

An Update from Andrew...

It seems that the pace always picks up as we near the end of the year, and our church calendar has been packed with class get-togethers and fellowship times. Our Senior Adults enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner on Thursday night. It was good to see **Amelia Black** and **Ben McGreevy** (last year's summer interns) again. Ben, his brother Sam, and his sister Caroline provided outstanding entertainment. The Home Builders Class, the Fellowship Hall Class, the Auditorium and Library Classes all enjoyed some holiday celebrations. These times are always special, and I love hearing about how many of our Graymere folks get to enjoy them!

Don't forget about our holiday schedule over the next few weeks. Our worship service on December 24th will start at 9:00, but no classes will meet that day. Our worship service will last a little bit longer that morning, and there will be a devotional at the church building that evening at 6:00 for those who would like to take advantage of that. We understand that many families travel on Christmas eve, so we made those changes to allow families to spend time with each other. We will resume our usual schedule on Sunday, December 31st. We will not have Bible Kidnection either of those nights.

On Sunday night, I also shared a couple of things to keep in mind. The first is that we have set aside a room in the main hallway of our children's classes as a **Sensory Room**. It is still a work in progress, with new paint and some additional items coming soon. A sensory room is a place designed for children with special needs. During times where a crowded auditorium or a noisy classroom becomes overwhelming, a sensory room can provide an environment for children to calm down and refocus. When you have a child with special needs, attending a worship service can seem like a daunting task, and we want them to know this resource is available for them. You may know of a family with a child on the autism spectrum or with sensory processing issues for which this could be a huge help. **Chad Landman** has worked with a group of our members to make this a reality, and I am thankful for their foresight. One way to help this resource stay effective is to make sure that it is used only for its designed purpose. We will try to keep the door closed when it isn't in use, but we will also need the help of parents to keep our children from playing inside it.

We also have a "social story" available on our website. If you haven't already, be sure to check out how **Ashley Thomason's** excellent photographs illustrate what happens in a worship service. Tools like this help put the minds of children at ease before visiting, and we hope this serves as a great outreach tool. Also, if you haven't signed up for your copy of 5 Minutes with God, Volume 3, be sure to do so tonight. Let's keep learning and growing together!

Sunday's Messages

AM – On Guard (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

PM – Father God (Hebrews 12:5-11)

ELDERS

Rick Combs	931.380.0081
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Jack Love	931.388.1089
Fred Porter	931.388.8088
Roger Riddle	931.381.4657
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Steve Thomason	931.797.8983
Kevin Thompson	931.797.6642
Rick Whitley	931.626.6628

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
Sunday 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

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	12-10-17
Sunday AM	508
Bible Study	390
Sunday PM	309
Contribution	\$24,377.00
Wednesday PM	300
Budget	\$23,000.00

Worship Time Changes during the Holidays

- On Sunday, December 24, we will meet for worship at 9 AM. No classes will meet that day. There will be a devotional at 6 PM for anyone who was unable to be here that morning.
- On Sunday, December 31, worship will be at 9 AM and 6 PM and classes will meet as usual.
- There will be NO Bible Kidnection on December 24 or 31.

Ladies and Men's Bible Wednesday morning Bible classes will not meet again until January 3. Debbie Wiles will be the guest speaker for the Ladies class. There will not be a covered dish luncheon.

Give Away Day:

It's already time to start preparing for next year's Give Away Day! During the month of December, we will be collecting new or gently used toys for all ages. If you see toys on sale before or after Christmas or if there are gently used toys your children or grandchildren have outgrown that you would like to donate, there will be bins set up at all the main entrances, as well as in the education foyer to collect them. Thank you for all your help!

Graymere Student Ministries:

- Snacks with Santa - Dec. 17
- GSM LockOut - Dec. 20. (\$25/teen)
- Evangelism University - Jan. 12-14. Registrations will be passed out this Sunday; due back on the 17th.

Snacks with Santa

Sunday, December 17



In the Fellowship Hall

Following evening worship

Bring finger foods for all to share

We will have food, fun, fellowship, games for the children and, of course — Santa.



Our Shut-ins

NURSING HOME:

NHC-MAURY REGIONAL

Emily Long, 2406
Lillian Bills, 2506
Sarah Johnson, 1302

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

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
Sara Pigg, Apt. 1207
Faye Locke, Apt. 1315 (615-856-2913)

NHC PLACE Cool Springs

Robert Waddell, 313

AT HOME:

Edwin Derryberry
Marie Mayberry
Jewel and Leon Whitlatch
Rebecca Burgett
Aurelia Reed

Our Sick

MRMC: **Glenn Ferrell**, 684

Vanderbilt: **George Brent Wiles** (infant grandson of Ken & Debbie Wiles)

Remember in prayer: **Donnie Boshers** (knee surgery Dec. 16); **Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Randall Wilson; Janice Hardison** (sister of Beverly Martin)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Kay Smith**, sister of Troy Potts. The funeral was Saturday in Florida.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ronald Bussell**, brother-in-law of Evelyn Brewer. The funeral was in Nashville.

Upcoming Events

• **Visitation Teams-Sunday:**

Team 13: Gary Tucker

• **Meals Program:**

December 18: Dottie Baker

December 20: Billie Jean Stephen

December 22: Jewel Smith

• **Pantry Items:** Peanut butter

• The Sunday morning auditorium class, the small auditorium class, and anyone who would like to join us are invited to the home of Jerry and Dianne Kirk (1013 Claremont drive) on Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2:00-4:00, for bingo and Soup/dessert. Be ready to play a mean bingo!

• L2LL: Bible Bowl practice Sunday at 5 PM in FR2.

• If you would like to purchase the devotional book "*Five Minutes with God, Volume 3*," please sign the list at the information desk. Cost per book is \$15 and will be due when you pick up your book/s.