



# From the Rafters

## Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

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### On Earth as it is in Heaven

In the book of Revelation, the apostle John writes, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb (Rev. 7:9 NIV)." What a beautiful picture: God's Children, wonderful and diverse, worshipping Christ in perfect harmony! But that is not the world in which we live. It seems that almost every day we hear a new story about racial strife, and the prejudice, oppression, violence, and death that God's Children of Color experience. We hurt. We grieve. We lament. We want to act, but we may not know how. Striving for racial reconciliation is hard work, and we may not know where to begin.

This duality—feeling called to do something, but not knowing what—was the starting point for a group of parishioners dedicated to racial reconciliation and anti-racism this summer. For six weeks in June and July, twenty-two of us met via Zoom to address these issues using a faith-based curriculum called Be the Bridge 101. Our principle goal in this introductory course of study was to explore our very real place in the history of the oppression of God's Children of Color in this country, and our place in the righting of those wrongs.

For all of the participants, that journey began by stating a single fact, both simple and complex: We are White. Being White in America—and in the



broader Western world—means something. It means being the dominant agent in our culture. We are the beneficiaries of a system designed over and over again by and for White people at the expense of our Siblings in Christ of Color. And so, with this in mind, my fellow parishioners and I explored four Ws: White identity (What does it mean to be White?), White privilege (How do we benefit from our Whiteness?), White fragility (Why are we so reluctant to talk about—and why are we so bad at talking about—racism?), and White supremacy (How does holding up a White ideal go beyond typical images like neo-Nazism and White nationalism to pervade so many aspects of our society). We also discussed one W that wasn't in the BTB 101 curriculum: White solidarity (Why do we as White people feel compelled to stick together and defend each other when we witness a fellow White person's racist words or actions, and why it is imperative that we reject that compulsion?).

These are hard topics, hard questions, and hard conversations, but they are vital to the realization of God's Heavenly realm on Earth. The members of our group began their journeys in different places—this idea of Whiteness was new to some and familiar to others—but we all grew in our understanding of ourselves and our place in God's family.

For our final session, I asked participants to write a short prayer that they could commit to memory and use for strength, courage, peace, resolve, humility, etc., when they need it. With their permission I share those prayers with you, and I invite you to use them on your own Holy journey toward Heavenly perfection.

Dear God, give me strength to support the pleas for justice from people of color in our midst. Amen.

Dear Lord, liberate me from my whiteness and use me as you will. Amen.

Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us and help us. Amen.

Lord, give me the courage to speak up, with humility, when I hear or see racism enacted by loved ones, strangers, or myself. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, for your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Eternal God, I pray you give me strength and courage to always stand for justice and equity for all People of Color. Amen.

Heavenly Father, I give you thanks for helping me to see the truth, past and present, of how deeply we have hurt each other, and for leading me on the path to loving and respecting all of your children. Amen.

Lord, grant me strength in allyship, and humility in service. Amen.

~ Dr. Benjamin Dobbs

## Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

By now you have received your stewardship packet for 2021. If you have not received the packet, please call the church. I hope that you will all attend our Harvest Dinner on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Uptown Market. I am so excited that we will be able to gather safely in this way! I know that you will enjoy the stewardship devotional compiled of thoughts, prayers and love from your fellow parishioners. Please pray and give so that we can continue to build the Kingdom of God in Greenwood and beyond!

Our stewardship season is much shorter this year, so please return your pledge cards to the church by September 30th. It is important for us to plan for 2021. That takes time and preparation.



As of now, we are still in Phase 1 of the plan for reopening laid out by Bishop Waldo and his liturgy task force. That means all worship has to be outside for the time being. Once we move to Phase 2 and we can have 25 people in the church at a time, we will have multiple services during the week to accommodate everyone. In the meantime, we will enjoy Morning Prayer in our beautiful prayer garden and host Home Communion on Wednesday nights. You can sign up online for Wednesday night services.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so flexible and accommodating. I know this is not how we prefer to worship, but it is what is safe to do at the present moment. I am just so thankful we can worship God together!

As always, I am here for you. I am praying for you. I love each and every one of you!

Love,

Mary Balfour+

## Our Church Experience at Camp

This summer and for the previous six summers, we have attended camp Merri-Mac for girls, a

Christian sleepaway camp in Black Mountain, North Carolina. We started going to camp at ages 8 and 10. Going to a camp 3 hours away from home has taught us to be more independent and has prepared us for the future. Every day is filled with classes like kayaking, climbing, pottery, Junior Lifeguarding, DIY, backpacking, etc. Classes also give you a chance to make new friends.

