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Bake-Off

23rd Annual
Mostly Male Bake-Off
Sunday March 5 at Noon
Legends
2017 theme
Everyone is Welcome

February Events:

Wednesday, February 8
Bible Study: *Jesus in the Temple* with Jason Myers, 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel

Sunday, February 12

- Senior Sweetheart Café after 11 am Service, FH
- Missions Meeting 12:15 pm, Board Room
- Healing Rhythms 3 pm, Forest Chapel
- Deacon Meeting 6 pm, Board Room

Wednesday, February 15
Bible Study: *Jesus in the Temple* with Jason Myers, 6:30 pm, Forest Chapel

Thursday, February 16
Forever 39 11:30 am K&W

Sunday, February 19

- GUM Donations—Canned Soups
- Girl Scout Cookie Booth after each service
- 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service

Tuesday, February 21
Women of Valor, Beans Boro Coffee, 7 pm

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The Welcomer



Celebrating the Life of Becky Clemmer

Yesterday evening we packed up our Advent decorations in preparation for a new liturgical season and for this service. We boxed up the greenery and the candles, the presents and the wooden stars that have pointed us all season to the coming birth of the Christ child - we dismantled the advent wreath that has

flickered week in and week out with the love and hope, the peace and joy we so desperately need and so faithfully believe are finding root in our world despite every effort to extinguish them all together - and as I began to pack up the nativity, I was struck by the contrast of what I held in my hands and what I was mulling over in my heart. In my hands the holy family - a young family trio soon-to-be refugees fleeing with no where to go, no place to rest not even to care for their newborn child - and in my heart this passage from John - I go to prepare a place for you.

It cannot be lost on us - the very relevance of these two images as we continue conversations about embodied hospitality and love in our communities and our nation.

We also cannot ignore how these two images help us better understand who Christ was and has called us to be. The one who was born for our sakes into the shelter of a stable - practices a ministry of welcome for all who need it - then goes on to prepare places for us that will receive us beyond this life. This passage points us not only to the eternal promise that there will be a place for us beyond our life on this earth, but this text reminds us that one of the deepest callings of our Christian faith is to be about the Christ-like mission of creating places of welcome for others — our lives are to be spent pursuing the call to extravagant love and radical hospitality -

and I believe that this is the sermon Becky preached with the way she lived her everyday life.

Becky was born on July 6, 1929 in Durham, NC where she grew up to be the oldest of four children. She and her siblings were close friends as adults - often taking trips together and checking on each other regularly - but when they were younger, Becky was more of a caretaker to the younger ones - especially her youngest sister who was 14 years younger than she. Brenda was only 5 when Becky married her husband John, and she remembers that Becky bought her a green sweater set for her wedding so she would feel included. Brenda also remembers that after Becky and John married, they would take Brenda into town when they went and would treat her to her favorite hotdog joint. **They didn't yet have children of their own**, so they treated Brenda like she was theirs.

Becky had actually given up hope that she might have

children when after 7 years of trying for children she became pregnant with Angela. Not long after having Angela, Becky and John moved to Greensboro to the house where Becky lived until her death. Becky and her husband were the first owners of this house and when they moved, Becky told him she would never move again, and she meant it. This was much to the frustration of her three daughters who, as they got older, did not love sharing the only bathroom with their dad! Angela says they had their dad convinced to move - but Becky **wouldn't give in** - and as her children all said quite plainly, **"Becky ruled!"**

But now that her children have their own homes (with more sufficient bathroom accommodations, no doubt), they look back on all this home has meant to their family with gratitude that their mother would not leave it. With **Becky's love and touch**, their 3 bedroom, 1 bath house somehow has held all the life and space it needed at any given time.

For much of their married life, their home also served as the office for the family business. John started his own exterminating business and Becky helped with the administration - the books, the billing, scheduling. She began working at a desk with a heater in an outside, unfinished shelter that they later finished to accommodate their growing family. Becky and John shared a deep love for each other that not only survived their partnership in business, but their lively and mostly friendly sports rivalry, too. **Sitting in Becky's living room** are two sports figurines - a Duke cheerleader and UNC football player - representing the split between Becky and her husband John. On occasion they could join to cheer for the same team, but when the Duke/UNC games came around all bets were off. During basketball season each had a flag for their team that would hang on the house - **John's UNC in the front and Becky's Duke flag in the back**. After John died, Becky decided Duke deserved its turn in the front, but out of her love for John and how very much she missed him, she still flew the UNC flag in the back.

As you would expect, **Becky's house was the central** location for all the neighborhood fun and Becky was often the one who entertained the chaos - supplying food and snacks after school, hosting the slumber parties, providing warm shelter after sledding on snowy days like **we've had this week** - the neighborhood friends always knew her door was open.

