



# From the Rafters

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## Our Mission

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

### Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Fall is here (although it doesn't feel like it outside). With that brings routine and of course football! Here at the church, it means we are back to Christian Formation, CORY Youth Group, and much more!



A couple of events that I want to point out to you: We are so blessed that during the month of September; we will have dinner together and learn about the Book of Ecclesiastes. My dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Alexis Carter, will lead us in Wisdom Wednesdays! Come for dinner at 5:30 and the discussion will be from 6-7. Mark your calendars for September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

On September 10th, we will have a Ministry Fair. Please plan to join us between the services to learn all about what we have to offer and how you can deepen your ministry. The 10:30 service that day is called "Mass on the Grass" and the service will be outside; bring your lawn chair!

Resurrection Roots, Primetimers, Bible Study, DOK, Men's Group, the calendar is full of wonderful events that bring community and a place to share God's love.

Our stewardship season ends on September 30th. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do; this is so important!

Some may ask, why do you keep asking me to be a part of a ministry, why do you fill my calendar up with so many events? The reason is simple: being in ministry and being together deepens our relationship with Jesus. That's what it is all about! Every day, how do we grow our love for

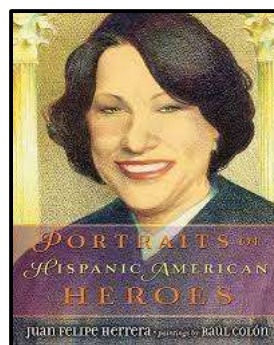
Jesus? Ministry, community and of course worship are the best ways to do that! So, Come and See!

Remember you are so loved by me, but most important by God!

Mary Balfour +

### Anti-Racism Library Book of the Month:

Did you know that Hispanic American Heritage month begins September 15? That date marks the anniversary of independence for several Latin



American countries. You might reflect upon the invaluable contributions that Latina and Latino people have given to the world by reading *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes* by Juan Felipe Herrera. It may appear to be a child's picture book, but it isn't. It presents the stories of Latino and Latina people whose courage, perseverance and accomplishments will inspire people of all ages. You can find this book, and many others, in our Anti-Racism library located in the Gathering Space.

### To everything there is a season

As Mary Balfour mentioned in her article, starting on September 6, we will begin a series of Wisdom Wednesdays when the Rev. Dr. Alexis Carter-Thomas will give presentations on the book of Ecclesiastes. We thought you might appreciate a little teaser of what's to come.

As you know, the book of Ecclesiastes is found in the Old Testament. We use the Protestant Old

Testament<sup>1</sup>, which has four or five divisions: the Pentateuch, History, Poetry/Wisdom, Prophets (major and minor), and depending upon who you ask, the Apocrypha. The book of Ecclesiastes falls in the poetry/wisdom division. There's some irony to that placement, which I'll explain later.

Wisdom was a widespread form of literature in the ancient Near East, particularly Egypt, and there are many parallels between Hebrew and Egyptian wisdom teachings. They offer instructions and highlight virtues that are meant to lead the student to a successful, if not also righteous, life. The books of wisdom literature are not, however, strictly religious material. They apply in a more general context. Along with Ecclesiastes, the books of wisdom include Proverbs and Job. Poetry is more obviously seen in the Song of Solomon and, of course, the Psalms.

Traditionally, wisdom comes from experience, so the student of wisdom literature is instructed to rely upon the word of his elders. In the book of Ecclesiastes, though, the tradition of elders is directly challenged. Who would be so provocative? Some may conclude that the author of Ecclesiastes was Solomon, the son of King David, because the first verse claims as much and the author identifies himself as "king over Israel in Jerusalem." But other verses discredit that conclusion, and scholarship indicates that Ecclesiastes was not written during Solomon's time but rather is post-exilic, dating to the late third century B.C.E.

In Greek, the title of the book is Ecclesiastes, which may mean "assembler" or "collector" but in Hebrew, the title is Qoheleth, which means teacher or preacher. The text of the book refers to the author as "Teacher." Yet, the book ends with a few epilogues that clearly are written by someone else. Thus, the authorship of Ecclesiastes is, well, complicated. It could be that whoever wrote Ecclesiastes was writing down the words of a teacher, for at times, Ecclesiastes

is written in the first person and at other times, in the third person.

Whoever said or wrote the words of the book may not be as interesting as what those words are. Ecclesiastes challenges some of the most commonly held assumptions of religious people. For example, he questions whether people "go up" when they die. No one can really know what happens after people die.

A common refrain in Ecclesiastes is, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." When translated back to the Hebrew, he is saying that all is vapor, all is transitory. We and everything around us dies, and we have no evidence of any existence beyond death. So, "what profit do people have from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?"

