

On Hurting and Healing: Northern Piedmont's Roll of Love and Remembrance

*Let the little children come to me; do not stop them,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*
-Mark 10:14b

I recently had the joy of spending a Sunday in one of our missional networks. The morning was devoted to the celebration of children, and the afternoon was devoted to God's gift of healing. I found myself drawing a relationship between the two. In the church we teach children that Jesus loves them and that God is trustworthy: *"Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so."* We ask them to take this information at face value, internalize it, and use it as a filter for appropriating all of life's experiences. Each time we counsel them, we remind them of their belovedness and that it is based upon scriptural truths.

As children grow, hurts happen. One of the most wonderful thing about children is that they can tell you when they are hurting. **"It hurts!"** It is a truly a kingdom principle to be able to name when we are hurt. In the same manner, children can tell us when they are healing. **"I'm feeling better today! Can we go ...?"** These are some of the skills I think we should all take into Christian adulthood – the ability to name when we are hurt, and the ability to name when we are feeling better. A childlike faith, as the pastor said that Sunday, is "always open to revelation." It can name both pain and relief, both hurt and healing.

It will be a long while before we can all collectively say "I am feeling better today!" about the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to pandemic, it also heightened the symptoms of deeply held national division. The virus mutated into a political crisis. In my opinion, this has made some of our losses even more tragic.

You have been courageously "childlike" in sharing your losses with us, in sharing the truth that "it hurts" a lot right now to lose those we have loved and respected. For some, the losses were from the virus itself; for others, they were losses experienced in isolation, without the gestures that so often make them bearable.

Our District grieves with you right now, and we stand beside you in your losses. We thank you for naming 141 persons who have mattered very much to you. Each of them was a beloved child of God, invited to the eternal joy of resurrection life beyond the pain and struggle experienced here during this hard season. They are missed, and they will continue to be missed. To honor their memories, our District is making a \$1,410 gift to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We will designate our gift to support **Global Ministries and UMCOR's COVID-19 Response Efforts Around the World.** (Advance Offering #3022612)

I invite you to reflect on this list, to pray for the families and the churches that are connected to these beloved children of God. Thank you for letting us be involved in their stories, and in your hurting and healing during this very difficult time.

With Love,

Bev Copley, District Superintendent
And, the Northern Piedmont District Staff

Roll of Love and Remembrance

Fred Adkins, Julian	Lucille Crawford, Greensboro
Ruth Anne Anderson, Madison	Edith Shepherd Crowder, Greensboro
Irvin Gant Angel, Greensboro	Virginia Lee Causey Cudworth, Greensboro
Lovetta Bailey, Brown Summit	James Richard "Dick" Cudworth, Greensboro
Wayne Barham, Brown Summit	Joe Cuozzi, Ruffin
Gary Franklin Bass, III, Greensboro	Jimmy Dalton, Madison
Minnie Beatty, High Point	Jerome Irwin Davis, Greensboro
Daphne Beech, High Point	Emery "Buddy" Durham, Greensboro
Dorothy Blair, High Point	Celia Eller, Greensboro
Peggy Boles, Greensboro	Joan Elizabeth Boyd Evans, Greensboro
Iva Booker, Greensboro	Carol Faulkner, Greensboro
Margaret Potter Bowen, High Point	Frances Faust, High Point
Rev. Johnnie G. Boyd, High Point	Sandy Floyd, Atlanta, GA
Maxine Richardson Bradley, Greensboro	Betty Kernodle Franks, Greensboro
Loretta Broadnax, Eden	Ann Gates, Greensboro
Jack P. Brown, Greensboro	James Delmer Gentry, Sr., Stokesdale
John William Brown, Greensboro	Roscoe Gilmore, High Point
Cora Lee Burke, Stokesdale	Michael Goad, Mayodan
Catherine Burnett-Taylor, Greensboro	Sally Goin, Greensboro
Peggy Burton, Greensboro	Fred Kemp Gordon, Greensboro
Benny Burton, Greensboro	Laverne Grant, Greensboro
Nannie Capel, High Point	Betty Gray, Brown Summit
Ann Causey, Greensboro	Otis Griffin, Stokesdale
Janie Chavis, High Point	Gene Gunter, Archdale
Oscar "Top" Cloninger, Brown Summit	Rev. Ray Hahn, Greensboro
Helen Poston Clontz, Greensboro	Elizabeth Lee Yoder Harris, Greensboro
Seavy Collins, Greensboro	Barbara Matthews Harward, Greensboro
Rev. Greg Collins, Yadkin Valley District	Velma Hauser, Greensboro
Carolyn Brewer Cooke, Greensboro	Mickie Hendricks, Greensboro
Clay Courtney, Reidsville	Ed Hennings, Greensboro
Mary Hargrove Craven, Greensboro	Mary Hilda Hix, Greensboro