Even though we only see each other for two weeks at a time, my camp friends are some of my closest friends. When I walked into my first cabin at 8 years old, I had no idea what was to come. Camp has been one of the most amazing and rewarding experiences of my life. I've learned so much from



the girls that I've lived with. I strongly believe that every time I leave camp, I come home a better person. I've made friends with girls who are twice my age and girls who are younger than me. Camp puts everyone in this contagious spirit where you can't help but be friendly.

Camp is a melting pot of all different denominations of Christianity. It doesn't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or Episcopalian, we all come together to praise God. Every day after breakfast we head to chapel. There we sing various songs, which sounds cheesy but is actually really fun. The songs range from fun and upbeat to serious and somber. One of my favorites is a song called "Pharaoh Pharaoh." We sing about Moses taking his people to the promised land while stomping and clapping along. Even though by ourselves we may not be great, some of the most beautiful singing I've ever heard has come from camp. After all the singing is over, we hear a "True Story" from a counselor. They take a moment from their lives and relate it to a lesson from the Bible. Some of them are funny and some are about a pivotal moment in their life. No matter what, you can always connect with the story. There are only two times when the campers are in charge of chapel. One time is when a cabin is chosen to perform a skit from the bible and the other is Sunny Side chapel.

Being the older sibling, I got to be a part of Sunnyside chapel this year because I was in Sunnyside (which is the oldest cabin). Sunnyside chapel is where all of the 16 year old's lead chapel at the lake because it is their last day as campers. It is one of the most moving parts of camp. We sing a few chapel songs and we each say our favorite bible verses. I chose Psalm 35:19, "Do not let those gloat over me who are my enemies without cause; do not let those who hate me without reason maliciously wink the eye." I chose this verse because it is important to not let people get to you. At the end of Sunnyside chapel we are all usually crying and then we all stand up, grab hands, and jump into the lake. We then sing the Sunnyside cabin song because it is the last time that we get to sing it.

Another big aspect of camp that isn't as public is what happens inside the cabins. Before we go to bed, we always have devotion. The counselors sit us down on the floor and we discuss what we learned in chapel. We go over the story and they'll ask us questions if something similar has ever happened to us. We don't have to share but they encourage it. Sometimes it's really hard to speak up because you've got to be more vulnerable. You get to see a different side of your friends that you haven't seen before. Camp has helped us grow in faith and have a deeper connection with God. For that, we are eternally thankful.

*~ Virginia Glenn and Julia Donaghy*

## **Gravatt Family Retreats**

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic Camp Gravatt had to cancel all camp sessions this summer. For the past 8 years I have gone to Gravatt. I understood that this was for everyone's safety, but I was still disappointed that I wouldn't be able to go this year. Luckily, Gravatt was able to open for socially distanced family retreats. I immediately called my mom to ask if we could go. It didn't take my family long to decide we were going to Gravatt this summer. We immediately signed up for the first weekend we could. I was so excited to go back this year that I didn't even care that things were going to be different.

I was a little nervous about going with all the Covid stuff going on but everyone took precautions to make sure we were safe. We had daily temperature checks, wore mask, and the staff was constantly disinfecting everything. It was not the same as going to regular camp. However, we still had a great time and got to participate in many activities that we normally do at camp as well as talk to my counselors from previous years. The staff did a great job at making sure we were taking the necessary precautions as well as making sure we had a lot of fun. We participated in activities such as swim, high ropes, low ropes, canoe, tie dye, archery, and more. Although camp was not the same as usual, I still had a great time and would definitely recommend it for other people.

*~ Leslie Juul Merrill*

## Opportunities for Ministry:

### Empty Bowls 2020

Tickets will be on sale September 8 for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser supporting the Greenwood Soup Kitchen. Tickets go fast! Contact Norm Fawcett at 227-3421. \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 12 and under. Take-out only this year.

October 13, 14 and 15 - Three times each day: 5:30 to 6:15, 6:30 to 7:15, 7:30 to 8:15.



### Soup Kitchen Subs!

Could you be a substitute volunteer for the Greenwood Soup Kitchen? Doing so simply means being on a back-up roster. If a scheduled volunteer is unexpectedly unable to serve, a coordinator would contact names on the roster and ask whether the sub could step in. There is no commitment other than to accept a phone call and serve if you are available for the day you are called. Contact Norm Fawcett if you can be on that roster, 227-3421.