While the children were still young, Becky began hosting Thanksgiving at her home for her entire family - a tradition that has continued on even until now and that has grown to include grandchildren and spouses and great-grandchildren. Family comes in from all over - Colorado, Florida, Virginia, Durham - and Becky would **plan a menu to include everyone's favorites** - dumplings, red velvet cake, pumpkin pie. She had a way of making you feel as if your favorite dish was the most important in the spread and was fixed especially for you. Her nephew remembers one Thanksgiving when he mentioned in passing how much he loves pumpkin pies - he actually misspoke - he meant to say pecan pies, but never corrected himself. The next Thanksgiving and

every Thanksgiving after, Becky would make a pumpkin pie just for Mike - and Mike would eat it because he knew the love with which it was prepared. Before every Thanksgiving meal, Becky would call the family together in one room, she always began by **saying "Thank you" to those who had come and to those who had helped to cook the meal - she would then offer the blessing.**

Her son-in-law, David, fondly referred to Becky as the **"welcomer."** **Her home was always a place of special** welcome for all, and that same welcoming love spilled over in all Becky did. After moving to Greensboro, Becky and John joined College Park where they raised their children. While a member here, Becky took care of many of your children in the nursery, she was a remarkable friend to and active member of our Adult 3 Sunday school class, and just a few years ago she was recognized with our Senior Servant Leadership Award for the many ways she has cared for the people and ministries of college park.

Becky found much joy in making others feel important - and she had an incredible gift for it. Emily, **who married one of Becky's grandsons**, remembers the first time she met Becky - it was just after their engagement and upon meeting Emily, Becky said to her - **"now you call me Maw-Maw."** Birthdays were always special occasions - when the children were younger Becky cooked their favorite meal - as children moved away and families grew she sent cards that arrived right on time, never late. The grandkids, nieces and nephews had an extra special **place in Becky's heart and she was always sure to show it.** When they would come to visit - she would schedule a weeks worth of fun to include Celebration Station, Yum-Yums, Bowling, a new pair of sneakers. And when they needed a stern talking to, Becky would do that, too. Her love for others, her family especially seems limitless and has carried many through difficult times.

Just a short month ago, **Becky's good friend Darcie** received a note from Becky thanking her for her **friendship and for her care throughout Becky's illness.** It is remarkable gesture of love that in the midst of her own illness and pain, Becky would make it a point to send notes of appreciation to those who are caring for her.

In so many ways - **Becky was indeed the "welcomer"** to us all.

In her, we found a place prepared especially for us - a mother, a sister, a grandmother, an aunt, a friend. Through her we encountered love eager to hold us. By her light we have seen reflected the welcoming grace of the God who calls us beloved; who has received Becky into her eternal home.

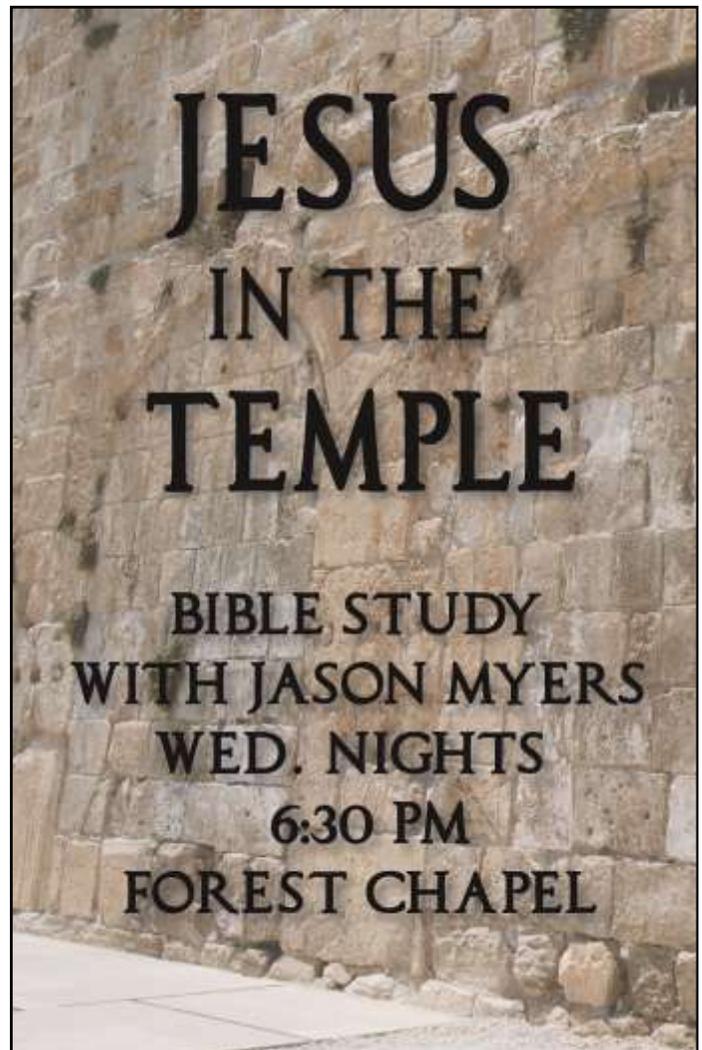
We are eternally grateful that for a time we had the privilege of walking this journey with Becky, and for her life, we give thanks.

