



# The Knoll Word

JANUARY • FEBRUARY 2021

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church



## Ash Wednesday

February 17

*Knollwood Side Sanctuary Entrance*

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Ministers will be present outside the Sanctuary in the driveway for prayer and the Imposition of Ashes.

## *The Memorial Garden*

12 noon to 1 PM

Begin the Lenten journey in our Memorial Garden. Led by our Ministers, you're invited to walk to four stations throughout the garden. Prayer, scripture reading, music, and the Imposition of Ashes help us mark this holy day. This is an intergenerational liturgy. See page 8 for details on both services.

*Please wear masks and remain socially distanced  
for both in-person services.*

## Sundays in Lent • Worship Online

February 21 • 28 • March 7 • 14 • 21

Sunday School for individual classes and an elective with Diane Lipsett. See page 6 for details.

## Wednesdays in Lent

February 24 • March 3 • 10 • 17 • 24

*Wednesday Evening Prayer Service on Facebook*

[https://www.facebook.com/knollwoodbaptist?view\\_public\\_for=259344667419633](https://www.facebook.com/knollwoodbaptist?view_public_for=259344667419633)

*Faith Formation Program at 7:00 PM on Zoom*

See page 6 for details.

## KBC Community Food Drive

Saturday, February 13

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The pandemic has driven our community's need for food to unprecedented levels. People who never imagined they would need services from Crisis Control Ministry show up every day asking for help. So let's help with another KBC Community Food Drive. This time, we will partner with KBC Cub Scout Pack 911 and their Scouting for Food event.

Please bring your nonperishable food items to the KBC Community Food Drive on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 AM to 3 PM. KBC ministers will be on hand to greet you if you drive-through between 10:00 and 12:00.

The Crisis Control truck will be at KBC, and the scouts and other adult volunteers will be on hand to take your donations.

- Put your social media accounts to good use by posting information about the Food Drive. Don't forget to make an announcement on Nextdoor or your own neighborhood emails.
- Please encourage friends and neighbors to contribute or to drop off their donations during the collection time. Share this food drive information sheet: [http://content.knollwood.org/2021\\_Documents/21FOOD\\_DRIVE\\_Info\\_2\\_13.pdf](http://content.knollwood.org/2021_Documents/21FOOD_DRIVE_Info_2_13.pdf).



## “Out-Preaching the Babies”

By BOB SETZER JR.



My first pastorate, served during my seminary years, was in rural Kentucky. Bambi and I enjoyed our years there among hard-working farmers and their families. We made life-long friends that Bambi keeps up with to this day on Facebook.

But that church, like most churches, was not without controversy. One year the hot-button issue was whether the congregation should “go modern” and have a nursery during the worship hour. The younger parents, and especially the moms trying to manage the little ones in the pews, definitely thought so. But the old guard was not so sure.

Finally, everything came to a head at a congregational meeting where the matter was to be decided. During a long and heated discussion, one church member expressed frustration that sometimes she couldn’t hear the sermon for all the crying babies.

That’s when one barrel-chested farmer, wearing his trademark blue jeans and suspenders, put the matter to rest when he declared, “Well, anybody who can’t out-preach a baby, ain’t much of a preacher!”

*“Well, anybody who can’t out-preach a baby, ain’t much of a preacher!”*

When I left that church, there was no nursery, and I was still doing my best to “out-preach” babies.

Since then, I’ve faced a variety of challenges in my preaching: keeping my notes in a Bible atop a wind-swept cemetery hill, a prominent clock on the wall of the balcony facing the preacher (Don’t get any ideas!), and the awe-inspiring inscription on one pulpit, “Sir, we would see *Jesus!*” (John 12:21, KJV).

But I don’t think I’ve ever faced a more daunting challenge than learning to preach at the screen of a smart-phone in lieu of my missing congregation. And now, as of last Sunday, January 24, I am preaching to R2D2.

R2D2, the robot of Star Wars fame, is the nickname the staff gave the new camera installed at the back of the sanctuary. The rounded, slick, smooth shell housing this state-of-the-art technology looks like its Star Wars namesake.



And yet this new camera, along with its twin mounted at the far end of the balcony, will make it possible for us to live-stream our services effectively once we can safely resume in-person worship.

