

An Update from Andrew...

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a chance to take a break and spend some time with family and friends. Our family had an opportunity to take a trip with Kathryn's side of the family, which has become a yearly tradition. I appreciate **Jon Winchester** and **Chad Landman** preaching and teaching on Sunday, as well as **Jon David Schwartz** coordinating the afternoon devotional. I am thankful that several young men led the area-wide worship service that night, and that **Caleb Nutt** was one of the speakers. I know it was a great day of worship and encouragement (followed by an all-night lock-in for our student ministry and several parent volunteers)!

One of the practices we began in 2018 and that will continue this year is having several of our men at Graymere offer the invitation on Wednesday nights. Not only have we been encouraged by what they have had to share, it has also allowed us to get to know them better and to see how many talented members we have here. Tonight, **Tommy Gore** will be offering the invitation, and I know we will be blessed by what he shares with us.

Each new year brings fresh opportunities to serve, and we will be sharing many of those over the next few days. Our theme for 2019 is "By Faith," and we will be focusing on how individuals in scripture showed their faith in God, and we will also be challenging ourselves to do the same. On Sunday, we will talk about many different opportunities we have to serve in the new year, and we will challenge ourselves to try new things, to grow in our faith, and to be looking for what God will do through us. We will study what scripture has to say about faith, but we will also talk about some upcoming events and ways we can illustrate our faith.

On Sunday nights, we are starting a series called "Re-Tweet." If you aren't familiar with Twitter, that title might sound strange, but when someone sees a post on twitter that is good, that person will often "re-tweet" it, sending it out to all his or her followers. In fact, every social media platform has a similar function that allows people to share a message with all those who follow them. For this series, we are going to take a short verse from scripture (one that fits the number of characters for a tweet) and reflect on how we can internalize its message. We will also challenge ourselves to live out that message in a practical way. I am excited about the possibilities for us as we continue to learn and grow together!

Sunday's Messages

AM – By Faith (Hebrews 11:1-6)

PM – *Re-Tweet* #1: He Must Increase, but I Must Decrease (John 3:30)

ELDERS

Rick Combs	931.380.0081
Jerry Kirk	931.381.5120
Hugh Langley	931.381.6455
Jack Love	931.388.1089
Fred Porter	931.388.8088
Roger Riddle	931.381.4657
Dennis Stephen	931.619.0329
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

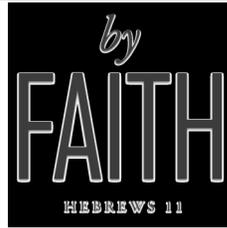
DEACONS

Rick Barker	Josh Love
Billy Bishop	Carl Martin
Bobby Bishop	Wayne Phillips
Shawn Butterfield	Troy Potts
Hollis Carpenter	Warren Robinson
Barry Christian	Ed Self
Ken Compton	Austin Simmons
Ben Farris	Jeff Skelton
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

OFFICE HOURS	COUNSELING CENTER	OUR RECORD		
Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Phone 931.388.4796 Fax 931.388.4797 graymere@graymere.com graymere.com	Monday 11:00 AM—5:00 PM 931.540.0174	Week of	12-23-18	12-30-18
TIMES OF WORSHIP Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Sunday 6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM	TELEVISION <i>Connections</i> Charter Channel 195 Wednesdays 7 PM, Sundays 5 PM CPWS Channel 13 Sundays 7:30 PM <i>Sunday Morning Worship</i> Charter Channel 195 Sundays 8 AM	Sunday AM	574	471
		Bible Study	387	280
		Sunday PM	271	N/A
		Contribution	\$30,176.54	\$24,882.00
		Wednesday PM	410	253
		Budget	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00



2019



- Graymere Singing February 1
- Golden Age Banquet February 18
- Special Sunday February 24
- Preaching Workshop February 25
- Revival March 4-6
- Teen Retreat March 15-17
- Senior Night May 5
- Future Ministers Camp May 29-June 2
- VBS June 23-26
- Horizons July 7-12
- Teen Mission Trip July 21 - 24
- Back to School Sunday August 11
- Bible Class Sunday September 8
- Marriage Retreat Sept 20-22
- Fall Festival October 27
- Give Away Day November 9

From Brown School:

We have been uplifted by the love and support each of you have provided during the first semester of school. During April 2018 we set a goal for our school to have 125 volunteers by the end of January. Currently we have had 148 volunteers spend time in our building helping our students! We want to thank each of you for all you have done for our teachers, students, office staff, and families. We are deeply moved by what we see happening each day here at Joseph Brown Elementary!

Dr. Marczak has offered to host a Volunteer Training session at Joseph Brown Elementary School on January 10, 2019. We invite you and anyone from your congregation to join us. The session is not mandatory though. This is only an option for those that might have been reluctant to come and need an official start date. Lunch will be provided and time will be spent answering any questions. Dr. Stacy Elkins will provide helpful tips to use when working with students learning to read and we will take a tour of our building.

If this is an opportunity that is of interest, we ask that you register by e-mail (kpace@mauryk12.org), or using the link provided.

We cannot thank you enough for your work this semester! We look forward to seeing you again during the second semester!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Danny Lasater**, father of Seth Lasater. The funeral will be Thursday at 10 AM at Southgate church of Christ. Visitation with the family is today from 4-8 PM at Oakes & Nichols.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ora Lee Maddox**, aunt of Jim Baker and Aubrey Baker. The funeral will be Friday at 10:30 at McDonald Funeral Home in Center-ville. Visitation with the family will be Thursday from 4-8 PM.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jasper Foster**, former Graymere deacon. The funeral was Saturday.

Upcoming Events

- **Meals Program:**
January 14: Dottie Baker
January 16: Billie Jean Stephen
January 18: Jewel Smith
- **Pantry Needs:** rice/peanut butter
- **Evangelism University** (grades 8-12) forms need to be turned in soon. Tuition is free for Graymere students. Cost for food is all the money needed.
- **Guys Trip** to see the Memphis Grizzlies game is January 21. We will leave at 9 AM, have a BBQ lunch and visit Bass Pro at the Pyramid. Game begins at 4:30. We will return around 10:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. Sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to go.
- **Bible Drill** will resume on January 6 in FR1 for all 3rd-5th graders. We will meet each Sunday except the last Sunday of each month.
- **Senior Adults Kickoff Breakfast** January 7 at 8 AM in Graymere Hall

Remember in Prayer

Tessa Fleming, Kenny Compton, Linda Jobe, Charles Smith, Beverly Martin, Bettie Sparkman, Roger Riddle, Sue Foster, Larry & Dotty King, Emily Long, Samantha Baugus, Billy Mynes & family, Nan Price, Deane Pigg, Tim Mullican, Dianne Campbell, Hope Welch, Bill Butterfield, Paul Handley, Susan Irick, Jack Brown (brother-in-law of Gerald Buie)

Columbia School of Biblical Studies

January 10th — April 4th

Dan Cottrell will be the teacher at 6 PM on the Overview of the General Epistles and Joel Oswalt will be the teacher at 7 PM on Psalms.

Thank You

"I would like to personally thank everyone who reached out to my family and me with well wishes while I have been focused on this difficult time in my life. You will never know how much I appreciate all of the support you provided to my family while they were busy caring for me. Thank you for all your calls, cards, encouragement, visits, food, and especially all your prayers during my time of sickness. Each of your deeds of love towards us has been so uplifting. They gave me the strength to persevere and handle the difficulties of this experience. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family. We love all of you! Wonderful people like you make our family realize just how much God loves us. this, I believe, is the kind of love that Jesus speaks of in John 13:35: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Linda Jobe