### CO3R Tutoring



Schools are back in session, and children will need academic support, perhaps now more than ever considering last spring's school closures. Could you help provide that support? Volunteers are needed to assist with

administrative matters and safety at student drop-off and pick-up. Tutors are needed as well. The sessions will be a little shorter, require strict COVID precautions and will take place at Resurrection with a limited number indoors and outside (weather permitting). Tutoring will still be provided on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 4:00 - 4:45 and 5:00 - 5:45. Contact Elizabeth Floyd if you can help in any way, 205-807-7293 or [elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org).

## Feed the Volunteers at Greater Greenwood United Ministry

GGUM offers a free medical clinic at their facility on Thursday evenings.

Churches and small groups often provide dinner for the healthcare volunteers. Would you like to join Beth Wood and Elizabeth Floyd in feeding 8-10 volunteers one Thursday evening? Contact Elizabeth at 205-807-7293 or [elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org).



## What's Happening in September:

Join us for our annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 13, from 6 to 8 PM in the Uptown Market. We'll enjoy a delicious, boxed dinner courtesy of Corley's Market.

RSVP to Deb Maschoff as soon as possible!  
[d.maschoff@yahoo.com](mailto:d.maschoff@yahoo.com)  
612-518-5524

Appropriate COVID precautions will be taken, including wearing masks.

## Formation Programs begin Sunday, September 13!

At the first gathering, adults and youth will pick up with our discussion of Mr. Rogers and talk about the summer bookread, Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mr. Rogers by Shea Tuttle.





On future Sundays, throughout Fall, we'll explore Transforming Questions, a program by Forward Movement that encourages Christians to consider the tougher topics of our faith.



These gatherings will take place in the prayer garden immediately following the worship service. You won't even have to move your chairs!



Children will enjoy our Holy Moly program in the parish courtyard. All ages are welcome to follow Ms. Elizabeth to the courtyard for a light snack, bible study and fun activities.



### EYC Kicks off the Fall

Parents and youth mark your calendar for these Sundays: September 20, October 18, November 15

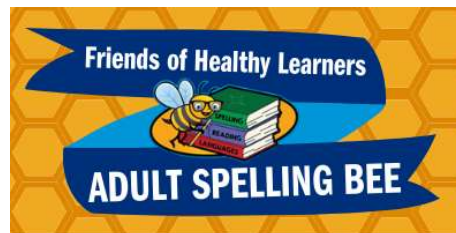
and December 20 for in-person gatherings + October 4, November 1 and December 6 for virtual gatherings on Zoom. We'll begin and end the fall as a group of all ages. At other gatherings, youth will be separated by high school and middle school.

Here's what you can expect from our time together this fall: High school youth will be working with Mary Balfour to invite neighborhood kids to use the playground, enjoy a movie night and some outdoor games, in addition to Zoom games and prayers. Middle school youth will join Elizabeth for game nights, a paint & pour session at the Art Center, a mission night and Zoom talks. All gatherings start at 5:30.

Don't forget to RSVP for our kick-off event for parents and youth: **Pool Party at the McMillans – September 20!** Please RSVP to Mary Balfour, 615-900-6191, and bring a side dish or dessert.

**The Healthy Learners' Spelling Bee** will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, September 29. Our champion team consists of Ann Arnold, Shana

Southard-Dobbs, Jan Puzar and Beth Wood. They will compete in



the 6:30 round. Since we can't attend the spelling bee this year in person, be sure to send them a note of confidence through the church office! The spelling bee is a fundraiser for the work of Healthy Learners, which coordinates health care for school-age children in Greenwood Districts 50, 51 and 52. Watch the weekly email for information about other possible ways you might support this wonderful cause.



### EfM Seeks New Members!

In the 12th century, St. Richard of Chichester wrote these words of prayer to Jesus:

"May I know thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly, and follow

thee more nearly, day by day." EfM is a four-year program to help Christian disciples live into the words of that prayer. Students learn the over 3000 years of Salvation History, from it's monotheistic origins in the Middle East to it's Trinitarian development in the modern Christian church. Each year develops and expands on that history: The Hebrew Scriptures, The New Testament, Church History, and theological/philosophical background. Join us on this journey to discipleship! Contact Chuck McDonnell, [mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com).

### Save the Date for our Thanksgiving Day Race to be Thankful!

We're waiting for confirmation from the Gatewood subdivision; details will be provided soon. Go ahead and start stretching those hamstrings though! If you aren't able to run or walk the route, consider giving a little time to help our fantastic, devoted organizer, Kim Russell. She'll soon be seeking help with sponsorships, registration and route-pointers.