Lin Story- Bunce
12 January 2017

Prayer in Memory of Becky Clemmer

God of Creation,
Thank you for the life of my friend, Becky. Just a few years of overlapping time together on this earth, yet the imprint of her friendship and the authenticity of her character will be carried within me for lifetimes. Even when we know that the living is eventually returned to the creator, it is sad to say goodbye to a lady as lovely, kind and graceful as Becky. Surely in the times ahead, there will be loneliness and agony, irritability and longing. Becky made our lives fuller and the void will be noticeable. Help us not to deny these difficult experiences, but to welcome them as the outcome of being in love with and loved by Becky. An experience to truly give thanks for. Envelop us in peace as we grieve. Strengthen us as we walk as light in this world - brighter for having walked beside Becky for a while. Amen

Rachel Hutto
12 January 2017



Prayer for Lesley-Ann Hix Ordination Service



Dear Lord,

We come to you today on a most solemn occasion; to present to you a woman that we believe has been called by you to minister your word to others. We thank you for the gift you have given us in Lesley-Ann. We rejoice in what you have done with her life, and what you have planned for

her in the future. We thank you for her parents and grandparents, her spouse, her loved ones, her friends, her teachers, her mentors—godly men and women who have invested in the life of Lesley-Ann, preparing her uniquely for the occasion to which you are calling her.

We thank you for the gifts you've bestowed upon Lesley-Ann. Her spirit, her commitment to community, and her artistic talents are all valued and will serve her well in spreading your word. Your Spirit has truly not made her timid, but instead fills her with power and love. We pray that you fill her afresh with your Spirit every day. We are excited when we think of how desperately she is needed, a woman who is committed to the gospel of the grace of God, and to faithful and loving service in the will of God. We celebrate the faith of Lesley-Ann, and pray in unison an affirmation that epitomizes that faith.

We are not alone. **We live in God's world.** We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: **to celebrate God's** presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Adam Team
15 January 2017

Ordination of Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey *Charge to the Congregation*

Particularly in the Baptist church, the ordination of an individual is something of an odd undertaking. We are asking you, Lesley-Ann, to be set apart while simultaneously affirming the priesthood of all believers. We are marking you for a role of leadership while asking you to be subservient. We are hoping to encourage you with praise and joy but also to prepare you for the inevitable discouragement and hardship that comes with ministry. There are a lot of paradoxes **wrapped into a service like today's**, paradoxes that might seem unusual or unexpected or improbable or even impossible.

But none of these paradoxes measure up to this: two Baptist churches in the same town setting aside their individual autonomy and traditions, coming together to ordain one individual. **I can't even seem to plan a ski trip with another congregation, much less something as sacred as an ordination.**

You two congregations have embraced quite the endeavor. By seeking to combine for this ordination of Lesley-Ann, you are hoping to double her support, her encouragement, and her blessing. If you are successful in this, she may become one of the best cared for ministers in the country. The problem is that you are also doubling her accountability. If you Google **"ordination charge to the church," most of what you'll find boils down to "quit making things so hard for pastors!" so I suppose you might also be doubling her headache.** I hope not, but I suppose perhaps.

So my question as I prepared for tonight was this: how can this group—this congregation gathered together to affirm Lesley-Ann—transcend the paradoxes inherent in this situation and double her blessing without doubling her headaches? And, secondly, what image captures that answer and conveys it with appropriate depth and meaning? Lesley-Ann, you communicate better with images than most people do with words. I wanted to find that right image, whatever it might be.

What I landed on was this: the transformed and transformative body of Christ that Paul describes in Romans 12:

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—**what is good and acceptable and perfect...** ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Sunday, Feb. 19



The Brownie Troop that meets weekly at College Park will have a cookie booth set up in the parking lot entrance foyer after the two Sunday Services on Sunday, Feb. 19th.

Please help them out and support their sales.

In these verses, Paul, points out how, exactly, those with different beliefs (or even two different churches) can come together as one: we, who are many, are *one* body in Christ. Through Jesus, we who are many *become* one. When we do that right—when we do it as your congregations are doing it tonight—we double our blessings and not our headaches.

Doing this, of course, may not come easily. Paul also writes, in these same verses, that the body is to become a living sacrifice. **That word “sacrifice” is always a** daunting one to encounter in the New Testament. But—daunting or not—it is a sacrifice that allows us to accomplish the unusual, the unexpected, and the improbably. It is a sacrifice that comes with a unique, powerful, and rich blessing. This is what we are promised in the mystery of Christ. Jesus transcends our logic and makes the impossible possible.

So...if Jesus is the answer to “How can these different parts come together?” then the only remaining question is this: “Why?” Why would we choose to let go of our personal and congregational identities—identities that we have cultivated and fought for, identities in which we are secure and confident, identities designed to offer us the greatest potential for success? Why would we agree to be part of something else when what we already are individually feel perfectly fine?