Now that the staff has moved from recording the online service on iPads and smartphones to using this new equipment, it is hoped our “viewers” will feel more like they are worshipping in the sanctuary, which, in some measure, they are.

Sadly, we are still a ways from being able to resume the in-person worship services we knew and loved before the pandemic. And no one yearns for that day of re-gathering more than I. Preaching at smart-phones and cameras, instead of preaching to people, is a struggle. I miss the connection, intimacy, and immediate feedback of having a congregation present to “help” me preach.

But I’ve faced preaching challenges before, and I’ll get through this one, too. Still, I can hardly wait for the day when we will not only have a congregation present on Sundays but a nursery too!

Blessings,

Bob

# Founders' Day

Sunday, February 10

Each year, our church celebrates its founding on February 10, 1957. That means this year's Founders' Day celebration in worship falls on the 64<sup>th</sup> birthday of our church.

As part of the Founders' Day emphasis, those who can are invited to make a special gift to the Celebration Fund, our church's major missions endowment. At present, the Celebration Fund generates about \$30,000 a year to be used for missions causes. Some recent Celebration Fund expenditures include completing the roof of a school building in Uganda, purchasing books for the students at Bolton Elementary, and providing funding for our church's ministry to refugees.

If you would like to make a Celebration Fund gift this Founders' Day, please designate your online gift (<http://knollwood.org/resources/giving-online->) or check, "Celebration Fund."

## Grow Your Legacy at KBC

By GAYLE ANDERSON

KBC Stewardship Committee

On Sunday, February 7, we will celebrate the founding of Knollwood Baptist Church and recognize those who sacrificed to establish the church we cherish today.

Like many Knollwood founders, you, too, can provide for the church well beyond your earthly years by designating Knollwood in your will or by naming the church as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.



Is music your passion? Do you want to support youth or older adult programs? Legacy gifts can be directed toward what matters most to you about Knollwood, including scholarships, missions, campus enhancements, or staff resources. Or you can make a gift to the Discipleship Fund to meet Knollwood's most pressing needs at any given time.

As you ponder the future needs of your loved ones, please also give prayerful consideration to the needs you could address at Knollwood with a Legacy gift. *You can click here for a link to the KBC Legacy Giving brochure*, or contact the church office to mail one to you. You also may wish to consult with your attorney or financial advisor.

## AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We congratulate *Teresa* and *Drew Hinkle* on the birth of their daughter *Anna Jacqueline Hinkle* on Dec. 30.

The proud grandparents are *Amy* and *Greg Peverall*, and *Sanford Hinkle*.

We congratulate *Don VonCannon* and *Susan Edge* who were married at the VonCannon home, Jan. 9.

We extend our condolences the families who have experienced loss in recent months –

to the family of *CJ Hyatt* on his death, Jan .22.

to *Mickey Boles* on the death of his mother, *Nell Mickey Boles*, Jan. 17.

to *Becky Bullard* and family, on the death of her son *John Bullard*, Jan. 3, in Charlotte.

to *Joyce Moser* and family on the death of her brother, *Kenneth Moser*, Jan. 14.

to the family of *Sylvia Bell* who died peacefully at Salemtowne, Dec. 1.

to *Jo Ann Goodson* on the death of her daughter, *Mindy Leonard*, Dec. 1.

to *Courtney Coghill* on the death of her cousin, *John Koach*, Nov. 27.

to *Lib Edwards* and family on the death of her mother *Maude Tucker*, Nov. 30.

to *Debbie Pruitt* and family, on the death of her mother *Carol Harwell*, Nov. 23.

to *Tom Edwards* and family on the death of his brother, *Bill*, who died on Saturday, Nov. 21, in Katy, Tx.

to *John* and *Carolyn Ashburn* on the death of his aunt and uncle *Beverly* and *William Wade Cox*, Nov 20.

to the family of *Miriam DeArmon* on her death, Nov. 20.

to *Marilyn Barnhill* and family, on the death of her husband *Walt*, who died Nov. 17 in Austell, Ga.

to *Ellen Smith* and family, on the death of her husband, *William*, who died Nov. 14 in Atlantic Beach.



