

# The Messenger

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Grace and Peace to You!

Ekklesia. It's a Greek word that we translate as "church; congregation, or assembly." In this era of post-modernity "church" has become a suspect term. It smacks of religiosity, structure, conformity, rules and judgment. "Church" is a place people "go to" for an hour, sit in uncomfortable seats, hear an irrelevant message and sing a few songs that date back to the 1800s. In this generation, church is an antiquated, stagnant term. Who needs that?

Ekklesia must incorporate a paradigm shift. In these times of instant communication and global marketing, "My Space," "Face Book" and "twitter-ing," folks are looking for meaning, relativity and belonging. Too often we find those connections in shallow pools of mercuric relationships and quixotic promises lifted up by mass marketing. Questions lurk around the human psyche: Where is there depth of connectivity? What about the human need to belong? Is there a god and if so, can I trust the God of Christianity? In an era in which everything is relative, is there an ultimate Truth? Who am I and why am I so lonely? Is all of this all that there is, or is there more?

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Ekklesia is facing many of the same issues it faced in the first few years of its existence. Plurality abounds. Polytheism is a reality. (A few years ago MTV ran an ad that said, "Don't just worship your idols, become them.") Christian beliefs and values are under attack. America is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest mission district in the world. If this is true for America, it is true for Coweta County.

Resurrection was begun as a mission ekklesia. Mission churches are about the business of introducing people to Jesus Christ and effecting transformation in their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. This August, our church council will be on retreat. We will do some visioning for Resurrection, praying for God to lead us into the next few years. In his book *Turn Your Church Inside Out (Building a Community for Others)*, Walt Kallestad reminds us that "imagining the church as it ought to be is the first step in transforming the church as it is." Begin praying now that the Spirit of the ever-living Christ will be alive, well, and active here in this place.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Barb*



**INCOME AND EXPENSES**  
May, 2009

<i>Income</i>	
Offerings	\$ 18,593.65
<i>Expenses</i>	
Administration	1,043.45
Designated for Easter Lilies	336.00
Fun and Fellowship	174.63
Learning	20.36
Payroll	8,683.70
Payroll Expenses	23.79
Property & Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	5,306.58
Staff Benefits	2,150.84
Systems	29.95
Vision-Marketing	72.00
Witness (Benevolence to Synod)	769.20
Worship	161.18
<i>Total Expenses</i>	18,771.68
<i>Net Income</i>	-- 178.03

**RLC CHURCH**  
**“WEB” BUILD**



If you have not been on the church website ([www.rlchurch.com](http://www.rlchurch.com)) lately, you probably have not seen the recent updates made to most of the web pages. We are striving to keep the website current and to add more content. This is where we need your help. Over the next six months to a year, we would like to build out the website to a new standard format, build it using a standard development web tool, and have a more active participation from the staff, committees, and congregation as a whole, contributing to the website to get our mission message out to the community. We need some volunteers to be on the web committee, to help with updating the website, learn the web development tool, or help to manage the content. We also would like for each church committee to submit weekly or monthly updates. Our first meeting will be in between the two services on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. Breakfast will be provided. Anyone in any age group, interested in contributing to the website development is welcome to attend. **The visibility of our church to the public cannot be done by one pair of hands, but by many if we want to reach out to many.** Please RSVP to [webmaster@rlchurch.com](mailto:webmaster@rlchurch.com).

**Coffee and Synod Assembly Up-date**

Ever wonder what goes on at Synod Assembly? Come to our coffee hour on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. John Setzer, Vivian Haren, and Pastor Barb will share information from the fabulous workshops they attended. We'll also discuss general business of our Synod.

**Congratulations Dr. Troutman**

Dr. Gerald S. Troutman has been recognized by his alma mater, Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C.

Dr. Troutman was presented with the Clarence L. Pugh distinguished Alumnus Award in ceremonies on the Lenoir-Rhyne campus on April 4. Margaret Allen, assistant director of marketing and communications at Lenoir-Rhyne, said the award is presented annually to the alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated great prominence in his or her career field while adhering to the principles of education and Christian character upon which Lenoir-Rhyne was founded. The award is the highest given by the LRU Alumni Association.

On April 30, 2009, Dr. Troutman retired from his work with the Fund for Leaders in Mission with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For several years, Dr. Troutman has been the resource associate a scholarship program for seminary students.

Congratulations to Dr. Troutman and blessings upon retirement!

