC Annual Gathering

Trinity Baptist Church | Raleigh

Thursday, March 19—  
Saturday, March 21, 2020



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring  
good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim release  
to the captives and recovery of sight  
to the blind, to let the oppressed  
go free, to proclaim the year of the  
Lord's favor. — Luke 4:18-19*

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### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Scot McKnight** is the Julius  
R. Mantey Chair of New  
Testament at Northern Seminary.



### ENJOYING KINGDOM COMMUNITY

*The Black Water Band*

### WORSHIP LEADER

**Professor Jerusha Matsen Neal**  
is the Assistant Professor of  
Homiletics at Duke Divinity School



## MARCH 19, 2020

**Leadership Institute**  
with Scot McKnight

**Enjoying  
Kingdom Community**  
*Featuring Black Water  
Rhythm & Blues Band  
at The Garden on Millbrook  
w/ heavy hors d'oeuvres*

## MARCH 20, 2020

**Registration**

**Exhibit Hall Open**

**Workshop Session #1**

**Opening Worship**  
with Paul Anderson  
& Randy McKinney

**Workshop Session #2**

**Workshop Session #3**

**Annual Business Meeting**

**Closing Worship**  
with Jerusha Matsen Neal

## MARCH 21, 2020

**Racial Equity Workshop**  
*Groundwater Presentation*

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
of North Carolina

# REGISTER NOW!



## Join "Team Greystone" for the Sola Hot Mini 5K!

Join Team Greystone for the Sola Hot Mini 5K! Do you like to walk or run and support ALS Research? Consider joining

"Team Greystone" for the Sola Hot Mini 5K on March 28 at 8:30 AM. Contact the office for the link to sign up. Walkers, runners, strollers - welcome! If you can't join the race, consider coming out to Sola that morning to cheer us on. We can grab some breakfast - and donuts! - as a team afterwards to celebrate.



### 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. March schedule:

3/1 - Sawmill Taproom, 3/8 - TGI Fridays, 3/15 - Outback, 3/22 - Nantucket, 3/29 - Neo Asia

### Second Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, Mar. 8 at Sawmill Taproom after the 11:00 worship service. This is a wonderful way to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is a church-wide fellowship and all are invited. Contact Amy Ng, [aaronsmom1@gmail.com](mailto:aaronsmom1@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Raleigh Baptist Association Spring Senior Adult Rally

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Salem Baptist Church, 1821 N. Salem Road, Apex  
Program, led by Pepper Choplin begins at 9:30 AM and ends with lunch. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Registration is due by Tuesday, March 10. Mail checks for registration to: Raleigh Baptist Association, P.O. Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620. For more information, call 919-231-3995 or email [cindy@raleighbaptists.org](mailto:cindy@raleighbaptists.org).

## Youth News...

Save the date:

April 19 - Youth Sunday

Our youth will lead us in worship at 8:45 and 11:00. Come join us as we explore where fear, wonder, forgiveness and direction meet.

May 2, 10 AM - 12 noon - This year our Spring Carnival and Bike Rodeo are combining forces for the biggest outreach event Greystone has ever done. Join us for bike safety classes, bounce houses, games, food, amazing hospitality and more. We need your help, but more than that we want you to invite neighbors and friends to join us.



### Weekday Preschool News

Our kindness tree is in full bloom in the preschool wing. While kindness is an abstract concept for our littlest children, our 3's and 4's are beginning to look for ways to be kind to their friends. And our teachers are finding that when you focus on seeing kindness, you find it. We invite you to look for kindness, and when you find it, post it on our kindness tree.

### Lumberton Bound

Please join the construction team on Saturday March 28, for a day trip to Lumberton. In conversation with the leader of the Lumberton rebuild, he said there were still about 100 houses to be repaired. Contact Jerry Chiles, [jerrychiles1@gmail.com](mailto:jerrychiles1@gmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to going with you.

### Worship Care Volunteers Needed

We need several more volunteers to serve in worship care in both babies and toddlers/preschool and have a specific need on 2nd Sundays and 5th Sundays during our 11:00 service. Worship care volunteers are an important part of our church ministry and are often among the first people to interact with new families visiting with our church. This is a great way to serve our current families as well as those who visit our church.

### **Birthdays to Celebrate:**

3/1 Jim Griesedieck, David Grimes  
3/2 Mary Baldridge, Bobby Hunter, Dorwin Lanham  
3/4 Mavis Strickland, Brent Walker, Sean Austin  
3/5 Becky Sansbury, Michael Overby  
3/6 Joan Marion, Julie Green  
3/7 Jennifer Pickles, Drew Hunt  
3/8 David Maxey, Sue Tickle, Jeff Schmidt,  
Julia Sandling, Ashlyn Top, Damien Moore  
3/9 Katie Lindsey, James Tatum  
3/10 Ali Sherron  
3/11 Beau Mallard  
3/12 Pauline Noble  
3/13 Joyce Beauchaine  
3/14 David Wilson  
3/16 Ashley Stewart



3/17 Stephanie Penny, Logan Nix  
3/18 Lou Dawson, Brian Perkinson  
3/19 Betty Cornwell, April Alston, Scott Gardner  
3/21 Libby Mays, Ben Wilder  
3/22 Kathy Schmidt  
3/23 James Green  
3/25 Jeanne Parker, Dan Thorpe, Deanna Choplin  
3/26 Annie Ostendorff  
3/27 Chandler Hollingsworth  
3/28 Lauren LeNoir, Ryan Franz  
3/30 Craig Swaim, Eric Hart, Cathy Perkinson,  
Justin Williamson, Jackson Top  
3/31 Gloria Greene, Amy Ng

### **50+ Years Wedding Anniversaries**

3/3 Mel and Alice Dickens

## **Contact Us:**

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Phone: (919) 847-1333

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