



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,

Happy New Year! There is so much to look forward to in 2025! Your vestry will be on retreat in late January. In the February Rafters, I will update you on their 2025 goals. Please keep them in your prayers!



For over 10 years Elizabeth Floyd has served our congregation faithfully. Her job duties and title changed over the years to fit the needs of the parish. Any task, any job, asked of Elizabeth she completed faithfully, prayerfully, creatively, compassionately, and beautifully. Elizabeth has a deep love for God and God's people. Elizabeth has more talent in one finger than most have in their whole bodies! Her quiet and gentle spirit has been a blessing to me and so many others. Elizabeth accepted a full-time teaching position at Lander University, and I could not be prouder of her!!! Congratulations, Elizabeth! Fear not, the Floyd family will continue to be a huge part of our church family for years to come! In fact, Elizabeth will continue to be the Chair of the Mission Partnership Committee. I do not have the words to properly express what Elizabeth means to me. She is my dear friend, and I am extremely grateful for all she has given to our parish. She will continue to be a minister; it will just look a little different.

What does that mean for us as a parish? With the advice of the Vestry, I have decided to wait to fill this position. I would like to have the time to find the right person for this ministry. In the

meantime, I have hired Mary Allyn Hedges to fill the communications aspects of Elizabeth's duties. Mary Allyn who is a marketing and communications specialist, will be our communications manager. You likely will not meet Mary Allyn because she lives in Mississippi and will do this work remotely. I will say if you ever meet her, you will adore her. She is talented, smart and an Episcopalian! Mary Allyn's email is:

churchoftheresurrectionscomms@gmail.com.

Please be in touch with her about your communications needs.

I am working on finding someone to run the tutoring program, and I will take on the Christian Education portion of Elizabeth's job with the help of Elizabeth and other volunteers. We already have an Epiphany study in place for adults. Mary Charles Haigler and Sarah Hasting will continue to teach the youth Sunday School class. Any questions that you would ask Elizabeth, please contact me instead. I hope over the next couple of months we will be able to fill Elizabeth's position permanently. Please pray that God will lead us to the right person. Be sure and let Elizabeth how much you appreciate and love her!

As always, thank you for being faithful, loving God's people and especially each other. You are all a gift to me and so many!

Love, Mary Balfour +

Looking with humility

Nearly eleven years ago, Nicholas Beasley called me and offered me the position of Coordinator of Children's Christian Formation. I was elated. It was exactly the job I needed at exactly the time I needed it, a very welcome change in my life. Our parish was teeming with little ones, and Mary Woodiwiss had established several fantastic programs for them. I was honored to take over responsibility for those programs and witness the "holy chaos" (Nicholas' words, not mine) of children's formation. My best days were spent in Vacation Bible School, memories I will cherish forever.



Much has changed over those almost eleven years. Several families from our parish moved away. Children grew up and aged out of the programs. Nicholas and his family accepted a call to another parish. COVID-19 took its nasty toll. Sadly, all those changes left children's formation programs without any participants. But good changes came to us as well. Mary Balfour joined us! New babies have been born, and our nursery program is starting to grow. We've partnered with Macedonia Baptist Church for summer VBS programs that have been a blast! Mary Balfour graciously adapted my position so that I could take responsibility for our Mission Partnerships Committee and outreach programming, including the CO3R afterschool tutoring program. She allowed me to work with her in leading adult formation programs and in parish communications. I'm not a fan of change, at least not the kind that I don't ask for. But I cannot deny that many of these changes have been a blessing to me.

I've tried my best over the past ten years to provide what my non-religious education and training allowed me to provide. I've made countless mistakes, left behind many dings, dents and stains. But I've also formed beautiful friendships with amazing people. I've learned far more than I've taught. And, most importantly, I've witnessed astounding generosity. This parish

is special. There is no other place on earth where so many people are willing to give so much at a moment's notice. I cannot adequately describe the gratitude that I feel for you all and for my time as a staff member at Resurrection.