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BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Grace Unbounded*

## Packing Your Bags

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

*Children's Ministry Associate*



One of the things I miss the most about our pre-pandemic life is traveling. Our family usually keeps a pretty busy schedule of adventure, but the past few months we've really stayed at home. I miss getting my packing cubes out and writing a packing list for each member of our family. I miss buying those really tiny travel sized toiletries and tucking everything neatly into a bag for the journey ahead. I miss planning a trip and imagining all the ways to soak up a new destination.

While we can see the light at the end of the tunnel for this pandemic (vaccines are coming!), we are still not quite ready to hop on a plane. But the Lenten journey that awaits us in February and March will be even more important and we're doing what we can to make it exciting for you.

The Youth and Children's Ministries are packing bags for our families. Just like our Advent-in-a-Box, we are thoughtfully gathering hands-on activities to help us engage all our senses on the journey ahead and reflect on scripture together.

Each week of the Lenten Journey we will ask you to *Read, Talk, Pray, Sing, Act, and Serve* with the materials we provide. We need to know how many materials to purchase and time to pack your bags for you, *so please register by Jan. 31*. Pickup can happen at our Community Food Drive on Saturday, Feb. 13, outside the WCC on Feb. 15-16 or at the Ash Wednesday lunchtime service.

Register at <https://forms.gle/5dRgtgQmJqvmnurb9>

While we couldn't gather together for in-person events during Advent 2020, our Children's Ministry found some



meaningful ways to turn our hearts and minds to the season. The Advent-in-a-Box provided devotional materials, hands on activities and resources for all ages that we were able to share together as a community even though we were doing them in our own homes.



*Advent in a Box* included such projects as handmade Nativity Ornaments, Hot Chocolate Gratitude Game and making a Happy Birthday Jesus Cake.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

## 2021 Ministry Plan

At the church conference on Wednesday night, Jan. 27, the 2021 Ministry Plan budget was adopted by congregational vote.

Find a copy of the budget here:

- [www.knollwood.org/media-documents](http://www.knollwood.org/media-documents) under Knollwood Documents
- [http://content.knollwood.org/2020\\_Documents/2021\\_Proposed\\_Ministry\\_Plan.pdf](http://content.knollwood.org/2020_Documents/2021_Proposed_Ministry_Plan.pdf)
- by request from the church office.

The 2021 Ministry Plan was first reviewed by the congregation on Wednesday night, Nov. 18, 2020. Many thanks to our Finance Chair and Committee, Church Administrator, and others who worked to prepare this budget.

## 2020 Year End

### Financial Report

#### 2020 MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Ministry Plan Giving	\$1,561,306
\$ Increase	40,962
% Increase over 2019	2.7%

2020 Ministry Plan Expenses	<u>1,314,168</u>
Ministry Plan Net Gain	\$ 247,139

#### OTHER 2020 GIVING

Missions beyond the Budget	\$ 71,204
Bequest/Memorial Fund	35,892
Other Designated Giving	31,760
WCC/Capital Campaign	<u>69,412</u>
Total Giving beyond Ministry Plan	\$ 208,269

<b>2020 TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$1,769,575</b>
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## *By Way of Explanation...*

Knollwood’s giving in the year of our Lord 2020 was truly phenomenal. In the midst of a pandemic, Knollwood’s giving was up just over \$40,000.

In addition, expenses were significantly down since the campus was largely closed for most of the year.

As a result, we ended the year with a Net Gain of just over \$247,000.

That surplus allowed the church to fully fund a three-month operating reserve that our auditors suggested was a bare minimum for a non-profit. That left another \$92,000 in income-over-expenses that the Finance Committee directed be used within the next 90 days to help those hit hardest by the pandemic. The KBC Missions Committee (MAAC) will meet next week to develop a plan for doing so.

In addition, Knollwoodians gave \$71,204 beyond the budget to our Christmas Mission Offering and other mission causes.

Many Knollwoodians have faced a tough year financially due to the pandemic, and have given in other ways. Their gifts of presence, prayer, and service are no less important than financial donations.

So thanks be to God for all the ways Knollwoodians have given of themselves and their resources during this uniquely challenging year. Such strong support keeps our church’s mission vital and strong.