Perhaps the most familiar passage of Ecclesiastes is found at 3:1-9, which begins "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." With typical wisdom literature, discerning when is the right time to kill or time to heal would be the achievement of wisdom. But Ecclesiastes casts doubt on the ability of any human to know the right time for anything. Seeking wisdom is futile, if not also impossible for humans. That is what makes Ecclesiastes' placement in the wisdom division of the Old Testament seem ironic. It may be the reason why the canonization of the book was controversial.

Considering the transitory nature of life and having certainty of only death (and perhaps, taxes), what should humans do with their time alive? Ecclesiastes' answer is, eat drink and be merry. He instructs us to simply enjoy what we have been given. And we will be given the opportunity to eat, drink, be merry and learn from Alexis much more about the book of Ecclesiastes very soon. Join us for Wisdom Wednesday evenings in September!

~ Elizabeth Floyd

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<sup>1</sup> The Jewish tradition has a separate canon, the Hebrew Bible, and Roman Catholics have a slightly different canon, also referred to as the Old Testament.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

**Wisdom Wednesdays:** A Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes  
with Rev. Dr. Alexis Carter Thomas

September 6, 13, 20 and 27 in Emmaus Hall

Dinner at 5:30

Presentation at 6:00 - 7:00

Could you help with the meals? We need a meal coordinator for September 13, 20 and 27  
Contact Mary Balfour



Hear us, O Lord of life:  
Heal us, and make us whole.

Services of Holy Eucharist and Healing  
12:00 in the Nave

Wednesday,  
September 6, 2023

**Resurrection Ministry Fair**  
between the services in the  
Gathering Space

**Sunday, September 10th**

Mass on the Grass  
Both Services



*Second  
Sunday*

*September 10, 2023*



Two Opportunities to Give!

**Support Healthy Learners**

Donate \$20 to the buy-back fund for our spelling team. The team will either use the donation to buy back into the game after missing a word or donate the money directly. Healthy Learners coordinates medical care for children attending Greenwood public schools.

Bring your donations to the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 10. There will be a table for Mission Partnerships where a volunteer will be available.

**Support the Resurrection Clothes Closet**

For boys and girls, donate new underwear in all sizes, gloves, stocking hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants. We will also accept composition notebooks.



**Resurrection  
Roots**

**Progressive  
Dinner**

**Thursday,  
September 14**

Start at 6 pm at Good Times for appetizers.

Move at 7 pm to TW Boons for entrees.

Move at 8:30 pm to the Uptown Pavilion for dessert

Join us for all or meet us at certain spot!

RSVP to Lisa Wyn:  
674-984-4053 or  
[llwyn75@gmail.com](mailto:llwyn75@gmail.com)

WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist at  
Wesley Commons

Tuesday, September 12  
11:00 AM

Please join us!

Let's Talk about  
*Leaving Church*

Of course we don't want anyone leaving church, but we do want to talk about our summer read by Barbara Brown Taylor. Join us!

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 - 10:15

Emmaus Hall





**Don't miss C.O.R.Y.'s  
First Meeting of  
2023-2024!**

**Sunday  
September 17  
5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Dinner provided!**

We'll have a presentation  
by Anne Marie Glawe  
about ways young people  
can make Greenwood a  
cleaner and healthier  
place to live!



PRIMETIMERS EVENT  
SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 11:30 AM

**GAMES AND  
LUNCH**

RSVP TO DENISE BROWN:  
DENISE@EPISCOPALGREENWOOD.ORG  
864-223-5426



**C.O.R.Y.  
Youth and  
Parents Dinner**

**Sunday, September 24  
5:30 to 7:00 pm in Emmaus Hall**

RSVP to Mary Balfour  
615-900-6191



**Friends of  
HEALTHY LEARNERS  
Adult Spelling Bee**

Come out to support Resurrection's  
team of master spellers:  
the Rabble-Rousers!

Healthy Learners is holding its annual fundraiser,  
the Adult Spelling Bee, on  
**Tuesday, September 26, 6 pm at Emerald High.**

Healthy Learners ministers to the health needs of children in our  
community. Contact Jan Puzar at 344-7842 for more information.

Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.  
All proceeds benefit the Meg's House programs.