Pauline Chrismon Holt, Brown Summit	Katherine Engle Wimbish Paschal, Greensboro
Mike Honeycutt, Greensboro	David H. Patton, Greensboro
Herbert Hooper, Brown Summit	Deanna Payne, Stokesdale
Oliver Hoskins, Randleman	Rachel Payne, Stokesdale
Flynn E. Hudson, III, Greensboro	Burton Pegram, Brown Summit
Betty Jo Welch Hull, Greensboro	Jackie Phillips, Greensboro
Tom P. James, Jr., Odessa, TX	Joseph Wade Powell, Eden
Ashley Simpson James, Jr., Greensboro	Mary Frances Price, Randleman
Teresa Johnson, Reidsville	Charles Price, Randleman
Fern Johnson, Greensboro	John Prine, Nashville, TN
James Johnson, High Point	Chris Puckett, Greensboro
Chance Joiner, Madison	Royce Oscar Reynolds, Greensboro
Wayne Jones, Brown Summit	Vonda Richardson, High Point
Doris Hill Kiel, Greensboro	Marine Ritter, Greensboro
Elsie Knickles, Greensboro	Loren Edward Rudolf, Greensboro
James Madison Light, Jr., Greensboro	Reva Ann Elbertson Sahli, Greensboro
Gary Malloy, Madison	Tina Ann Gallant Sax, Greensboro
David Wayne Malloy, Madison	Ron Scott, Brown Summit
Ruth Maness, Brown Summit	Loree Shelton, Brown Summit
JoAnn Marsh, Greensboro	Jean Shropshire, Madison
Martha Jean Patton Maulden, Greensboro	Gene Sigmon, Newton
Willie Mae McClain, High Point	Mary Ann Mitchell Sikes, Greensboro
Lee McKinney, Summerfield	Thomas Simmons, III, High Point
Pat McLamb, Brown Summit	Kay Skow, Madison
Florine McNew, Greensboro	Jimmy Sloan, Brown Summit
Helen Peden Medlin, Greensboro	Charles Smith, Greensboro
Herman David Middleton, Sr., Greensboro	Carol Smith, Greensboro
Gladys Varner Mingia, Greensboro	Ruth Smith, Greensboro
Bobby Mitchell, Jamestown	Walter "Wayne" Smithey, Greensboro
Deborah Morgan, Greensboro	Eldred Sparks, Reidsville
Ernestine Muhhamed, Madison	Joyce Ellen Stewart, Reidsville
David "Buddy" Mullis, Brown Summit	Alice Elizabeth Stokes, Greensboro
Denise Brinkley Muncy, Greensboro	Caroline Stott, Elon, NC
Kenneth Harold Murray, Jamestown	Benjamin Striblin, Randleman
John Newsome, Greensboro	Bobby Summers, Brown Summit
Linda Nickles, Brown Summit	Virginia Clarke Swanson, Greensboro
Frank Nobels, Randleman	Marie Whitehurst Swiggett, Greensboro
Paula Joyce Davis Nuckles, Greensboro	Larry Swindell, Greensboro
Gail Barnes Oglesby, Greensboro	Ginny Taylor, Greensboro
Ann Overbey, Greensboro	Jack E. Thomas, Sr., Greensboro
Emil Overdiep, Greensboro	Patricia Hughes Troxler, Greensboro
Miriam Pacquin, Greensboro	Jerry Lamont Troxler, Greensboro
Henrietta R. Parrish, Greensboro	Archie Lee Tucker, Madison

Hetty Cox Turkel, Greensboro
Luvenia Turner, Greensboro
David Wagoner, Brown Summit
Malcolm Warren, Kernersville
Connie Waters, Lawton, OK
Alexander Watson, Greensboro
Bettie Weatherly, Pleasant Garden
Bette Weatherly, Reidsville

Doris Powell Webster, Madison
Sergio White, Winston-Salem
Shirley White, Kernersville
Skip Williams, Greensboro
David Lemont Wright, Thomasville, NC
Dorothy Grace Pike Yeager, Greensboro
Frank York, Greensboro
Jane Johnson Young, Elon, NC