



# 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,

Thank you so much for giving me the gift of three weeks of vacation. It is so good for my soul to be with my family on our beloved mountain in Tennessee. I can feel the Holy Spirit so warmly. I can tell that my body is refreshed. I can tell that my brain is renewed. My whole being needs this time, the mountain and my family. It is a true gift that you gave me, thank you!!!



Now that I am back, I am excited for the end of summer and the fall. We have lots of ministries that are working hard to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world!!!

First, please let Kelly Wiseman know if you can or cannot attend the Stewardship Dinner on August 18th. It is very helpful to know how many are attending. I sure hope you are attending! It is a great night of fellowship and fun. Please bring your pledge card with you and remember to give generously to our God!!!

I hope you all are enjoying our Summer Concert Series. A huge thank you to Laura Beth Brooks for planning and executing this ministry. We love to gather and what a better way to do that than with music! Mark your calendars for August 11th and September 22nd.

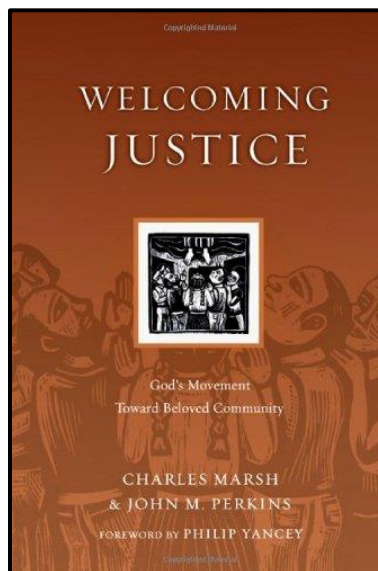
Our fall programing will begin again on September 8th. There will be opportunities for Sunday morning formation (including our youth), and a Wednesday night Supper Series for the month of September (September 4th, 11th, 18th

and 25th). Please plan to join us for more food, fellowship and learning!!!

The opportunities to grow and learn together are boundless! Be a part of it, fall more and more in love with Jesus. He is waiting for you and so is your church family.

Love, Mary Balfour+

### Becoming Beloved Community Book of the Month:



“Historian and theologian Charles Marsh partners with veteran activist John Perkins to chronicle God’s vision for more equitable and just world. They show how the civil rights movement was one important episode in God’s larger movement

throughout human history of pursuing justice and beloved community. Perkins reflects on his long ministry and identifies key themes and lessons he has learned, and Marsh highlights the legacy of Perkins's work in American society. Together they show how abandoned places are being restored, divisions are being reconciled, and what individuals and communities are now doing to welcome peace and justice. The God Movement continues yet today. Come, discover your part in the beloved community. There is unfinished work still to do.”

## **“For ... I was in prison and you came to visit me.”**

Our parish does wonderfully generous things. We feed the hungry through our Blessing Box and donations to the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. We clothe the poor through our donations to the Resurrection Clothes Closet and Second Sunday giving to a variety of organizations in Greenwood. We support the healers through our giving to Greenwood United Ministries' free medical clinic and Community Initiatives' La Clinica Gratis. Yet, within the past 14 years that I've been a member here, I have never known of a parish ministry that served prisoners. Perhaps I am just unaware, and please inform me if I am mistaken. Still, I would like to use this article to highlight this one aspect of Matthew 25's call to lay ministry.

Prisons were very different during bible times. During the Roman period, a prison could be a well, a cave or part of a dwelling place. There were no buildings specifically designed and constructed to be prisons. More often people were simply held in chains or guarded; forced labor in mines or quarries were also common.

Due process existed only in the minds of Greek and Roman philosophers. For in these holding places, one might languish for years before any sort of trial. “Prisons” were overcrowded, cramped and unventilated. Prisoners often were not provided with a cell or a bed. They did not receive regular meals, water or a toilet; many were tortured. Prisoners who were Roman citizens might receive better treatment, as were those citizens of higher social class. But prisoners universally remained dependent upon gifts of food, clothing and money.

Shame may be the one aspect of imprisonment that remains the same. In bible times, the stigma of imprisonment lasted for the rest of your life. Some records show that people committed suicide rather than face it. If you survived prison, you were still subject to ostracization, if not exile, from your community. There was little hope for, and no effort toward, reconciliation.