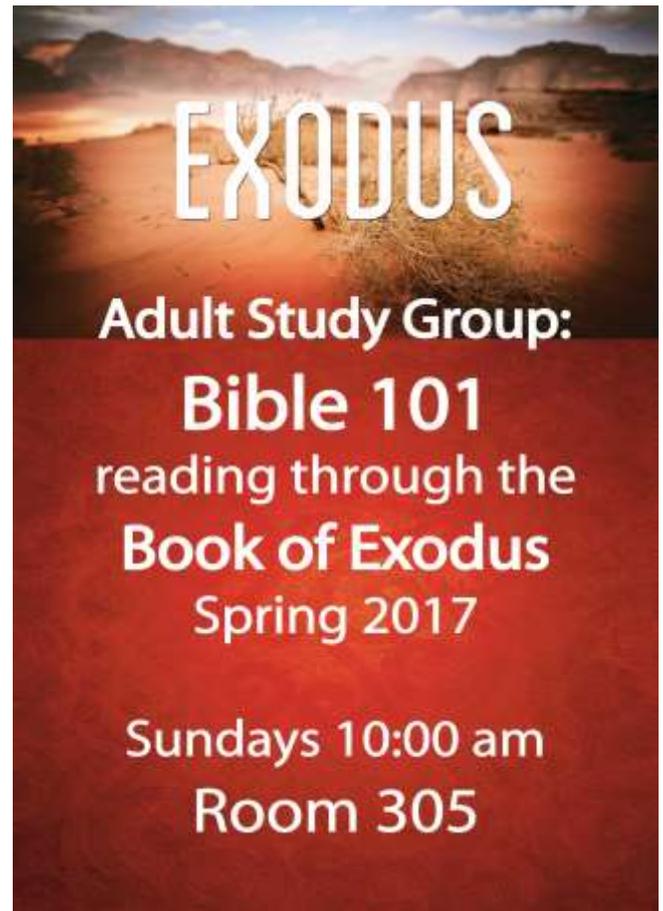
The answer here is easier for me, because she sits here before us tonight. **The “why” tonight is obviously you.** Lesley-Ann, we see in you something that we want to be a part of affirming, of blessing, of ordaining. We are willing to be something else—something bigger than our own selves and identities—to do that.

Lesley-Ann, you speak with a prophetic voice. (Again, sometimes, you even do this without uttering a word but instead through the lens of a camera.) We see in you something and someone worth following, and we **hope to follow...if we can allow ourselves to do so.**

We who gather here tonight: clearly, we love Lesley-Ann. Clearly we want good things for her. We want to support, encourage, protect, honor, and do right by her. There is no charge, no challenge, in these things. Our charge is this: **“Be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” Our charge is to let Lesley-Ann transform us.**

Lesley-Ann, **I haven’t watched your journey for as long as many in this room have, but over the past ten years or so, I have seen you transformed.** Now, even when it is challenging, be transformative. And we will do our best to be renewed, to be made new, by you.

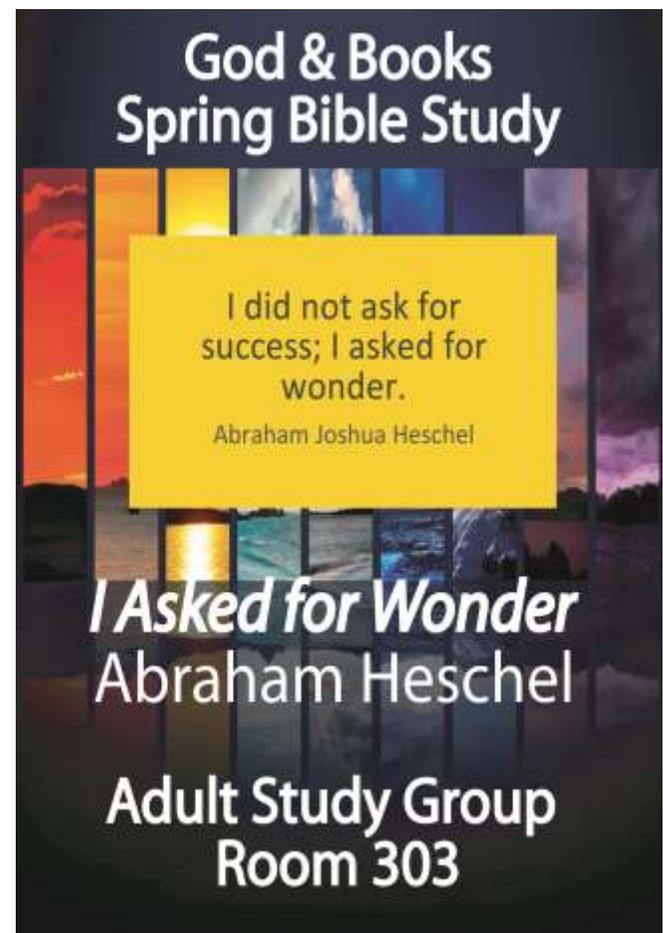
The Reverend Trey Davis
Minister of Youth & College
First Baptist Church, Raleigh
15 January 2017



EXODUS

Adult Study Group:
Bible 101
reading through the
Book of Exodus
Spring 2017

Sundays 10:00 am
Room 305



God & Books
Spring Bible Study

I did not ask for
success; I asked for
wonder.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

I Asked for Wonder
Abraham Heschel

Adult Study Group
Room 303



One of the Lucky Ones: *Syrian Refugee Family Finds “Hope” in Greensboro*

They were the lucky ones.

