

An Update from Andrew...

Last Sunday night, we looked at the life of Peter, and we noticed how he learned about the mission of Jesus. This learning often took place through trial and error, and Peter is famous for putting his foot in his mouth and showing us how not to react in certain situations. Yet his life also reinforces our need to understand why we serve.

Why do we serve God at Graymere? What are the reasons behind doing what we do? If you haven't thought about it lately, it would be worth your time to consider that question. For instance, we believe passionately that God's Word should be shared with others. Because of that belief, several ministries exist. Each week, we hear sermons and attend Bible classes. Each week, a TV show airs on multiple channels to tell others about God. Our transportation ministry will soon begin offering rides to worship for those who need that service. Each week, correspondence courses are sent out to individuals from around the country and around the world. Each week, both men and women's classes are taught to inmates by our prison ministry. Our community regularly receives the House to House/Heart to Heart newsletter. Each year, we have multiple opportunities to be part of mission trips where we share God's word with a community. We also have special events at Graymere where we encourage others to invite friends to learn more about the Bible. Every member has the daily opportunity to share God's word with others, and every day, our website, app and youtube channel contain content that points others to scripture.

We also believe passionately that God wants us to love our neighbors. That is why our benevolence team works hard week after week to help those in need. That is why our food pantry workers keep it stocked, and why our Clothes Closet volunteers put in the time to make clothing available each week. That is why volunteers take care of our Hospitality House, so that families who need a place to stay can have one. That is why people work around the year to make Give Away Day a reality. That is why our visitation teams meet regularly to organize how we can show others we care for them. That is why we support Potter Children's Home and Happy Haven Children's Home. That is why our Widows/Widowers ministry exists.

Space won't permit me to include all our ministries here, but this list is a start. The point is simple – these ministries don't exist simply so we will have some things to do. We could dream up a lot of activities if that was our goal. These ministries exist because of a passion to serve God. Being involved in one of these ministries will only increase your desire to serve Him. If you aren't currently involved in a ministry, why not? It begins with a desire to serve, but we also must allow that desire to become reality. If you are interested, just pick a ministry, jump in and get involved! Let's keep growing together!

Sunday's Messages

AM – Increasing Our Influence #3: Earning a Nickname (Acts 4:32-37)

PM – One Word: Wedding Plans (Ephesians 5:21-33)

The elders welcome new members!

If you would like to be identified with the Graymere church of Christ, the elders would like to meet with you. Please call the church office for an appointment.

ELDERS

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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	

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	5-14-17
Sunday AM	578
Bible Study	388
Sunday PM	331
Contribution	\$27,389.71
Wednesday PM	351
Budget	\$23,000.00

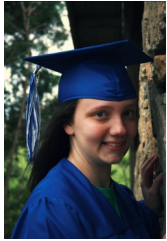
OFFICE HOURS

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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Graymere 2017 Graduates



Samantha Baugus
Culleoka Unit School
daughter of Sammy Baugus



Marissa Mastalerz
Columbia Academy
daughter of Bill & Joanna Mastalerz



Mason Gallaher
Columbia Central
son of Kris & Amy Hertzke



Rachel Osborne
University of North Alabama
*daughter of Becky Osborne
 and granddaughter of
 Ron & Barbara Bishop*

Saying Goodbye....



Chuck and Annette Wortman will soon move to Huntsville, Alabama. Chuck served as an elder at Graymere for twelve years. He and Annette have previously served as missionaries in England and also in the northeastern United States. They have been a great asset to the work at Graymere and will be sorely missed. There will be a reception to honor them and wish them well on Sunday, May 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Graymere Student Ministry Schools Out Bash is May 19 beginning at 4 PM. Sign up at the new Information Desk.

Our Sick

Remember in prayer: **Dianne Kirk**

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ruth Bass**, mother of donna Parris and longtime Graymere member. The funeral will be Friday at 2 PM at Oakes & Nichols. Visitation with the family is Thursday from 5-7 PM and one hour before the service.

Senior Adults

We will go to Amish Country this Thursday. Bus will leave at 10 AM.

Upcoming Events

- **Meals Program**
 May 22: Dottie Baker
 May 24: Billie Jean Stephen
 May 26: Jewel Smith
- **Visitation Teams-Sunday**
 Team 7: Russell Gibbons (Porter's)
 Team 12: Gary Tucker (Sr. Ctr.)
- **Mission Committee Meeting:**
 May 21, 4:30 PM, church library
- **Registration forms** for the Chattanooga Mission trip are due this Sunday, May 21.
- **Give-Away Day:** The Month of May we are collecting diapers and wipes.
- **VBS** is just around the corner **June 25-28**. If you have not already done so, please sign up. We need everyone signed up by June 4. Thanks for helping with VBS 2017!
- **Pantry Items:** Crackers, Oatmeal (any kind)
- **Outreach Center** will be closed during June and July. No donations will be accepted during this time. We will reopen on August 3.

NEW QUARTER
 AND PROMOTION

**PRE-K &
 ELEMENTARY**

STARTS ON
JUNE 4

FOR SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

JUNE 7

FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

SEE **CHAD** WITH QUESTIONS!

KIDNECTION NOTES FOR PRE-K PARENTS!

SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING KIDNECTION
SUNDAY, MAY 28

ALL PRE-K SHOULD GO **DIRECTLY**
 TO THE SMALL AUDITORIUM FOR AM BIBLE CLASS

NO SUNDAY EVENING KIDNECTION MAY 28 PM!

QUESTIONS? SEE CHAD!

**NO KIDNECTION
 ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

JUNE AND JULY
 WE WILL START BACK
AUGUST 6