Shame was contagious. Those who visited prisoners were ridiculed and sometimes the

attention they drew led to their own incarceration, found guilty by association.

Reading this should highlight how counter-cultural it was for early Christians to engage in a prison ministry. And yet they did with remarkable organization and dedication. They bribed guards to deliver food and clothes to prisoners or move them to better conditions. They visited and sometimes spent the night guarding the prisoner so he might eat and rest. They wrote letters and sent money and pleaded for the prisoners' release. Early Christian teaching, as you might read in the epistles, was to identify oneself with prisoners, to see them as you see yourself, a child of God deserving of love, compassion and mercy. Serving the prisoner was serving Jesus, something early Christians took very seriously. They were proud to suffer disgrace, as to them it was a mark of their oneness with Christ.

In modern times, prison ministry is much easier. No ridicule, shame or risk comes with the territory. There are four prisons within our easy reach: Greenwood County Detention Center; Abbeville County Detention Center, Leath Correctional Institution and McCormick Correctional Institution. We would not have far to travel were we to begin a prison ministry at Resurrection. So distance is not an obstacle. Perhaps it's fear that has stopped us. Prisons and jails are scary places, and it's easy to assume that the people held within are a bit scary too, depending upon the reason. I've never seen the inside of a single one, so I can only assume that entering a jail or prison is very discomforting until you get used to it, and who wants to get used to it? But in Matthew 25, isn't Jesus telling us to do just that?

Mary Balfour and I recently met with Chris Rivers, the Director of Strategic Impact for Jumpstart SC, a Christian prison ministry that operates in the Upstate. During the meeting, Chris played a voicemail that he received. I can't quote it, but the gist was that the caller was afraid to leave his prison. He had nowhere to go. He had no family, no friends outside, no home, no car, no job, no money. His only source of food, clothing and shelter was prison. Freedom is a powerful motivator, but it can't be enjoyed without the

basic necessities of life. This certainly isn't the only contributing factor, but it likely is part of the recidivism rate, 17.1% as of 2020.

According to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, at the end of June 2023, there were 15,997 people in South Carolina's 21 prisons (not including local detention centers).<sup>1</sup> 67% of them report having children. 26% are married. 59% lack even a high school diploma or GED. 33% had been in jail or prison before their current sentence. As you might expect, poverty bears a strong correlation to incarceration, as most employers are unlikely or unable to hire someone with a criminal record. These statistics are not uncommon in the U.S., but they are sad and leave little hope for a promising future upon an inmate's release.

The Department of Corrections provides a reentry program to assist inmates with a return to their community. The program appears to include education, job search assistance, and job training. But I think it is safe to assume that our state's resources are limited and inadequate to serve the number of people needing help. Just think of that voicemail that Chris Rivers played. So private organizations such as Jumpstart SC must fill the gap in services.

Jumpstart begins with an "inside" program in which inmates are invited to attend small group meetings for about 9 months prior to their release. During these meetings, inmates complete a religious curriculum and are held accountable to it. If an inmate shows a sincere commitment to transformation, he or she will be admitted to Jumpstart's "outside" program upon release. "Outside" participants receive housing, education and job training and placement along with emotional support and mentoring.

Mary Balfour and I plan to look into the Jumpstart program more carefully over the next few weeks. We invite you to join us and we'll of course share what we've learned. Perhaps this is a ministry that you feel called to explore in some other way. Regardless, let us all practice the

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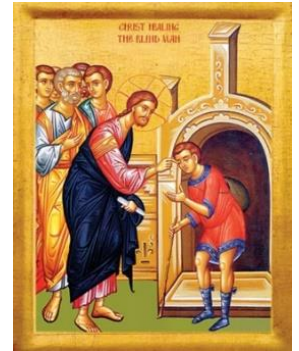
<sup>1</sup> By my cursory research, South Carolina's per capita inmate population is about average for U.S. states, about 384 inmates per 100,000 residents.

lesson of Hebrews 13:3: "Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, ...".

~ Elizabeth Floyd

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will be held on Wednesday, August 7, at 12 noon.



WESLEY  
COMMONS

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 11:00 am.

Don't miss it!

Mark your calendars!

## Youth Group at the Lake

Sunday, August 4th  
6-8 p.m.