If President Donald Trump’s executive order stands, Mamoun Sakka and his wife, Raveen Mustafa, now in a neat and clean apartment with 18-month-old son Mohamad bouncing between them, would be among the last refugees to get into the United States.

Just days after their arrival here, Trump had barred travelers, including refugees and immigrants, of seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States. That included Syria, where the couple and more than 10 million people have been displaced and 400,000 **killed since the country’s civil war began in 2011.**

Late Friday, a judge blocked the ban. U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle ruled against government **lawyers’ claims that the states did not have the standing to challenge Trump’s order.** As of late Saturday the Department of Homeland Security was said to be **honoring the judge’s ruling.** Also Saturday, Trump administration lawyers filed a notice to appeal — which could reinstate the ban.

That’s not lost on Sakka and Mustafa, who arrived in Greensboro on Jan. 19 **and talk about their “dream come true” and sadness over other refugees who were being shut out.**

“It feels like hope,” Sakka said through an interpreter.

For communities like Greensboro, the issue of barring refugees has become a rallying point.

Myriad faiths and ethnicities have taken hold here, a tapestry that includes Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists along with Asians, Africans and Hispanics.

More than 100 countries are represented in the Guilford County school system.

The history reaches at least as far back as the Quakers, who gathered in 1816 at Centre Friends Meeting in southern Guilford to organize the North Carolina Manumission Society, an anti-slavery movement before and during the Civil War.

Quakers organized stops here for the Underground Railroad as well.

Greensboro also has one of the largest resettlements of Montagnards, the indigenous mountain people who worked alongside U.S. Special Forces during the Vietnam War.

“We want to just be allowed to be Muslims and American at the same time,” said Moussa Issifou, who immigrated from Togo 15 years ago, at a #WeAreAllAmerica show of solidarity Friday at the Islamic Center of Greensboro as hundreds of followers of Islam gathered inside for midday prayers.

“The people are with us,” Issifou said. “The problem is

Syrian Refugee Families

THANK YOU for the outpouring of donations & well wishes for our two Syrian refugee families in Greensboro. Great news, we have almost everything we need to set up both apartments. But we could use monetary donations to take them shopping for food, etc - plus pay rent and utilities for a few months. Donate online or mail a check to our office, and 100% will go to them. Info at www.collegeparkchurch.com/refugee/

Donations through January 31st:
\$4,230 Syrian Refugee receipts
\$2,880 Syrian Refugee expenses



There has been an outpouring of generosity for the Syrian Refugees. Above—some of the donations received at College Park.



the politicians.”

Many in the hundred or so people who stood outside held signs saying just that. **“Islamophobia is not a Greensboro value,”** read one.

The gathering drew people of various faiths, community leaders and immigration and civil rights workers. **While the day’s prayers inside the mosque could be heard over a loudspeaker, many of those representing the various ethnicities and lots in life spoke in poignant terms of why they had to step forward.**

“My ancestors had numbers tattooed on their arms, and they were shipped off to be murdered,” said Meredith Luby, a Guilford College adjunct professor, in describing the plight of Jews during the Holocaust. **“We say ‘never again,’ and I’m here to make sure those words still mean something.”**

When the midday prayers were over, those who gathered greeted those who came outside with conversation and smiles. Those greetings were returned with **“Thank yous.”**

It was with similar emotions that Sakka and Mustafa welcomed members of College Park Baptist Church into their home earlier in the week.

The Syrian couple was brought here by the North Carolina African Services Coalition, a resettlement agency. College Park had earlier reached out to the agency for a way to help with Syrian refugees. With

Sakka and Mustafa, that meant setting up an apartment and providing household and hygiene products, but also conversation as they learn English and get used to their new environment.

A number of faith groups and others across the Triad are doing the same.

At the moment, though, helping future refugees resettle is uncertain. **A federal judge’s ruling places a hold on the ban for now, but if it later goes forward, a lot will depend on what the new vetting process will look like.**

“I am incredibly sad about what has happened and that (Sakka and Mustafa) may be our last refugees (for a while) and it hurts deep down,” said College Park church member Karlan Barker, who had stopped by to check on the family. **“(But) to have them here, I want to stand up and shout. They make my heart full.”**

Before the family’s arrival, the congregation spent days scrubbing the rented townhouse and carting in new beds and linen.

Michael Usey, the pastor at College Park, can point to dozens of Bible scriptures that he says tells him this is what Christians are supposed to be doing — even as others of his faith approve of closing the borders.