I have just finished reading a book called *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. It is about the lives of nine people whose journeys touch each other through a web of circumstances similar to the roots of trees in an old growth forest. In fact, the book is divided into four sections: Roots, Trunk, Crown and Seeds. Each character's story is uniquely impacted by trees, and together their stories teach the reader the amazing, secretive, complex life of forests. There is a moment in one character's story where she, as a young girl, realizes that forestry science has changed profoundly over the decades. These changes leave her feeling untethered, as if there are no unchangeable scientific certainties, no "facts" of forestry science that she can depend on to always be true. Then, imparting wisdom beyond the immediate topic his daughter has raised, her father says, "There is no knowing for a fact. The only dependable things are humility and looking." I think that applies to life in general. There are very few unchangeable truths. One of the few things that is for certain ... things change. Life is always changing. People, houses, homes, our bodies, our jobs – they change. We can only look for those changes and practice the humility of a person who understands that "[f]or now we see in a mirror, dimly. ... now [we] know only in part." Upon our final change at death, hopefully we'll look back and realize how amazing our roller coaster lives have been. Until then, as we all live through the welcome and unwelcome changes in our lives, please join me in looking forward to the many blessings in store for this precious church.

See you on Sunday,
Elizabeth

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

We will not have a service of Holy Eucharist and Healing this month due to the holidays.

WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons

Tuesday, January 14th at 11:00 AM

All are welcome, even if you are not a resident of the community!

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DECORATION TAKE DOWN



Please join us on Sunday, January 5, after the 10:30 service.

Many hands make light work!

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER ACOLYTES ARE INVITED TO A ...



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5,
AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE PARISH!

A fun event for C.O.R.Y. and First Pres Youth:

The Range at Cold Springs

Sunday, January 5th

@ 2:00 - 4:00

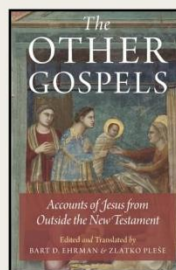
Pick up & drop off at FPC



RSVP by Friday,
January 3rd by paying
\$10 on Realm or to Nan

Adult Forum Book Study

Beginning Sunday, January 12
at 9:30 a.m. in Emmaus Hall



Two UNC religion professors have compiled over 48 non-canonical texts describing Jesus' infancy, life, death and resurrection. "Each translation begins with a thoughtful examination of important historical, literary, and textual issues in order to place the Gospel in its proper context. This volume is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in early Christianity and the deeper meanings of these apocryphal Gospels."

Please join us!



C.O.R.Y.
Sunday Evenings
with First Presbyterian

Resumes Sunday,
January 12, 6-8 pm
Details will come soon!

Mission Partnerships at Resurrection



First quarterly meeting of 2025 on Sunday, January 12, after the 10:30 service in the parish library

If you are curious about this active and meaningful ministry, please attend our meeting to learn more about what we do. No commitment required.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Floyd (205-807-7293)

PLEASE JOIN US! YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 9:30 IN THE YOUTH ROOM



More fun for C.O.R.Y. and First Pres Youth:

BOWLING

AT EXPO 300

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY
19TH @2-3:30

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 15TH BY PAYING
\$12 ON REALM OR TO NAN



Our CO3R Tutoring Program needs three volunteer tutors.

Please contact Mary Balfour (615-900-6191) if you can give an hour once or twice a week to help a child with homework.

Tutoring takes place at our church from 4:30 to 5:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We invite volunteers of most any age!



Could you assist in
the care of our
youngest members?

**We need nursery
volunteers!**

Serve once a quarter
during the 10:30 worship
service

Contact Mary Balfour
(615) 900-6191

Altar Arrangements:

January 5 – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward Sanders, Jr., Mary and Edward K. Sanders, and James and Julia by Jane Sanders.

January 12 – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Jon Brooks and Jessica Newlon and for their parents, Edie and Buster Brooks on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by Jon and Nancy Newlon.

January 19 – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Walker Moore III, by Walker and Sandy Moore.

January 26 – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of David Lindsey, Crystal Smith, Haskell and Rena Lindsey and Maria and Ernesto Ramos by Mrs. Mirta Lindey and Mrs. Mary Alice Lindsey Poore.


The Presence Candle for the month of January is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her grandparents, John Morpott Piercy, Sr. and Anita Dorcey Mason Piercy, John Burl Eskridge and Mary Elizabeth Eskridge, by Ms. Jean Shirley.

Parish Connections:

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
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January 2025 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!