At the lovely lakeside home of  
Sandy and Chuck Gresham

134 Saint Patrick's Drive  
McCormick, SC

Back to School  
Blessings

Sunday, August 4, 2024  
during the 10:30 service

Teachers, Staff and Students  
of All Ages

Please join us!





Second Sunday

August 11, 2024

Supporting ...

give



No. 2 Pencils

Glue Sticks

Scissors

Color Pencils

Markers

Composition Notebooks

Plastic Pocket Folders

(in solid colors)

Hand Sanitizer

Kleenex

Ear-buds / Headphones

Reusable Water Bottles

Backbacks

Clorox Wipes

3-ring Binders

(in solid colors)

Cap Erasers

Please place all donations on the designated table in the Gathering Space.

Summer Courtyard Concerts!

Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm

July 21, Aug. 11 and Sept. 22



A wonderful acoustic variety show featuring the musical talents of parishioners and friends!

Bring a lawn chair and a friend.

\*\*\*Do you play an instrument or sing? Please call, text, or email Laura Beth Brooks at 864-992-9658 or laura.brooks212@gmail.com.

Sign up by June 30 so we can get you on the schedule!

EfM EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY Preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's Kingdom.

EfM is a small group seminar designed for lay people who seek a deeper understanding of the bible, our Christian history and theology. It facilitates discernment and offers a supportive community for exploring the hard questions.

Contact Elizabeth Floyd if you are curious:

(205) 807-7293

elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org

Soft Deadline is August 4.

YOU ARE INVITED TO Stewardship Dinner Sunday, August 18, 6 pm in Emmaus Hall I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY PROMISE AND BRING YOU BACK TO THIS PLACE. FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE. + JEREMIAH 29:10-11 RSVP TO KELLY WISEMAN: (864) 323-2787

# Cursillo

**Cursillo is a movement, a method and a ministry.**

The key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.

Cursillo offers a time to experience living in a supportive Christian community through the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend, following a three-day schedule that begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday. The weekend includes fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day. The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend isn't a retreat. It's an opportunity to gather with clergy and laity, seeking to strengthen our faith.

**The next Cursillo weekend is coming up:  
October 3-6, 2024**

**Mary Balfour and Murray Dunlap and Karen and Michael Whitfield will be on staff. Contact them today for more information!**

## CO3R Tutoring needs you!

Our tutoring program, CO3R, will resume very soon.

Please help! We need volunteer tutors, and we welcome older teens through senior adults.

Contact Elizabeth at (205) 807-7293.



Sessions are held 4:30 to 5:30 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Serve one or both days - your choice!

## Altar Arrangements:

**August 4** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, James and Ruby Benjamin and Shuler and Sallie Hughes by Cindy and John Hughes.

**August 11** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Suber, Charlie Weesner, Father Tom Davis, Sara Kummer, and all the saints of the Church of the Resurrection for whom and with whom we await unending, resurrected life in Christ by Laura Beth Brooks.

**August 18** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their daughters, Allison and Catherine, sons-in-law,

Cannon and Josh, and grandsons, Cannon and William by Sandra and Bill Lewis.

**August 25** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia Diggs King, Charles Bray King, and in honor of Amy King Graham by Mary Lynn Landgraf-Budd.

**The Presence Candle for the month of August** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Sarah V. Bright “Life Fully Lived” by Bill, Karen, and Caitlin Bright.

## Parish Connections:

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
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Youth Group	Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191