The nation’s security is important, but the two — that security and welcoming the stranger — do not have to be mutually exclusive, he said.

Drafts of other orders being considered by Trump are said to include provisions that would weaken community support for refugees and immigrants, including stripping **federal funding from “sanctuary cities” — Greensboro isn’t one of them — that don’t prosecute undocumented immigrants.**

At Friday’s #WeAreAllAmerica rally, an announcement was made about upcoming meetings for those congregations and individuals that want to position themselves as potential sanctuaries for immigrants. Other announcements were made about other upcoming rallies.

“I said to my congregation on Sunday that we Christians should raise holy hell until this is reversed,” said Usey, **who didn’t attend Friday’s event.**

Sakka and Mustafa have compassion for other refugees and immigrants fleeing violence in search for a better life — **because that’s what happened to them.**

At first, the family maintained a stable life in the capital of Damascus, even as war raged in other parts of Syria. Sakka, the husband, worked at a dealership distributing vehicles. Mustafa, the wife, was a manager at **a children’s clothing store.**

And then it got worse. Twice, bombs went off around them.

Two years into the country’s civil war, Sakka said, the police mistakenly picked him up for protesting. He spent

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the next 10 months in prison.

Alone, Mustafa fled to Turkey, where a relative helped her sign up for refugee status with the United Nations.

When Sakka was released from prison, he joined her there and was added to the application, which included interviews, numerous background checks and having their names run through terrorist watch lists.

As they waited, and with the help of people they met, they were able to get an apartment and Sakka found work. As refugees, they were at the mercy of landlords who charged them more than the usual rate and employers who sometimes refused to pay for work. Sometimes they had no food.

A woman they met, Mariam, always made sure Mohamad had milk and shared what she had.

It still brings Mustafa to tears.

Mariam told her that she had once been in need of help, Mustafa recalled.

“I can’t imagine the courage it’s taken them to survive,” College Park church member Lisa O’Connor said as she listened to Mustafa’s story.

And then, the couple got paperwork that they had been approved to come to America.

“A spot of light,” Mustafa said of actually getting here.

Over the next few months, the resettlement agency has English classes planned and will help them look for jobs. The congregation, which has already provided winter clothing and stocked the kitchen cabinets with culturally-appropriate food, will now be that neighbor that the city has a reputation for being.

Mohamad, who instantly takes a liking to the strangers, creates lots of laughter in the room.

His parents look at the smiling faces around them.

The two speak in Arabic, and the volunteer interpreter, UNC-Greensboro graduate student Ossama Hassanin, repeats it in English.

“They say, ‘We are grateful.’”

By Nancy McLaughlin
Greensboro News & Record
4 February 2017



Sweetheart
CAFE

SUN. FEB. 12
AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The CP Children will host
our Senior Adults.
The children will serve
handmade refreshments
& will visit with
their senior friends.



**BABYSITTING
SERVICES**

AVAILABLE ON
VALENTINE'S DAY
TUESDAY, FEB. 14TH

5:30 - 8:30 PM
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

DONATIONS WILL BE USED
FOR PRAYER ROOM
RENOVATIONS



Volunteers Needed

Peacehaven is a sustainable farm and affordable housing community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are not a place of worship, but a space which embraces and cherishes difference. We welcome people of all gifts, abilities, beliefs, backgrounds, and identities and consider all people crucial in our work of manifesting a more inclusive way of life. It is our sincere hope that all will feel safe, supported and respected here.

At Peacehaven we are not just growing vegetables—we are growing relationships and building a community that will sustain this farm for generations. It is the support of the community that fuels the development of Peacehaven and gives it life. There is great diversity within the volunteer base; most are people who appreciate community, enjoy the company of people that may be very different from them, and value the opportunity to get their hands dirty to support the growth of fresh, local food. Their age range has been between 2 and 92 years.

A core ethic at Peacehaven is the hope that learning and growth be an opportunity not just for individuals with special needs living and working at the farm but also for those who participate in working and volunteering. Without this mutual growth, Peacehaven cannot reach its full potential as a community supporting individuals with special needs and our community at large.

Regular Garden Workdays begin on Saturday, March 11. The community-based volunteer opportunities run (almost) every Saturday until October 28. Days begin at 9am, ending at noon with a well-earned potluck lunch.

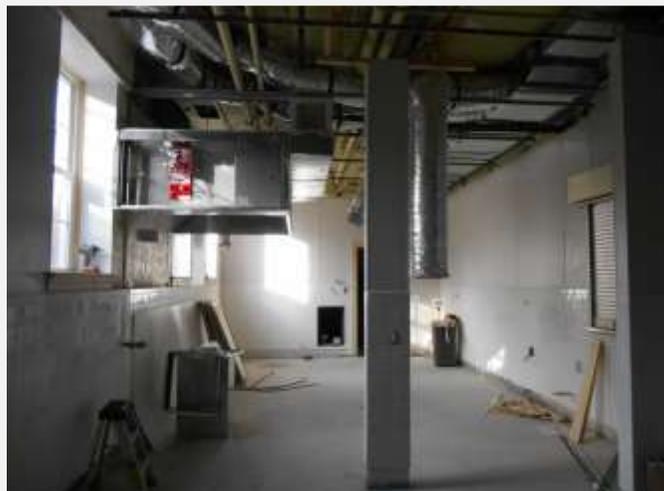
Sign Up on the website below. 30 volunteers are needed on workdays. You may also volunteer to provide the weekly potluck. Sign Up for *Friend's Table*.

