

Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, September 18, 2022



Guest Speaker: John Riley

As a motivational speaker and humorist John reaches thousands each year. His teachings have spanned the globe, encompassing 29 countries and totaling more than 16,000 times over the course of more than 5 decades. Born in the small town of Abbeville, Alabama, he was taught early on about the importance of hard honest work and building lasting relationships. He went on to play football for Auburn University and was drafted by Oakland. When his football career came to a sudden end in 1970 John explored the business world. After six years he answered the calling deep down inside and began speaking full-time. He has been teaching companies how to incorporate those honest values that he learned so long ago into building lasting working relationships with each other as well as the companies they work with. John has received countless awards and recognition, but nothing is as rewarding to him as when he is sharing the simple but important principles of living with a group of people. He has spoken for multiple companies in all parts of the world. He does team building and coaching for some of the most recognized brands. John is sure to stir and motivate anyone who is looking to excel and reach new heights within themselves and the world around them.



15th Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 1:1-9

Psalm 4 (UMH 741)

Luke 16:1-13

Special Guest: John Riley

News and Notes

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 18

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com or graymemorialumc.org/youtube, at 11 am or any time after that at graymemorialumc.org/



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

Prayer Requests

Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother
Norma and Sam
Anita's friend Lori suffering from breast cancer
Patsy and Betty
Jack, Randy, Jim & Jane Workman
Joyce and Bob
Juan's sister Norma
Donna West, having health issues

CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT



Thank you to everyone who attended the Charge Conference on 09/11. The District Superintendent emphasized the importance of staying in love with God. If we do that, it is easy to do all the good we can! We elected new leadership, and those changes will take effect on January 1, 2023. We also approved Pastor Beth's salary for 2023 and reviewed the report of the financial committee. If you weren't able to attend and would like a copy of the packet, please contact the church office.

PASTOR BETH ON VACATION

Pastor Beth will be on vacation 09/12 thru 09/22. She and Stephen are adventuring out to South Dakota and several other states. In the event you have an emergency while she is gone, do not hesitate to contact the church office. Pastor Beth has made arrangements with other pastors here in Tallahassee to handle any pastoral emergencies during her absence.



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

We are once again running a pumpkin patch during October. It is a way we raise funds for various missions of our church. Almost more importantly, though, it is a way for us to get to know and spend time with folks in our community. The pumpkin patch itself seems

like a service to our part of Tallahassee. Our pumpkin delivery is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, October 8 (subject to change). Please invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to come help us unload. The patch is supposed to be open noon to dusk every day, and most of us have fun sitting under the tent with friends and selling pumpkins. When we get close to delivery of pumpkins, we'll have a work schedule and hope everybody will sign up to work when they can. Our Fall Festival will be Sunday afternoon October 23. If you know any vendors interested in having a table to sell craft items (or if you are interested in one yourself) please have them call Susan Hutchison at 850-509-4496. Spots for vendors are \$25, and members of our congregation are given the opportunity to have spots for half price. We hope that congregation members will provide items for our bake sale and come out and help with pumpkin patch sales and other jobs at the Fall Festival. We plan to have a bounce house, face painting, and lunch that day. Please help us make it a fun day for Gray members and our community.

September
SHOE DRIVE
for Astoria Park Elementary



SHOE DRIVE FOR ASTORIA PARK ELEMENTARY

As you know, over the last year we've been working to build more partnerships with nearby elementary schools. We provided the staff at Ruediger Elementary with lunch twice and some of our members volunteered at their end of the year fun-day celebration. In an effort to broaden our impact, we reached out to Astoria Park Elementary. We

found out they have many students who need shoes. **This September we will be collecting new and gently used children's shoes in sizes 3.5-7. Terry Williams has graciously agreed to oversee the collection!** Everything we collect will be taken to Astoria Park in early October. These shoes will be put to good use. When children come to school without shoes, with worn out shoes, or shoes that don't fit, the school counselor will be able to provide them with a new pair. You can bring in donations as soon as this Sunday and the **collection will continue through September 30.**

NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Please join us in welcoming Brenna MacKinlay as our new Administrative Assistant! This will be Anita's last week in the office, but we are grateful and blessed that she is a member here and will still be around! Brenna's hours are Monday 1-5 and Thursday 9-1.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Sept. 14	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Sept. 15	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study with John Rogers Choir Practice
Saturday, Sept. 17	7 pm	John Riley, Motivational Speaker
Sunday, Sept. 18	11 am	Worship Service – John Riley will speak
Wednesday, Sept. 21	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Sept. 22	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, Sept. 25	11 am	Worship Service