



# 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,

We had an exciting Vestry Retreat on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Your Vestry is wonderful, and we have many goals for 2025 all rooted in growing deeper in our relationship with Jesus. These goals include building needs, engaging current members in deeper ministry, connecting with members we have not seen in a while, A Bring a Friend to Church Day, creating a newcomer's center in the Gathering Space, strengthening our stewardship ministry, and increasing our giving in multiple ways to our outreach ministries. The building needs include a new playground for the community (given by a generous donor), we are hoping to donate our current one to Macedonia Church, investigating and purchasing a new sound system for our sanctuary (also from the generosity of several donors), new tables for Emmaus Hall and more! We are excited about the year ahead and I hope you will work with us in these ministries to build the Kingdom of God!



In 2024, we had a surplus of \$15,000 because of much work done by the staff to find lots of saving costs! The Vestry voted to put \$5,000 in my discretionary account, \$5,000 to our buildings and grounds reserve fund and \$5,000 to our Choir Scholars funds to hire musicians for our Choir. This is exciting!

The Missional Partnership Committee gathered on January 12<sup>th</sup> to decide where the funding for our 2024 giving should go. The giving to our community is over \$27,000. These funds are from

our budget, the Oyster Roast, The Yard Sale, The Thanksgiving Day Race to be Thankful, Tee-shirt sales, The Lenten Project, The Advent Project and my Discretionary Account. Those organizations include the Greenwood Community Home Repair, Greater Greenwood United Ministries, The Food Bank, Community Initiatives, Healthy Learners, Holloway's Grocery for a Thanksgiving Meal, Canterbury Counseling Center, Meg's House, Pathway House, Greenwood County Humane Society, Resurrection Clothes Closet, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and The DSS Foster Care Program. These are only monetary donations, we have volunteered, gathered, and have been the hands of feet of Jesus! I am so proud of our hard work and our commitment to glorify God!

February is Black History Month. To celebrate Black History Month the Primetimers will be learning from Renee Robertson from The King Center on February 20<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will celebrate a Black Episcopalian weekly in our bulletin to learn more about our Black Brothers and Sisters. To quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "I have decided to stick with love... hate is to great a burden to bear."

I love each and everyone of you deeply and I am so excited for the year to come as we grow deeper in our love for Jesus Christ!

Love, Mary Balfour+

## My Heart is Full of Thanks



I would like to express my thanks to all those who played a part in our Christmas decorating and undecorating efforts in the twelve days of Christmas. There is always so much to do at Christmas time, with family visiting, travelling, cooking, wrapping and unwrapping presents, that it fills me with joy to know our parishioners will give their time and hard work to making our historic sanctuary even more beautiful for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

As Mary Balfour said after the undecorating was finished, "This looks so bare!" and it really did, but even bare, our church is beautiful. It is a magical time when, after the fourth Sunday of Advent we gather for our Christmas Eve service and, to most of the attendees, it is a marvelous revelation to see the greenery, the torches, extra candles and the beautiful trees that deck our holy space. Those who helped make this transformation are the workers behind the scenes to set everything up. They put forth the time and effort to create this transformation for the joy of our congregation and to enhance our worship of Christ our Savior. Again, my heartfelt thanks to those who went the extra mile in this effort. May God's riches blessings be upon you.

Beverly Wilson  
Chair of the Altar Guild

## New staff members at Resurrection

WELCOME MARY ALLYN AND CATE!

### Mary Allyn Hedges, Communications Manager

Mary Allyn lives in Oxford, MS. She worked for the City of Oxford as the Director of Visit Oxford for 6 years and as their Marketing Manager for 6 years prior to becoming Director. Most recently, Mary Allyn has been working as a Realtor with Crye-Leike Oxford Real Estate. She looks forward to working remotely with the Resurrection staff!



### Cate Hamilton, Director of the Church of the Resurrection Tutoring Program

Cate is currently a junior at Lander University. She divides her time working as a Behavior Analyst for Upstate Behavioral Services and as a Sales Associate for Sweet Teas Children's Boutique. Cate is an experienced tutor and during her time at GHS directed the tutoring program there. When she's not studying or working, she enjoys taking care of animals and spending time with friends and family. Cate is excited to join the Church of the Resurrection team!



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**RESURRECTION IS SEEKING  
VOLUNTEERS FOR VARIOUS  
MINISTRY NEEDS!**

**\*FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS  
\*ACOLYTES  
\*TUTORS**

**\*FOLKS TO PREPARE DINNER FOR  
LENTEN SERIES (WILL BE  
REIMBURSED)**

**\*FOLKS TO STOCK THE BLESSING  
BOX FOR ONE MONTH**

Please reach out to Mary Balfour if you're  
interested in serving in any capacity!  
marybalfourvz@gmail.com

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Healing Service Wednesday, February 12th at

noon



Please note date  
change for  
February!