# Faith Formation and Education

By KATHARINE MARTIN

Interim Minister of Faith Formation and Education



“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten,” which means “spring.” The Lenten season is a 40-day observance that occurs as winter dormancy gives way to the fresh growth of spring. The 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter excluded Sundays, which are set aside as weekly celebrations of the Resurrection.

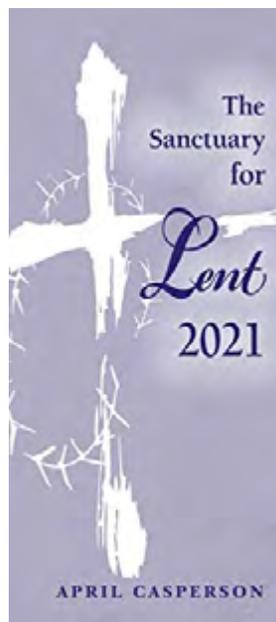
Why 40 days? Jesus fasted and prayed in the wilderness, for “40 days and 40 nights” (Matthew 4:2). Jesus used this time to turn his whole self toward God in preparation for public ministry. As the lectionary texts and our worship liturgies lead us toward his crucifixion and resurrection, we, too, can use 40 days to prepare for the mystery of Easter, and for ministering in Jesus’s name through the rest of the year.

In addition, the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for 40 years of purification before entering their Promised Land. The world was flooded for 40 days during the time of Noah, washing away the evil that had sullied it. According to tradition, Jesus’s body lay 40 hours in the tomb before the Easter miracle. Early Christians therefore set aside 40 days prior to Easter for a concentrated time of spiritual renewal.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, always the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday. On this solemn day, Christians observe the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers’ foreheads as a sign of mourning the death which sin brings into the world. The tracing of the cross on our foreheads and the sight of the ash mark on others, and in the mirror, reminds us of our mortality and our call to humility before God.

In the early centuries of Christianity, Lent was observed with a strict fast. Only one meal a day was allowed. Meat, fish, eggs and milk products were forbidden. Today many people “give up something for Lent” such as sweets or social media. However, the purpose of fasting is not to self-flagellate, but rather to let go of something that gets in the way of our integrity before God and our intimacy with God. The goal of the traditional Lenten practices-- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving-- is nothing more, and nothing less, than repentance: turning back, with all of our hearts, to God.

As our physical world renews itself in spring, so can our spiritual selves experience renewal. Through giving something up or taking something on as a Lenten practice, may we aim to come closer to our Sustainer and Redeemer. Be assured, especially as we all cope with ongoing pandemic deprivations and limitations, that there is no call for self-punishment, and no mandate of perfection in how we practice Lent. There is only the glad invitation to turn back, day after day 40 times, to the full embrace of God.



**Lenten Devotional:**  
*The Sanctuary for Lent 2021*

**Sunday School Elective**  
**with Diane Lipsett**  
*Vulnerable Bodies and Resurrection Hope: A Lenten Study*  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

## **Wednesday Faith Formation Zooms** **in February, 7:00 PM**

Feb. 3 – *Racism and the Federal Criminal Defense System*  
Feb. 10 – *Addressing the Economic Costs of Slavery: Is Reparations an Answer?*

## **Wednesday Faith Formation Zooms in Lent,** **7:00 PM**

Accompanied by our devotional guide, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2021*, we will engage various Lenten themes through interviews, artwork, poetry, and bible study.

Feb. 24 – *Reflecting on Covenant*

March 3 – *Reflecting on Presence*

March 10 – *Reflecting on Guidance*

March 17 – *Reflecting on Grace*

March 24 – *Reflecting on Renewal*

## **March Racial Justice Book Group**

*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone  
Tuesdays at 7:00 March 2, 9, 16

## Virtual Sunday Morning Adult Groups

*Several Sunday morning adult groups are meeting virtually and would welcome your presence. If you are seeking to grow in faith and connect with others during this physically distanced time, please feel free to “visit” these Sunday morning gatherings.*

Email [katharine@knollwood.org](mailto:katharine@knollwood.org) for more information.