	January 5 Second Sunday after Christmas Day	January 12 First Sunday after the Epiphany: Morning Prayer	January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Vestry of the Month	Kelly Wiseman and Diane Carver			
Altar Guild	Karen Whitfield (Chair), Lori Stone, Julia Ball, Donna Holtzclaw, Mary Van Ellenberg			
Readings	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21- 22	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 36: 5-10	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Stephen Tucker	Dean Faden	Dick Daffin	Josie Ryan
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Mary Van Ellenberg	Chuck McDonnell	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright
E.M.	Dick Daffin	None Needed	Gerald Normandt	Deryl McGuire
Usher	Phil Ellenberg	Deryl McGuire	Stephen Tucker	Walker Moore
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Summer Booker	Gracey Montag	Mary Charles Haigler	Lucas McMillan
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Andrew Hodges	Jane Merrill	Helen Nazarro	Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
Eucharistic Ministers	Trisha Craven Connie Hammett	None Needed	Norm Fawcett Laura Beth Brooks	Cindy Hughes Frank Wideman
Crucifer	TBA	Samantha Hasting	TBA	Samantha Hasting
Book Bearer	John Cobb	Carolyn Hasting	TBA	Carolyn Hasting
Torchbearers	Michael Floyd Riley Floyd	Margaret Ann Hasting Chloe Normandia	TBA	Margaret Ann Hasting TBA
Acolyte Leader	Adrian Little	Sarah Hasting	Jennifer Little	Sarah Hasting
Ushers	Richard and Salley Cathcart	Al and Rebecca Merrill	Dan Hobbs Ross Ann Steifle	Tom Cobb Eddie Barber
Nursery	Kim Russell Delaney Floyd	Rebecca Long Mary Bright	Anne Marie Glawe Delaney Floyd	Cindy Hughes Mary Bright
Hospitality	Eddie Barber	Adele Moreau	Adele Moreau	Beverly Wilson
Blessing Box	Dean Faden	Dean Faden	Dean Faden	Dean Faden
Flower Guild	TBA	TBA	Ginger Long	TBA
Flower Delivery	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Laundry Love	Celie Mescall	Carla Hobbs	Paul Criswell	Mary Bright

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
1 – Wells Anderson	13 – Rita Marshall	8 – Jessica & Jon Brooks Newlon	
1 – Lorah Perry	14 – Dottie Russell	11 – Allison & Cannon Wooten	
2 – David Higgins	17 – Tony Ball	15 – Anne Marie & Troy Glawe	
2 – John Russell	17 – Stephen Tucker	15 – Carmen & Parick Kinney	
6 – Julie Allord	21 – Aly Haigler	16 – Elizabeth & Ryan Floyd	
9 – Anna Padgett	22 – Isra Crowe	16 – Denise & David Brown	
9 – Lori Stone	23 – Adrian Little		
11 – Albert Merrill	27 – Delaney Floyd		
11 – Clay Payne	27 – Leon Payne		
12 – Beth Church	27 – Shirley Walker		
12 – Troy Glawe	30 – Roger Dean		
12 – Anne Magruder	31 – Jillian Coffin		
12 – Malone Whitehead	31 – Michaela Payne		

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Dan Bacon, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, Steve Driskell, Joe Ferguson, Anne Marie Glawe, Jim Gobble, David Higgins, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Bill Lewis, Mirta Lindsey, Adrian Little, Rebecca Long, Rita Marshall, Celie Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Jane Sanders, Lori Stone, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones' father), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Chris Eaddy (Karen Bright's nephew), David Hammett (Connie Hammett's brother), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges' mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and 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), Hayley Rillon (granddaughter of Cindy & John Hughes), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle's uncle), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer's niece), Cathy Strong (Lorah Perry's stepdaughter), David Walker (Hope Scurry's brother) and Faith Wheeler (sister of Sarah McKinney and Steve Brodie).

And for these persons: Durst Confer, Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright's cousin), 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 or call 223-5426.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 12/18/24	\$20,500	\$36,188	\$776	\$1,610	\$6,441	\$42,758
Year as of 12/18/24	\$417,778	\$434,252	\$24,650	\$17,500	\$415,306	\$453,559



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Charlie Long, Junior Warden
Michele Anderson
Diana Carver
Ryan Floyd
Sarah Hasting
Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
Jean E. Shirley
Stephen Tucker
Kelly Wiseman
Beverly Wilson
Adrian Little, Vestry Clerk
Archie Booker, Treasurer

Clergy and Staff

Mary Balfour Dunlap, Rector
Al Hipp, Deacon
Donna Brooks, Director of Music Ministry
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant
Mary Allyn Hedges, Communication Coordinator
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor
Mary Bright, Nursery Attendant
Delaney Floyd, Nursery Attendant
Catherine Brooks Sexton, RN, Parish Nurse