### PLEASE JOIN US! YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY AT 9:30 IN THE YOUTH ROOM



### FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

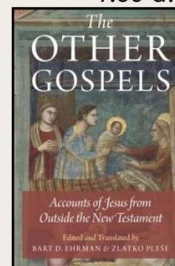
**February 2:** SNY @ The Floyd's  
4pm-6pm  
(108 Hidden Lake Court)

**February 9:** SNY Dinner at the Mill  
house 4pm-5pm

**February 16:** SNY @ FPC 4-6

**February 23:** SNY @ The Mulkey's  
4pm-6pm  
(229 Brookfield drive)

### ADULT FORUM BOOK STUDY February 2, February 9, February 23 and March 2 9:30 a.m. in Emmaus Hall



Two UNC religion professors have compiled over 40 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!

WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist at  
Wesley Commons

Tuesday, February 11th  
at 11:00 AM

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



# Primetimers

Thursday, February 20th at  
11:30am

with Renee Robertson  
with the Martin Luther King, Jr Family  
Foundation. (The King Center)  
In celebration of Black History Month  
RSVP to Denise Brown

**GIVING SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

**BENEFITING  
CROSSROADS  
PREGNANCY CENTER**

**BABY BOTTLES ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
GATHERING SPACE.  
FILL THEM WITH SPARE  
CHANGE AND RETURN TO  
THE CHURCH BY  
FEBRUARY 23.**



 Save the Date

**Pancake Supper**



**Tuesday,  
March 4th  
6pm**

  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST  
& CHILI COOKOFF**

**Saturday, March 8th**  
Church of the Resurrection

More details coming soon!



## Altar Arrangements:

**February 2** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son Britt Bergman and in honor of our two wonderful grandchildren, Phoebe Jane and Baxter Clark by Audine Bergman.

**February 9** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elsie Speer and Albert U. Mitchum by Sandra and William Lewis.

**February 16** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Whitfield Brooks, Lori Brooks, Catherine Brooks Sexton, and Brice Sexton by Laura Beth Brooks.

**February 23** – The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Geraldine and Domer Ridings, Jr., and Joe and Virginia Robinson by Domer and Jackie Ridings.


**The Presence Candle for the month of February** is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Resurrection's faithful choir, by Gerald and Donna Brooks.

## Parish Connections:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Music                 | Donna Brooks<br>992-3738<br>dbrooksgwd@gmail.com                          |
| Altar Guild           | Beverly Wilson<br>374-3507<br>bhallwilson@gmail.com                       |
| Acolytes              | Mary Balfour Dunlap<br>615-900-6191<br>marybalfour@episcopalgreenwood.org |
| Christian Formation   | Mary Balfour Dunlap<br>615-900-6191<br>marybalfour@episcopalgreenwood.org |
| Communications        | Mary Allyn Hedges<br>churchoftheresurrectioncomms@gmail.com               |
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| Readers/EMs/Ushers    | Denise Brown<br>223-5426<br>denise@episcopalgreenwood.org                 |
| Giving Records        | Miranda Godfrey<br>223-5426<br>finance@episcopalgreenwood.org             |
| Columbarium           | Dean Faden<br>dfaden@hotmail.com  |
| CO3R Tutoring         | Cate Hamilton<br>Cate2hammy@gmail.com                                     |
| Online Directory      | Jo Ann Brewer<br>941-7199<br>joannbrewerssc@gmail.com                     |
| Youth Group           | Mary Balfour Dunlap<br>615-900-6191                                       |