### **Barnabas**

Leadership: Rebecca Neiberg

Contact for Zoom link: Rebecca Neiberg

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The Barnabas class is welcoming to newcomers and supportive of one another. Ranging in age from 30ish to 50-something, group members have varied backgrounds. We share thought-provoking discussions about the complexities of faith and life prompted by the Bible and other sources.

### **Kindred Spirits**

Leadership: Joe Long, Roger Underwood

Contact for Zoom link: Chuck Hinson

[chuck@thehinsongroup.com](mailto:chuck@thehinsongroup.com)

Contact for class info: Len Preslar, [preslar.len@gmail.com](mailto:preslar.len@gmail.com)

This group seeks community through study, service, and shared life experiences. We range in age, with many empty nesters who have not yet retired. We often choose multiweek biblical and topical studies and enjoy shared service projects and social gatherings.

### **Faith Matters**

Leadership: Katharine Martin

Contact for Zoom link: Katharine Martin

[katharine@knollwood.org](mailto:katharine@knollwood.org)

This group values open discussion, mutual support, acceptance of diverse people, and involvement in social ministries. With varied ages but tilting toward younger adults, we begin our time together with prayer, then explore questions of faith, biblical interpretation, and cultural relevance.

### **Pilgrimage**

Leadership: Chip Mims

Contact for Zoom link: Peggy Mims

[cpmims3@gmail.com](mailto:cpmims3@gmail.com)

With a lively mix of retired and not-yet-retired members—but open to all adults—this class enjoys vigorous teaching and serious Bible study, often following the Lectionary. We bring biblical teaching into the challenging arena of 21st-century living.

### **Sheltering in Place, Together in Grace**

Leadership: Melanie and David Wilkinson

Contact for Zoom link: Melanie Wilkinson

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A Sunday morning gathering via Zoom for adults structured around readings of the Lectionary texts, with reflections, prayers and visual and/or musical art, designed as preparation for worship and an opportunity to connect with each other.

## Knollwood Small Groups - 2021

*Small groups are currently meeting via Zoom or in outdoor spaces; contact leadership for meeting times and locations.*

**All God's Children** - This ministry team initiates advocacy and activism focused on social justice. Jeff Stallings, [allgodchildrenkbc@gmail.com](mailto:allgodchildrenkbc@gmail.com)

**Companions in Christ** - This committed spiritual formation group explores practices of the Christian spiritual life through weekly small group meetings. Companions in Christ will be on hiatus through spring 2021. The Way of Prayer is the next offering in the Companions in Christ study series. Melanie Wilkinson [melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com); Evalynn Davis, [ebdavis@yadtel.net](mailto:ebdavis@yadtel.net)

**Ennea-Group** - The Enneagram is an ancient tool that offers each of us a way to discover who we really are and encourages us toward transformation in our relationship with God. Melanie Wilkinson, [melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com)

**Evening Book Club** A wide range of ages meet monthly to discuss high-interest contemporary fiction and nonfiction. 2020 - 2021 Books

**Feb. 15** *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdich

**Mar. 15** *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson

**Apr. 19** *Tell Me a Story* by Cassandra King Conroy  
Sarah Pennell, [sarah.r.pennell@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.r.pennell@gmail.com)

**Monday Morning Men** - Consisting mainly of men in late career stages or early retirement, this group gathers to discuss current events, reflect on the Christian life, and support one another. Chip Mims, [cpmims3@gmail.com](mailto:cpmims3@gmail.com)

**Seasons and Women of the Word: a combined Bible Study for Moms** - Sponsored by the Knollwood Children's Ministry, this reflective group of moms meets to study the Bible and share life. For Spring 2021, Seasons and Women and the Word will combine via Zoom. Chrissy Hardy, [chrissy@knollwood.org](mailto:chrissy@knollwood.org)

### **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

This supportive group gathers weekly for Bible study and supports each other through life's many changes. Dean Clifford, [deanmclifford@gmail.com](mailto:deanmclifford@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

This lively group shares life, laughter, and Bible study. Rachel Wiggins, [rdwiggins21@gmail.com](mailto:rdwiggins21@gmail.com); Diana Long, [dlong1221@gmail.com](mailto:dlong1221@gmail.com)

# Music Ministry and Worship

## Choral Ensembles in February and March

By ROZANNA GOOCEY  
Minister of Music and Worship



While almost all of our ensembles were able to meet safely outdoors throughout the fall and early winter, the weather now makes that challenging. So, our Choirs will meet virtually over the next two months and prepare hymns and service music for each week's Worship

Video.