**Tickets \$50 each**  
Tickets can be split up to 5 ways

Number of Tickets To Be Sold  
**200 Tickets**

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THESE LOCATIONS:**  
DIXIE DRIVE IN • FLYNN'S ON MAXWELL • GREENWOOD SC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**DRAWING TAKES PLACE**  
*November 18, 2023* **FEET 2 THE STREET 5K** RUN/WALK

LIVE ON MEG'S HOUSE FACEBOOK PAGE DURING

Please make checks payable to:  
Meg's House  
PO Box 3410, Greenwood, SC 29648

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tax exempt organization

If you have any questions, contact us at:  
(Phone) 864-941-0359  
(Email) adm@meghouse.org

Tickets for the Meg's House Super  
Raffle are on sale now. You can also  
purchase them from Beverly Wilson,  
341-9060.

Meg's  
House



*3rd Annual*  
**NINE AT NITE**  
*Fundraiser*

FRIDAY EVENING

*September 29, 2023*

5:30 PM Check in  
7:00 PM Shotgun Start

The Links at Stoney Point Golf Club  
709 SWING ABOUT, GREENWOOD, SC

**A FABULOUS EVENING INCLUDING**

9 Holes of Night Golf • Cart Fee

T-shirt • Illuminated Golf Balls & Necklace

Putting Contest • Jackpot Shot Contest

Refreshments • Beverage Cart



Teams of four \$300  
Before September 16th: Entry fee for individuals is \$70  
September 16th - September 26th: Entry fee for individuals is \$80  
All proceeds benefit the Meg's House programs.

To register: [eventbrite.com/e/677345898817](http://eventbrite.com/e/677345898817)

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event.  
For more information, please contact:



Alice Hodges (864) 910-1245 ahodges@meghouse.org  
Phil Zigo (864) 950-8599 pzigo@gmail.com

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## Fall Youth Events



**Converge**  
October 21-22  
at Church of the Advent,  
Spartanburg  
A one-night lock-in for  
6th through 8th grade



**Happening #89**  
November 17-19  
at Camp Gravatt  
Weekend retreat for  
10th through 12th grade

Registration will open soon -  
<https://www.edusc.org/formation/>

### Altar Arrangements:

**September 3-** to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their parents, Mary Jo and Polk Van Zandt and in memory of Martha Dunlap by Mary Balfour and Murray Dunlap and in loving memory of Jessie E. Cantrell, Paul B. Cantrell, Sr., their brother, Ronnie Cantrell, Joseph B. Kocik, Sr. and Phyllis Kocik by Joe and Jeannie Kocik.

**September 10** – to the glory of God and 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 17** – to the glory of God and in memory of Sally and Frank Wideman, John Boykin Roberts and Vera Roberts; and in thanksgiving for their children, Anne-Boykin DeSaussure Wideman and Sarah and Jack Eakin, and grandchildren, Francis Tolbert and Elizabeth Tucker Eakin by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wideman, III.

**September 24** – in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hampton by Gloria Walker.


**The Presence Candle in September** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Joe, by Noonie Fennell.

### Parish Connections

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson 374-3507 bhallwilson@gmail.com
Acolytes	Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191 marybalfour@episcopalgreenwood.org
Christian Formation	Elizabeth Floyd 223-5426 elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org
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CO3R Tutoring	Elizabeth Floyd 223-5426 elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org
Online Directory	Jo Ann Brewer 941-7199 <a href="mailto:joannbrewersc@gmail.com">joannbrewersc@gmail.com</a>
Youth Group	Diana Carver 993-4665 Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191

## September 2023 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement, and let the Parish Office know of the change. Thank you!