**Christian Sympathy**

The congregation extends their love and sympathy to Ron and Carole Hall in the loss of Ron's mother, Lorene Hall, in Arkansas. Cards of condolence may be sent to Ron and Carole at 9163 Edinburgh Drive, Winston, GA 30187.

## Scriptures to give you strength

*Are you having problems at work? Losing your job?* Proverbs 16:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:15; Jeremiah 29:11-14; Philipians 4:11b-13

*Are you anxious? Depressed?* Psalm 25; Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 10:26-31; I Peter 1:3-5; I Peter 5:6-7; Psalm 16:8-11; Psalm 43; Psalm 130; Isaiah 61:1-4; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Lamentations 3:55-58; John 3:14-17; Ephesians 3:14-21

*Are you looking for God's will?* Psalm 15; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 5:14-16; Luke 9:21-27; Romans 13:8-14; 2 Peter 1:3-9; I John 4:7-21

*Are you stressed out?* Isaiah 55:1-12; Matthew 11:28-30; John 4:1-15; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Revelation 22:17

*Are you worried about the future? Getting old?* Matthew 6:25-34; Isaiah 35; Isaiah 60; Jeremiah 29:11-14; I Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-8; Psalm 37:23-29; Isaiah 46:3-4; Luke 12:4-7

*Are you tired? Weary?* Psalm 3:5-6; Psalm 4:4-8; Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:28-30, 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Hebrews 4:1-11

*Are you facing a difficult decision?* I Kings 3; Esther 4-7; Psalm 139; Daniel 2:14-23; John 8:1-11; Colossians 3:12-17

*Are you seeking forgiveness?* Psalm 32:1-5; Psalm 51; Proverbs 28:13; Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 15:1-7; Luke 15:8-10; Luke 15:11-24; Hebrews 4:14-16; I John 1:5-10; Psalm 130

## THANK YOU FROM OUR GRADUATES

Thank you for the Bible and \$25. I really appreciate you thinking of me during this special time. You can bet the money will be put to good use! Thanks again!  
Amanda Rountree

Thank you so much for the Bible and generous cash graduation gift. I'm looking forward to heading off to Tech. Your gift will come in very handy. Many thanks!  
Andrew Filipowski



Please do remember the expenses of the church continue, even when you aren't at church to give your offering. If you will take the time to drop your offering off at the church office or mail it before you leave on vacation, the church can meet its weekly financial obligations. We hope you have a great summer vacation!

## COUNCIL UPDATE

June 9, 2009

by Jill Dance, Council Secretary

*Congregation Council meets second Tuesday of the month to discuss business and hear ministry reports.*

Highlights from the June meeting:

- Update on Child Protection Policy and training for volunteers
- Reports from Education, Worship, Building & Property & Staff Support committee liaisons
- Approved request by ERA Realtors to use the parking lot for overflow parking on 6/25
- Creative planning with Pastor Barb for upcoming evangelism, outreach & fellowship events in the late summer & fall – stay tuned as plans progress!
- Council retreat in August – to dream, identify goals, & be refreshed in God's blessings & guidance

*Please add your prayers to ours about God's plans for Resurrection Lutheran – not that He blesses what we do but that we do what God blesses!*

## SUNDAY DRIVES AT RESURRECTION

During the month of July we are asking everyone to bring at least **one bar of soap** for those in our community who are serviced by the One Roof Ecumenical Alliance organization. A collection box will be available beginning July 1. Thanks for caring about others!



July is the month for stage shows. Sweeney  
Todd, School Edition on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the

## **Around Our Community**

Arts in the Southern Crescent makes the  
following events known to us.

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
"The Welcome Place"  
1250 Lora Smith Road  
Newnan, GA 30265

Nonprofit Org  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277  
Permit # 222

Address Service Requested

Newsletter Mailed 06/26/2009

## Come Celebrate Life!

### OUR MISSION

*"Know Christ and Make Him Known"*

### CHURCH LOCATION

1250 Lora Smith Road at Hwy. 34  
Newnan, GA 30265

### WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday  
at Both Services

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - 10:30 A.M. ~ August - May

### OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday ~ Friday

### TO REACH US

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 13-17, 2009 9:00 A.M. - NOON  
Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## VBS KICKOFF

July 12, 2009 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
on the Church Grounds

Outdoor fun and hotdogs for everyone  
Come Get Your VBS Goodies!

REGISTER ON LINE FOR VBS

[www.rlchurch.com](http://www.rlchurch.com)

~ click on VBS link ~