### Worship Videos in February and March

Each week we'll sing at least one hymn from our Children's Music Ministry canon, Hymns for a Lifetime. Each child in our third-through fifth-grade choir (the Chapel Choir) will be practicing this hymn throughout the week. When they're ready, they're invited to send in a recording of themselves singing the hymn to Rozanna and to Charlotte Brown. We hope this encourages everyone to sing at home while we worship and hope it helps the children continue their progress in the Hymns for a Lifetime Program.

Looking forward to singing these hymns together? Here are some of the ones that you'll sing in Worship during Lent.

*This is My Father's World*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*The God of Abraham Praise*

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

*Amazing Grace*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



David Winkelman ringing "Comfort, Comfort!"



## Ash Wednesday, February 17

### *Come to the Garden*

Opens at 12 noon, and remains open until 1:30 PM.

*Join the Knollwood Ministers and Staff in The Memorial Garden* – We will gather on this sacred ground for a time of repentance and renewal. You'll be guided through the Garden to three prayer stations, including the Imposition of Ashes, and a final station of Lenten hymns played by a string quartet.

This Ash Wednesday offering begins at the entrance to The Memorial Garden, which will open at 12 noon, and will remain open until 1:30 PM. You can expect to spend about 15 minutes in the Garden. A minister will greet you at the gate and usher you into the Garden at the next available time. We will send people along the brick path in the Garden in a way that keeps all worshippers socially distanced.

Come and begin the Lenten Journey in community!

### *Morning Imposition of Ashes and Prayer*

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Outside the Knollwood Street Sanctuary Entrance

If you aren't able to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 12 noon in the Garden, come to pray with a Minister and receive the Imposition of Ashes. We've planned this time before most people head to work in hopes of making this ritual available to those who may not be able to leave work in the middle of the day.

Please feel free to drive up in the circle driveway outside of the front Sanctuary entrance. You may remain in your car, or you can join the Minister under the entryway.

# TTWS Opens With All Classes Returning

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



Our Toddler classes joined the 2's - PreK on Jan. 11. We had a few tears from children and parents but it went better than we expected. Here are our happy kids playing, learning and enjoying their sunny outside time.



## FAITH IN THE CITY

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**12 – 1 PM**

**Remote Learning Centers:**  
*Bridging the Gap between Schools & Community*  
via Zoom

For link to the Zoom meeting email [faithinthecitykbc@gmail.com](mailto:faithinthecitykbc@gmail.com).

Building on previous sessions, we will explore how the community can help sustain the critical role of Remote Learning Centers in addressing achievement gaps, ensuring broader parent involvement and generating trust. How is the school system working to support stronger and more equitable community partners?

### PANELISTS



**Carrie Woods**  
Executive Director,  
T.U.R.N. Community  
Development Corporation



**Marilyn Odom**  
Vice President of  
Youth Services,  
YWCA Best Choice Center



**Mark Batten**  
Executive Director of  
Community Engagement,  
WS/FC Schools

*Knollwood Baptist Church offers this monthly series of conversations, running October-May on the first Tuesday, noon-1 PM.*

*These gatherings will explore Faith in the City, inviting participants to deepen community conversations about complex issues and find ways to work together to address injustices that might seem overwhelming to us as individuals.*



## Computer Screen & Front Porches

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation



Community has been hard to come by these last 11 months. At least it's often felt that way to me. I'll admit I took for granted how much the physical contact of a simple handshake or the sound of a non-mask muffled or digitized voice could mean. Among many other things, we've all missed these small signals of our shared connections. The loss of even these small things made our communities feel painfully far away.

This has been especially true for our young people. Missing the small moments, like goofing off in the back of a classroom, has left a large crater in life. But while the traditional markers of our connections to others may have not been available, community has still undergirded our experience. Our community has found ways to gather together and will continue to do so for however long we must. Until we are abundantly confident regathering can be done so safely, we will keep exploring new ways of invigorating the bonds of our community in virtual spaces.

