

An Update from Andrew...

The beginning of a new year is always exciting, and it was especially encouraging to think about what is coming up in 2018 for Graymere. **Jon Compton** and **Kenny Compton** did a wonderful job building our new pulpit, and I am thankful for their hard work. We also heard about coming events in 2018. I am excited to imagine what God can do through our existing ministries, as well as the new ones that are on the horizon.

For example, it is incredible that we are taking a group of over 50 on a mission trip! These trips not only change the lives of the people who are served, but also the people who are serving. I know it will positively impact our congregation to have so many involved in missions. We were also reminded of our active senior adult ministry. I spoke with someone recently who remarked that not every congregation has a ministry that appeals to and involves senior adults. I am grateful we do, and I am thankful for their plans for 2018. I look forward to seeing how our *Into the City* ministry grows and develops in the next few months. Our teenagers will be trained to teach, and they will have the opportunity to put that training into practice. Don't forget that if you are interested in helping with this ministry in any way, meet in the YAC during class time to find out more.

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Ron Bishop on Sunday night. Ron served this congregation for years as a deacon, and then as an elder. It would be difficult to calculate the number of hours he invested in serving this congregation and working on projects that still bless our church family today. His funeral service took place this morning, and it was a reminder of how many ways he worked (often behind the scenes) for the Lord. We certainly extend our love and sympathy to the Bishop family.

One of our events that is coming soon is a trip to the FHU lectureship on February 5th. We will leave at 7:00 a.m. that morning, and we will return after dinner that evening. We will eat lunch on campus, and we will eat dinner in Jackson. This will be a great opportunity for spiritual growth, and I hope you can take advantage of it.

We start a new series on Sunday – “You Are Here” – where we will explore the formative passages of scripture found in Genesis. We will have a special way of advertising it, which you will want to catch on our facebook group. Our kindergarten class will be helping us describe some of the stories, and you won't want to miss it! Let's keep learning and growing together!

Sunday's Messages

AM – There Is Only One (Genesis 1:1-5)
PM – An Abundant Life (John 10:7-10)

ELDERS

Rick Combs	931.380.0081
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MINISTERS

Andrew Phillips	Pulpit/TV
Chad Landman	Education
Jack Malone	Senior Adults
Jonathan Winchester	Missions /Evangelism
Jon David Schwartz	Youth

DEACONS

Rick Barker	Carl Martin
Billy Bishop	Wayne Phillips
Bobby Bishop	Troy Potts
Shawn Butterfield	Warren Robinson
Hollis Carpenter	Ed Self
Barry Christian	Charles Smith
Ken Compton	Austin Simmons
Ben Farris	Jeff Skelton
Randy Fleming	Ron Stone
Dwayne Fulks	Ricky Thompson
Jason Golden	Doug Wilburn
Randy Goodwin	Ken Wiles
Tim Gordon	Doug Williams
Eddie Harris	Larry Winchester
Jeff Harris	Phillip Wright
Vance Hendrickson	Ken Young
Josh Love	

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM

COUNSELING CENTER

Mondays 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

931.540.0174

TELEVISION

Connections
Charter Channel 195
Wednesdays 7 PM,
Sundays 5 PM
CPWS Channel 13
Sundays 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning Worship
Charter Channel 195
Sundays 8 AM

OUR RECORD

Week of	1-7-18
Sunday AM	522
Bible Study	352
Sunday PM	270
Contribution	\$28,297.15
Wednesday PM	280
Budget	\$23,000.00

Senior Adults

Our 2018 Kick-Off Breakfast will be Friday, January 12, at 7:30 AM at Graymere Hall. Make sure you sign the sheet at the Sr. Info Desk tonight if you plan to come. There is no charge for this event. **Kevin Thompson** will be the speaker. Possible inclement weather is in the forecast for Friday. Watch the daily email announcements or check Newslines in case this event is postponed.

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 19. Our Golden Age Banquet is planned for that day. You won't want to miss it!

Five Minutes with God, Volume 3

The devotional books, "Five Minutes with God, Volume 3" have arrived. If you ordered copies, they will be available for you to purchase in the church office. Each book is \$15.

FHU Lectureship

If you would like to ride the bus to the Freed-Hardeman Lectureships on Monday, February 5, please sign the list at the Information Desk. We will leave the parking lot at 7 AM and you will need money for lunch on campus and stop in Jackson for dinner, so bring some money for meals. Anyone who would like to go is welcome.

2018 Graymere Events

At each auditorium entrance there are sheets listing many of the different events planned for the congregation during the next year. Please pick one up as you enter the building. Knowing ahead of time will hopefully help you plan around these events.

Graymere Yellow Pages

The *Graymere Yellow Pages* is now ready for use. You may access it on the Graymere website or the Graymere App (not Instant Church Directory). When you go to the website, click on "About Us" and then drop down on the menu to "Graymere Yellow Pages" and click. On the Graymere App, the "Yellow Pages" tab will come up immediately. This is a listing of everyone in the congregation who turned in information for us to use in the Yellow Pages. If any corrections or additions need to be made, please let us know.

Our Shut-ins

NURSING HOME:

NHC-MAURY REGIONAL

Emily Long, 2406

Lillian Bills, 2506

LIFE CARE CENTER

Mary Robertson, 324A

ASSISTED LIVING:

THE BRIDGE

Bobby Smithson, 227

Frances Logsdon, 225

Olivyn Hardison, 209

Mary Margaret Lovell, 225

Grace Frank, 106

Marguerite Porter, 211 (mother of Fred Porter)

MORNING POINTE

Marie Voss, 126

Sue Foster, 114

Rebecca McNeese, 102

POPLAR ESTATES

Mary Robb, The Gardens

Barbara McNeese, The Gardens

Fran Ferrell, The Gardens

BROOKDALE

Gladys Olive, 104

Ruby Mathis (626-0260), 5011

SOMERBY OF FRANKLIN

Sara Pigg, Apt. 1207

Faye Locke, Apt. 1315, 615-856-2913

Mary Jo McGee (mother of Pam Hendrickson)

NHC PLACE Cool Springs

Robert Waddell, 313

AT HOME:

Edwin Derryberry

Marie Mayberry

Jewel and Leon Whitlatch

Rebecca Burgett

Aurelia Reed

Our Sick

MRMC: **Ruth Hughes**, 667

Dismissed: **George Brent Wiles, Sandra Aldridge, Sarah Johnson**

Remember in prayer: **Vicki Gore, Jerry Dickey; Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Janice Hardison** (sister of Beverly Martin)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ron Bishop**, husband of Barbara Bishop and father of Bobby & Billy Bishop and Becky Osborne. The funeral was Wednesday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **James William "Jimmy" Davis**, brother-in-law of Debbie Davis and uncle of Cassie Massey. The funeral was Friday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Wesley & Rebecca Witherow** on the birth of a baby girl, named **Lily Jean**, born January 4. Proud grandparents are Mark & Kathy Witherow.

Congratulations to **Joe Huckaby** who celebrated his 94th birthday on Tuesday.

Upcoming Events

- **Visitation Teams-Sunday**
Team 6: Josh Love
- **Meals Program:**
January 15: Wanda Robinson
January 17: Mable Delk
January 19: Kitty Chaffin
- **Pantry items:** Crackers
- **L2LL:** Bible Bowl practice Sunday, 5 PM, FR-2
- **Ladies and Men's Wednesday morning Bible classes** will resume January 17.