<http://www.peacehavenfarm.org/get-involved/community-workdays>

Volunteer groups are also needed on Wednesday mornings from 9 until noon. Contact Becky directly for scheduling.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Peacehaven Community Farm. We look forward to seeing you on the farm this season.

Becky Cain, Volunteer Coordinator- Farm Support
AmeriCorp VISTA
Peacehaven Community Farm
Cell: [231-620-2682](tel:231-620-2682)



TOTAL KITCHEN REBUILD

The estimate for the kitchen capital campaign project is \$205,000. Why so much? Of that, about 75% goes toward demolition and construction. The most expensive costs are waterproofing, electrical and plumbing –totaling \$50,000. Other big ticket items include the complex range exhaust system with fire suppression, dedicated HVAC, flooring and ceiling. The remainder covers commercial equipment including a Hobart dishwasher, on-demand hot water, stainless steel shelves, dish carts (reduce paper plate waste) and work tables.

HOW TO HELP?

All of the funds for the kitchen rebuild will be raised in 2016-2017 via your generous donations, separate from our regular offering for the general budget.

Capital Campaign Update through Jan. 29, 2016

(Kitchen Renovation)

\$205,000 Total Cost

\$74,207 Available Funds

\$130,793 Amount Needed

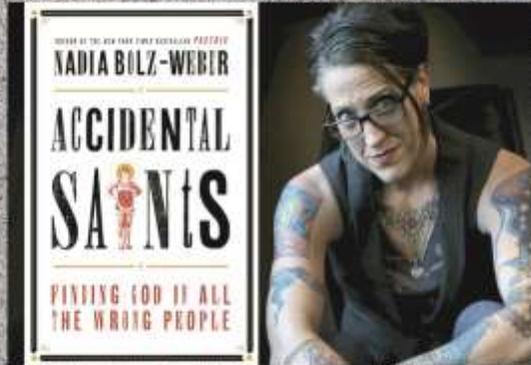
3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we now have three ways for you to give to the church general budget or special offerings:

- Write a check or give cash at one of our Sunday services or at the office during the week. **If you don't have envelopes** with an assigned number (for better record keeping), contact the church office.
- Set up bill pay through your bank online. **It's a favorite** since there are usually no fees to you or the church, and **it's very easy**.
- Pay online with a credit card at: www.CollegeParkChurch.com. Choose the option to cover the credit card fees or let the church pay them.

WOMEN OF VALOR

NEW BOOK



NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21
7 PM BEANSBORO COFFEE

College Park Sunday School Opportunities

Nursery

Birth-23 months (Parking Lot Entrance) Childcare provided by both Preferred Childcare, Inc. employees and College Park volunteers.

Toddlers

2—3 1/2 yrs. (Parking Lot Entrance)

1st, 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Children's Sunday School

PreK—1st, 2nd—5th (**Children's Library & Youth Room**)

1st & 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

6th—12th grades (Fellowship Hall) For more information:

<https://cpbcyouthchaos.wordpress.com/youth-Sunday-school/>

Adult Study Groups

God in Books—(Room 303)

Class reads & discusses a variety of Christian literature. This spring the class will be reading *I Asked for Wonder* by Abraham Heschel.

Bible 101—(Room 305)

Class is reading the book of Exodus this spring.

Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

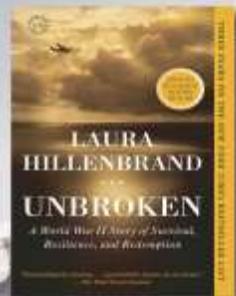
Class explores a variety of faith topics.

Adult 3—(Parlor)

Class uses the Smith & Helwys Sunday school curriculum to guide conversations of faith, Bible and life.

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club

UNBROKEN



Next Meeting
Tuesday, March 7th
6:30 pm
Sticks & Stones

Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Practice has moved to Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm;

Youth Choir—6:00 pm, Sunday evenings



February GUM Donation:

Canned Soup (Chicken, Tomato or Vegetable)

Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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 fitness
 Thursdays 6:00 pm
 Forest Chapel
 \$5.00 Drop in Rate

Consider joining us at least once (\$5.00) or commit to 5 classes and save \$5.00 (5 classes card for \$20). Brisa, the instructor is fun and inspiring.

Announcements

College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly calendar of events. The "Library" is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.



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Options for Children during the Worship Service

There are several child care Options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.