We have plans this coming spring for virtual game nights, at-home service opportunities, and small group gatherings. We're already off to a quick start in this new season with some virtual gatherings for our Sunday night sessions. It won't ever be the same as sharing a meal or sitting together around the couches of our beloved Noffsinger building, but it's still something. And that something nourishes our souls and connects us all the same.

This past weekend everyone in our youth group received a surprise front porch care package. Each contained some sweet and salty provisions, a book of prayers for young people, a new KBC.ym group t-shirt, a card with a sketch of our place, and more. They may be something small, but they are a reminder that we are still our community. Right now, even the small reminders feel like big moments.



## IN MEMORIAM

William Smith, Sr  
October 31, 1928-November 14, 2020

Walter Orion Barnill  
May 14, 1934-November 17, 2020

Miriam DeArmon  
July 2, 1935-November 20, 2020

Sylvia Bell  
September 20, 1943-December 1, 2020

Mindy Goodson Leonard  
September 27, 1958-December 1, 2020

Betty Holliday Bowman  
October 3, 1930-December 7, 2020

Daniel J. Hurst  
December 27, 1941-December 7, 2020

Chestley (CJ) Hyatt, Jr.  
March 3, 1926-January 22, 2021

*The members of Knollwood extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved and pray for God's healing presence in their lives.*

## Nominations for Diaconate Membership

This year eight Deacons complete their three-year term and rotate off the Diaconate. To begin the process of filling these vacancies, the Deacon Nominating Committee is currently accepting Deacon nominations from the congregation. Deacons will be elected by congregational vote in the spring.

You are encouraged to submit your deacon recommendations to [crystal3leathers@gmail.com](mailto:crystal3leathers@gmail.com) through Feb 18.

To nominate someone to serve as a deacon, please use the Standards for Diaconate Membership, which can be found online on the Media-Documents page under the heading Deacons, or here: [http://content.knollwood.org/2019\\_Documents/Standards-for-diaconate-membership.pdf](http://content.knollwood.org/2019_Documents/Standards-for-diaconate-membership.pdf).

## Stone Soup Stewardship

By GAYLE ANDERSON

*Stewardship Committee*

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the outpouring of support for our Stone Soup stewardship initiative. When we began this journey of demonstrating our faith through our pledges for 2021, we were unsure what the response would be in a year decimated by a pandemic which left so many vulnerable.

We put our faith in God, and because of your steadfast support, at year-end, Knollwood's Stone Soup contained 195 Commitments totaling \$1,176,656. That is 76% of the income needed to fund our 2021 ministry plan budget of \$1,555,848, and hundreds of meaningful commitments of prayers and service. Our Stone Soup is a rich blend of your time, talents, and financial resources.

We understand that some face diminishing resources, and our giving commitments for 2021 are down slightly. Just to put this in context, over the past three years, we have received, on average, annual commitments from 210 families totaling \$1,205,000.

If you have not yet made your giving commitment for 2021, a copy of the Stone Soup commitment card can be downloaded here. We would welcome your commitment. Please send your card to the church office, or scan and email it, or simply email your confidential giving promise to [finance@knollwood.org](mailto:finance@knollwood.org).

We are profoundly grateful for your response to furthering God's work through Knollwood, and we wish you a healthy and safe New Year.



## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Ted Philpott

Five years as of Feb. 8.

Please take this opportunity to thank Ted for his faithful service to our church.

## MINISTER ON CALL

If you need a Knollwood minister, please call our Minister On-Call at 336-283-5067. This number is staffed 24/7 by a Knollwood minister.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM

The office is not open to the public, but it is partially staffed at this time. Call 336-725-1343 to check staff availability for dropping off and picking up items.

## VIDEO & AUDIO

Video and audio recordings of Knollwood's Worship services are available online: <https://www.knollwood.org/media-documents>

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all in the KBC family who shared expressions of love and concern by phoning, texting, emailing, sending cards, and providing food during the difficult time surrounding my brother's death on January 13. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. Your expressions of caring and concern were appreciated, comforting and meaningful to us at this difficult time.

~Joyce Moser



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