	<b>September 3</b> The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17	<b>September 10</b> The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	<b>September 17</b> The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	<b>September 24</b> The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	Salley Cathcart and Mary Charles Haigler			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beverly Wilson (Chair), Sarah McKinney, Sue Moore, Cathy Robertson			
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Exodus 3: 1-15</b> <b>Psalm</b> 105: 1-16, 23-26, 45c <b>Romans 12: 9-21</b> <b>Matthew 16: 21-28</b>	<b>Exodus 12: 1-14</b> <b>Psalm 149</b> <b>Romans 13: 8-14</b> <b>Matthew 18: 15-20</b>	<b>Exodus 14: 19-31</b> <b>Psalm 114</b> <b>Romans 14: 1-12</b> <b>Matthew 18: 21-35</b>	<b>Exodus 16: 2-15</b> <b>Psalm</b> 105: 1-6, 37-45 <b>Philippians 1: 21-30</b> <b>Matthew 20: 1-16</b>
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Emily Wallace	Josie Ryan	Chuck McDonnell	Stephen Tucker
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Dick Daffin	Tom Rohrer
<b>E.M.</b>	None	Mary Bright	Dick Daffin	Gerald Normandt
<b>Usher</b>	Walker Moore	Ken Rogers	Paul Criswell	John Scurry
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Ryan Floyd	Andrew Hodges	Jane Merrill	Ashley Woodiwiss
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>	Mary Charles Haigler	Shana Southard-Dobbs	Catie Roberson	Celie Mescall
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	None	Laura Beth Brooks Cindy Hughes	Connie Hammett Norm Fawcett	Frank Wideman Beverly Wilson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Julia Donaghy	Lila Eisenreich	Rhett Allord	Cannon Wooten
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Catie Robertson	Annie Eisenreich	Morgan Allord	Will McMillan
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Michael and Riley Floyd	Chloe Normandia and Maggie Rochester	Gracey Montag and Riley Floyd	William Wooten and Henry McMillian
<b>Ushers</b>	Archie and Summer Booker	David Dougherty Tom Cobb	Eddie Barber Diana Carver	Dan Hobbs Allen Hughes
<b>Nursery/Volunteer(s)</b>	Anne Marie Glawe Sarah Contakos	Hope Scurry Mary Bright	Barbara Cameron Sarah Contakos	Sarah Contakos Mary Bright
<b>Hospitality</b>	Marilyn Bennett and Billy Dupre	Helen Nazzaro	Noonie Fennell	Sandy and Chuck Gresham
<b>Blessing Box</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Carla Hobbs	Helen Nazzaro	Marilyn Bennett	Carla Hobbs
<b>Acolyte Leader</b>	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	Jennifer Little	Ken Rogers
<b>Laundry Love</b>	Laura Shealy	Sarah Contokas	Sandy Moore	Carla Hobbs
<b>CORY Dinner</b>	None	None	Noonie Fennell	Jim and Mary Bright

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	
2 – James Gobble	16 – Jon Brooks Newlon	08 – Carol and Lou Wynne
2 – Peter Marshall	18 – Norm Fawcett	17 – Lisa and Alan Treeter
3 – Ryan Anderson	18 – Lynette Lipinoga	29 – Terri and Dan Bacon
3 – Pres Turner	19 – Jim Bright	
5 – Noonie Fennell	21 – Chloe Normandia	
7 – Mason Shirley	22 – Preston Turner	
9 – William Lewis	23 – Jacob Davis	
9 – Mary Jo Van Zandt	25 – Paul Lipinoga	
10 – Libby Carson	27 – Cindy Hughes	
11 – Dick Daffin	28 – Tom Cobb	
11 – Beverly Joosten	28 – Deb Maschoff	
11 – Judy Park	29 – Cynthia Dougherty	
11 – Angus Roper	29 – Mary Alice Poore	
14 – Jennifer Little		

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Bill Arnold, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Steve Driskell, Albert Faden, Mary Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Rita Marshall, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Erich Normandia, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham’s niece), Joan Grist (Ken Headley-Downs’ cousin), Norton Hughes (John Hughes’ brother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer’s daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright’s brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey’s daughter), Carol Myers (Leslie Brooks McDonnell, Gerald Brooks, and Laura Shealy’s aunt), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Wick Scurry (John Scurry’s brother), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), Bruce Stanley (Michael Whitfield’s nephew), and Marion and David Waters (Camilla Cathcart and Richard Cathcart’s aunt and uncle).

**And for these persons:** Madeline Babham (Bev Joosten’s friend), Lester and Cindy Farmer (Kim Russell’s friends), Vicki Hart (Bob and Jo Ann Brewer’s friend), Melody Johnson (Renee Love’s friend), Sam Livingston (Michael and Karen Whitfield’s friend), Gary Roper (Tom Stevens’ friend), and Sandy Wilkie (Ross Ann Steifle’s daughter’s father-in-law).

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.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 8/25/23	\$20,990	\$34,530	\$400	\$1,433	\$23,769	\$39,302
Year as of 8/25/23	\$295,246	\$277,240	\$12,063	\$11,517	\$303,111	\$303,422

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



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### **Vestry Members**

Karen Whitfield, Senior Warden  
Jim Nazarro, Junior Warden  
Eddie Barber  
Gerald Brooks  
Diana Carver  
Salley Cathcart  
Phil Ellenberg  
Mary Charles Haigler  
Charlie Long  
Deb Maschoff  
Albert Merrill  
Stephen Tucker  
Adrian Little, Vestry Clerk  
John Scurry, Treasurer

### **Clergy and Staff**

Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector  
Al Hipp, Deacon  
Donna Brooks, Director of Music Ministry  
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant  
Elizabeth Floyd, Associate Lay Minister for  
Families and Outreach  
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor  
Catherine Brooks Sexton, RN, Parish Nurse