## August 2024 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>August 4</b> <b>The Eleventh</b> <b>Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 13</b>	<b>August 11</b> <b>The Twelfth Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 14</b>	<b>August 18</b> <b>The Thirteenth</b> <b>Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 15</b>	<b>August 25</b> <b>The Fourteen</b> <b>Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Proper 16</b>
<b>Vestry of the Month</b>	Beverly Wilson and Jim Nazzaro			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Noonie Fennell (Chair), Jennifer Little, Mary Van Ellenberg, Julia Ball, Marilyn Bennett, Karen Whitfield			
<b>Readings</b>	<b>2 Samuel</b> 11:26 – 12:13a <b>Psalm 51: 1-13</b> <b>Ephesians 4: 1-13</b> <b>John 6: 24-35</b>	<b>2 Samuel</b> 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 <b>Psalm 130</b> <b>Ephesians</b> 4: 25-5:2 <b>John 6: 35, 41-51</b>	<b>1 Kings</b> 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14 <b>Psalm 111</b> <b>Ephesians 5: 15-20</b> <b>John 6: 51-58</b>	<b>1 Kings 8: 22-30,</b> 41-43 <b>Psalm 84</b> <b>Ephesians 6: 10--</b> 20 <b>John 6: 56-69</b>
<b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>	Dean Faden	Josie Ryan	Dick Daffin	Stephen Tucker
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers</b>	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Deryl McGuire
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Tom Rohrer	Deryl McGuire
<b>Usher</b>	Stephen Tucker	Ken Rogers	Walker Moore	Dean Faden
<b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Eddie Barber	Ryan Floyd	Andrew Hodges	Shana Southard-Dobbs
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers</b>	Summer Booker	Mary Charles Haigler	Lucas McMillan	Ashley Woodiwiss
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Trisha Craven Connie Hammett	Laura Beth Brooks Norm Fawcett	Beverly Wilson Frank Wideman	Karen Whitfield Eddie Barber
<b>Crucifer</b>	TBA	Catie Robertson	TBA	TBA
<b>Book Bearer</b>	TBA	Carolyn Hasting	TBA	TBA
<b>Torchbearers</b>	TBA	Margaret Ann Hasting John Cobb	Riley Floyd Michael Floyd	TBA
<b>Acolyte Leader</b>	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	Jennifer Little	Ken Rogers
<b>Ushers</b>	Diana Carver Gracey Montag	Al Merrill Rebecca Merrill	Dan Hobbs Ross Ann Steifle	John Cobb Abney Wallace
<b>Nursery/Volunteer(s)</b>	Mary Bright Sarah Normandia	Delaney Floyd	Mary Bright Marty Cobb	Mary Bright Sarah Contakos
<b>Hospitality</b>	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPre	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Blessing Box</b>	Adrian and Jennifer Little	Adrian and Jennifer Little	Adrian and Jennifer Little	Adrian and Jennifer Little
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Carla Hobbs	Barbara Cameron	Ginger Long	Marilyn Bennett
<b>Flower Delivery</b>				
<b>Laundry Love</b>	Mary Bright	Beverly Wilson	Susie Hinkle	Sandy Moore

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Denise A. Brown	4 – Lisa & Frank Wideman
2 – Katie Eisenreich	12 – Marty & John Cobb
3 – Elizabeth Floyd	13 – Jackie & Domer Ridings
4 – L. B. Adams, Jr.	18 – Anna & James Padgett
4 – Mary Balfour Dunlap	18 – Laurie & ?? Thompson
4 – Summer Yonce	19 – Abby & Joel Cleland
5 – Janie Hughes	19 – Perrin & Lee Roper
7 – Hugh Jones	
10 – Diane Lawson	
13 – Bre Duncan	
13 – Alan Treeter	
16 – Peggy Adams	
16 – Sally Surface	

**Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families:** Bill Arnold, Dan Bacon, Julia Ball, JoAnn Brewer, Libby and Larry Carson, Paul Criswell, Steve Driskell, Dean Faden, Joe Ferguson, Anne Marie Glawe, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Mirta Lindsey, Rita Marshall, Celie Mescall, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Lee Roper, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Carol Wynne, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones’ father), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield’s son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), David Hammett (Connie Hammett’s brother), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges’ mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann & Bob Brewer’s daughter), Tammy Kelly (Michael Whitfield’s niece), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Tommy Morgan (Robin Lanford’s brother), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey’s daughter), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle’s Uncle), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), Bruce Stanley (Michael Whitfield’s nephew), and David Walker (Hope Scurry’s brother).

**And for these persons:** Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright’s cousin), Avry Holmes (Karen Bright’s great niece), Sam Livingston (Karen and Michael Whitfield’s friend), Nancy May (Cindy Hughes’ friend), Desmond Melville (Dean Faden’s friend), and Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes’ friend).

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)
<b>Month as of 5/24/24</b>	\$13,539	\$36,188	\$1,019	\$1,433	\$5,349	\$37,977
<b>Year as of 5/24/24</b>	\$206,310	\$180,936	\$14,173	\$7,215	\$166,524	\$184,449

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



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Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges  
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Stephen Tucker  
Kelly Wiseman  
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