## February 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!

|  | <b>February 2</b><br><b>The Presentation</b><br><b>of Our Lord Jesus</b><br><b>Christ in the</b><br><b>Temple</b> | <b>February 9</b><br><b>The Fifth Sunday</b><br><b>after the</b><br><b>Epiphany</b>                         | <b>February 16</b><br><b>The Sixth Sunday</b><br><b>after the</b><br><b>Epiphany</b>                           | <b>February 23</b><br><b>The Seventh Sunday</b><br><b>after the Epiphany</b>   |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Vestry of the Month</b>  | Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges and Ryan Floyd   |   |  |  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Beverly Wilson (Chair), Anne Magruder, Sarah McKinney, Connie Hammett, and Margaret Conrad                        |   |  |  |
| <b>Readings</b>   | <b>Malachi 3: 1-4</b><br><b>Psalm 84</b><br><b>Hebrew 2: 14-18</b><br><b>Luke 2: 22-40</b>                        | <b>Isaiah 6: 1-13</b><br><b>Psalm 138</b><br><b>1 Corinthians</b><br><b>15: 1-11</b><br><b>Luke 5: 1-11</b> | <b>Jeremiah 17: 5-10</b><br><b>Psalm 1</b><br><b>1 Corinthians</b><br><b>15: 12-20</b><br><b>Luke 6: 17-26</b> | <b>Genesis 45: 3-11, 15</b><br><b>Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42</b><br><b>1 Corinthians</b><br><b>15: 35-38, 42-50</b><br><b>Luke 6: 27-38</b> |
| <b>8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</b>  |   |   |  |  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm</b>  | Stephen Tucker  | Josie Tucker  | Chuck McDonnell  | Deryl McGuire  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>                            | Mary Van Ellenberg  | Dean Faden  | Chuck McDonnell  | Deryl McGuire  |
| <b>E.M.</b>   | Deryl McGuire   | Gerald Normandt   | Tom Rohrer   | Dick Daffin  |
| <b>Usher</b>  | Phil Ellenberg  | Dean Faden  | Walker Moore   | Dean Faden   |
| <b>10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>  |   |   |  |  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>  | Eddie Barber  | Ryan Floyd  | Celie Mescall  | Catie Robertson  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson and Prayers of the People</b>                            | Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges  | Summer Booker   | Mary Charles Haigler   | Shana Southard-Dobbs   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  | Laura Beth Brooks<br>Trisha Craven  | Norm Fawcett<br>Connie Hammett  | Karen Whitfield<br>Frank Wideman   | Beverly Wilson<br>Eddie Barber   |
| <b>Crucifer</b>   | Michael Floyd   | Samantha Hasting  | Rebecca Merrill  | Samantha Hasting   |
| <b>Book Bearer</b>  | Riley Floyd   | Carolyn Hasting   | Will McMillan  | Carolyn Hasting  |
| <b>Torchbearers</b>   | TBA   | Margaret Ann Hasting and Maggie Rochester   | Henry McMillan   | Margaret Ann Hasting   |
| <b>Acolyte Leader</b>   | Adrian Little   | Sarah Hasting   | Jennifer Little  | Sarah Hasting  |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | Archie & Summer Booker  | Richard & Salley Cathcart   | Dan Hobbs<br>Ross Ann Steifle  | Helen & Jim Nazzaro  |
| <b>Nursery/Volunteer(s)</b>   | Marty Cobb<br>Delaney Floyd   | Sherri Ward<br>Mary Bright  | Marty Cobb<br>Delaney Floyd  | Sherri Ward<br>Mary Bright   |
| <b>Hospitality</b>  | Elizabeth & Ryan Floyd  | Marilyn Bennett & Billy DePre   | Michele Anderson & Donna Holtzclaw   | John & Cindy Hughes  |
| <b>Blessing Box</b>   | Troy & Anne Marie Glawe   | Troy & Anne Marie Glawe   | Troy & Anne Marie Glawe  | Troy & Anne Marie Glawe  |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>   | Marilyn Bennett   | Carla Hobbs   | Barbara Cameron  | Ginger Long  |
| <b>Flower Delivery</b>  | Cecily Hughes   | Ross Ann Steifle  | Celie Mescall  | Salley Cathcart  |
| <b>Laundry Love</b>   | Beverly Wilson  | Adele Moreau  | Susie Hinkle   | Sandy Moore  |

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

| BIRTHDAYS              |                           | ANNIVERSARIES              |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 3 – John Hasting       | 13 – Bill McCabe          | 3 – Sandra & Dick Daffin   |  |
| 3 – George McKinney    | 14 – Mirta Lindsey        | 6 – Helen & Jim Nazaro     |  |
| 4 – Rowan Allord       | 19 – David Dougherty      | 6 – Meisha & John Cobb     |  |
| 5 – Glenn Donaghy      | 19 – Mary Charles Haigler | 14 – Trisha & Bruce Craven |  |
| 7 – Aaron Crowe        | 21 – Marilyn Gobble       | 17 – Libby & Larry Carson  |  |
| 7 – James Padgett, Jr. | 21 – Jim Mulligan         |                            |  |
| 7 – Elizabeth Snipes   | 23 – Griffin Jones        |                            |  |
| 10 – Sarah Contakos    | 24 – Michele Anderson     |                            |  |
| 10 – Samuel McDevitt   | 25 – John A. Cobb         |                            |  |
| 11 – Julia Donaghy     | 27 – Ryan Floyd           |                            |  |
| 12 – Abbie Jules Davis | 27 – Bob Helfrich         |                            |  |
| 12 – Cannon Wooten     | 27 – Leslie McDonnell     |                            |  |

**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, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Bill Lewis, Mirta Lindsey, Rebecca Long, Rita Marshall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Michael Whitfield, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones’ father), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield’s son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs (Ben Dobbs’ parents), 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:** Durham Bley (Wells and Ryan Anderson’s friend), 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](mailto:denise@episcopalgreenwood.org) or call 223-5426.

|                                | Pledges<br>(Actual) | Pledges<br>(Budgeted) | Unpledged/Plate<br>(Actual) | Unpledged/Plate<br>(Budgeted) | Expenses<br>(Actual) | Expenses<br>(Budgeted) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Month as<br/>of 1/24/25</b> | \$22,995            | \$37,500              | \$1,146                     | \$1,458                       | \$24,576             | \$37,386               |
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## Church of the Resurrection

### **Vestry Members**

Salley Cathcart, Senior Warden  
Charlie Long, Junior Warden  
Michele Anderson  
Diana Carver  
Dick Daffin  
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  
Cate Hamilton, Director of Tutoring Program  
Mary Allyn Hedges, Communications Coordinator  
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor  
Mary Bright, Nursery Attendant  
Delaney Floyd, Nursery Attendant  
Catherine Brooks Sexton, RN, Parish Nurse