From Morning Prayer in the Garden, 8/16/2020

### Altar Arrangements:

**September 6:** In memory of Leon Gladstone Stevens, Leon Gladstone Stevens, Jr., Gordon Sefton Stevens, William Anderson Stevens, Harold Lyle Stevens, and Lee Austin Stevens by Mr. Tom Stevens.

**September 13:** In memory of Charles Bray King and in honor of Amy King Graham by Mary Lynn Landgraf-Budd.

**September 20:** In loving memory of Susan R. Patterson by Walt Patterson and in loving memory of Jessie E. Cantrell, Paul B. Cantrell, Sr., our brother, Ronnie Cantrell, and Joseph B. Kocik, Sr. by Joe and Jeannie Kocik.

**September 27:** In memory of Sally and Frank Wideman, John Boykin Roberts and Vera Roberts; and in thanksgiving for Sarah, Jack, and Frankie

Eakin and Dessa Anne Boykin Wideman by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wideman, III.

**The Presence Candle** is given in memory of our beloved sisters and brother, Diana Ray Boyce, Debbie Fennell Youngblood, and Alva Curtis "Bubba" Fennell by Joe and Noonie Fennell.

### Parish Connections...

Music	<b>Donna Brooks</b> 992-3738 <a href="mailto:dbrooks@nctv.com">dbrooks@nctv.com</a>
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## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

### **Birthdays**

02 – James Gobble  
 02 – Peter Marshall  
 03 – Ryan Anderson  
 03 – Dick Reeves  
 05 – Noonie Fennell  
 07 – Mason Shirley  
 09 – Samantha Hasting  
 09 – Bill Lewis  
 09 – Kelly Wiseman  
 10 – Libby Carson  
 10 – Carolyn Hasting  
 11 – Dick Daffin  
 11 – Beverly Joosten

11 – Judy Park  
 11 – Angus Roper  
 14 – Jennifer Little  
 16 – Jon Brooks Newlon  
 18 – Tommy Adams II  
 18 – Norm Fawcett  
 19 – Jim Bright  
 20 – Bill Bright  
 21 – Chloe Normandia  
 23 – Jacob Davis  
 23 – Gabriel Woodiwiss  
 24 – Dale McClary  
 27 – Cindy Hughes

28 – Tom Cobb  
 28 – Deborah Maschoff  
 29 – Cynthia Dougherty  
 29 – Lee Dresback  
 29 – Mary Alice Poore

### **Anniversaries**

08 – Carol & Lou Wynne  
 10 – Lori & Jerry Kent  
 17 – Lisa & Alan Treeter  
 25 – Sarah & John Hasting  
 29 – Terri & Dan Bacon

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Don Bergman, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Cynthia Dougherty, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Dave Joosten, Nicholas Kent, Bart McGuire, Nancy Miller, Sarah and Erich Normandia, George Rush, Stewart Russell, Elsie Speer, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Winnie Bolle (Fr. Stephen Bolle's stepmother), Trey Booker (Archie and Summer Booker's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood's nephew), Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love's sister), Linda Love (Renee Love's mother), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Susan Pendergrass, Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Mason Shirley, Brad Thomas (Henry & Libby Cary family), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour's cousin), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister)

**And for these persons:** The Brown Family (Mary Jo Tolbert's caregivers), Carol Cauthren (Laura Shealy's friend), Ed Cleary (Shirley Walker's friend), Donna Knight (friend of the Floyd, McMillan and Woodiwiss families), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), John McCravy, Sr. (Jon Newlon's friend), Joan O'Donnell, (friend of Jeanne Brown), The Seymour Family, Brenda Weems

**Those in our nation's service:** Will Carroll, Aaron Crowe, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, Trip Wash, Noah Woodiwiss

- **We remember in Resurrection hope, Judy Adams, who died August 17.**

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at [denise@episcopalgreenwood.org](mailto:denise@episcopalgreenwood.org) or call 223-5426.

Including the church in your will ensures its life into the future and offers your witness to generations that follow.

***We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!***

	<b>Pledges (Actual)</b>	<b>Pledges (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Actual)</b>	<b>Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)</b>	<b>Expenses (Actual)</b>	<b>Expenses (Budgeted)</b>
<b>Last Month</b>	<b>\$21,955</b>	<b>\$28,800</b>	<b>\$9,946</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$28,641</b>	<b>\$34,597</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$241,088</b>	<b>\$230,400</b>	<b>\$21,614</b>	<b>\$13,250</b>	<b>\$210,581</b>	<b>\$259,768</b>



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