Alzheimer's Care

If you have a loved one with Alzheimer's or severe dementia then you know how hard it is to find a facility that can take care of them in a loving and caring environment. We were fortunate enough to find The Almost Home Group of Thomasville for the last 10 months of my mom's life. Prior to that she had been at a reputable home in High Point for almost 2 years. Our greatest regret is that we did not find out about Almost Home at the very beginning. We are so grateful for everything that this group of caring people did for my mom that we'd like to share information about this facility with others. If you are interested or in need of a facility please contact me. My cell phone number is 336-362-4384. PJ Stocks

Nate Usey's Peace Corp Address

PCV Nate Usey
Peace Corps, P.O. Box 766
St. George's, Grenada, West Indies

The Theme for the 2017 Mostly Male Bake-Off is LEGENDS

Immediately following worship on Sunday, March 5, everyone is invited to a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall. Afterwards, we'll sample all the bake-off entries. All are welcome!

Rules for entry:

- Anyone 5 years old or older can enter (non-members are welcome).
- The entries should be ready for judging by 11:30 am on Sunday, March 5.
- All entries should be a dessert of some variety.
- You may use a boxed cake mix, but should not cheat. (Cheating would be buying an already-made cake.)
- Awards will be given for Best in Show, Judges award, Most Creative, Best Looking (dessert, not the baker), Best Tasting, Best Chocolate, Best Non-Chocolate, Super Bowl Award, Muy Macho, Best First-Time Entry, Best Veteran, Weirddness Cup, Fruit Frenzy, Best Pie, Poison Control Alert, and People's Choice (1st, 2nd and 3rd place).
- There are three overall divisions: Kids (ages 5-11), Youth (12-18), Adults (19 & older).
- Each entry costs \$5 to pay for the snappy awards.
- As always, three impartial judges will judge all desserts. Bribes are appreciated.

Healing Rhythms

Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 3 pm
College Park Baptist Church
Forest Chapel

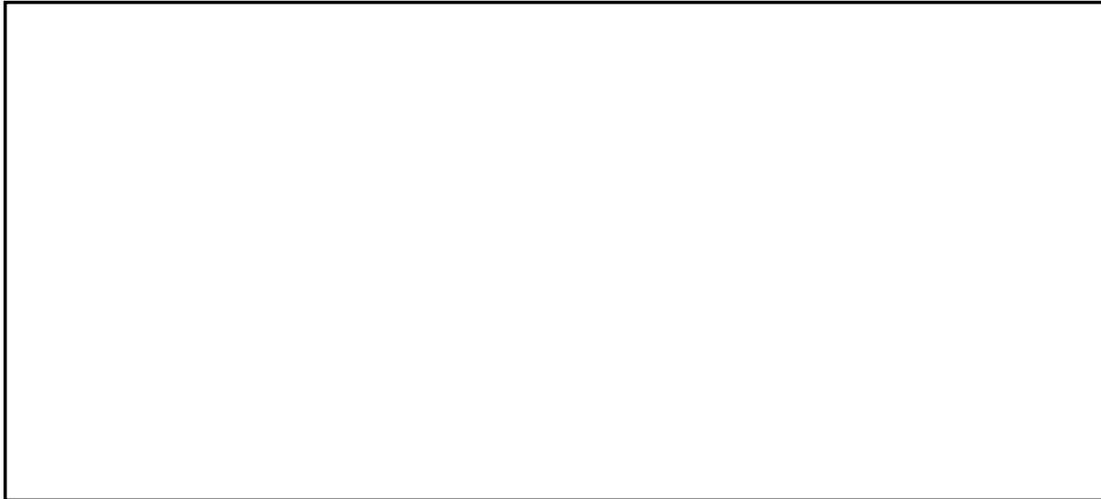


Monica City-Hix will be leading this time: an hour devoted to tending our grief through guided meditation, drumming and reflection. Come and join us in the circle. We'll provide a variety of drums or you may bring your own.

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Free and open to all.

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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—February

- Feb
- 6 NA Noon, Chapel
 - 7 NA Noon, Chapel
 - 8 NA Noon, Chapel; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
 - 9 NA Noon, Chapel, Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm, FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
 - 10 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel
 - 12 Sunday Activities, Missions Meeting 12:15 pm, Board Rm.; Inner Ground 3 pm, Chapel; **Deacons' Meeting** 6 pm, Board Rm.
 - 13 NA Noon, Chapel
 - 14 NA Noon, Chapel;
 - 15 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Room; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
 - 16 Forever 39 11:30 am at K&W; NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
 - 17 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel
 - 19 Sunday Activities; GUM Sunday; Girl Scout Cookie Booth after each service; 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service
 - 20 NA Noon, Chapel
 - 21 NA Noon, Chapel; Women of Valor 7 pm, Beans Boro Coffee; PFLAG 7:30 pm, Chapel
 - 22 NA Noon, Chapel; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
 - 23 NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm FH; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Rm.; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
 - 24 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel
 - 26 Sunday Activities
 - 27 NA Noon, Chapel
 - 28 NA Noon, Chapel

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