



Glad Tidings

July 10, 2025



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From the Clergy



Grey Out of Office Announcement

Rev. Grey will be out of the office from June 27 through July 14. Please contact the church office with any immediate needs. The Rev. Ryan Parker and other Nativity affiliated clergy will be available for pastoral concerns during this time.

From the Staff



Join Remmy's Fight

Eva Warren, our nursery worker, needs support as her newborn son faces serious health challenges. With mounting medical needs and time away from work, the burden is heavy. You can help ease this load. Donate via [GoFundMe](#) or through Grey's discretionary fund by putting a check in the offering plate (write "Eva Warren" on the memo line of your check). Your support means the world to Eva and her family.

Parish Life



Veterans@Nativity: Coffee, Community, Care

We are excited to invite all veterans and active service members to join us for a special community gathering on **Sunday, July 13**, from 9:30 to 10:10 am in Curry Hall, Room 202. This open forum is a wonderful opportunity for connection, support, and shared experiences. Whether you're a veteran yourself or know someone who has served, we welcome you to come together as a community and strengthen the bonds we share. We can't wait to see you there!



Service and Picnic at the Lake - July 20

Join us **Sunday, July 20** at 10:30 am for a service and picnic at [Falls Lake, Beaver Dam Shelters, Site 23](#). Bring enough food for your family to share with others, and don't forget camp chairs or a blanket. Sheila Knapp and the fellowship team will provide paper goods and drinks—[contact Sheila](#) if you'd like to help. Enjoy worship and fellowship in a beautiful outdoor setting. The 8:30 am service will still be held at Nativity for those who prefer the early, indoor option. We look forward to seeing you at the lake for a joyful time together.



Help with Vacation Bible School – 2 Ways to Support!

VBS is **July 27–31**, and we need your help to make it a success! A big way you can help is to [donate food](#)—frozen items go in the Estill House freezer labeled VBS, and shelf-stable items in the kitchen basket. Drop off during church hours or on July 26 (9–11 am) or July 27 after worship. Finally, we're [collecting supplies](#) for crafts and activities. You can drop these off outside Jeremy's office.



Welcoming Our New Choir Director and Curate

We're excited to welcome two new members of our community—Christian, our new organist and choirmaster, and George, our new curate! Please join us for a joyful reception on Sunday, **July 27**, following the 10:30 service. We'll gather in the Narthex for cake, conversation, and a chance to extend a warm Nativity welcome. They will both be at the picnic in the park on **July 20** as well!



Update to the Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory was last published in October 2024 and will soon be updated. If you and your family are not in the current edition, we need to add you.

Does the office have your vital information - home address, phone numbers, and email addresses? Please send them to office@nativityonline.org.

Youth & Children



Registration Open for Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a fun week of music, games, crafts, stories, and dinner—focused on caring for God’s creation from **July 27-31**. It’s a free, faith-filled week to grow, connect, and enjoy summer fun together.

To reserve your spot, fill out the [registration form](#). If you have more questions, please [contact Jeremy](#).

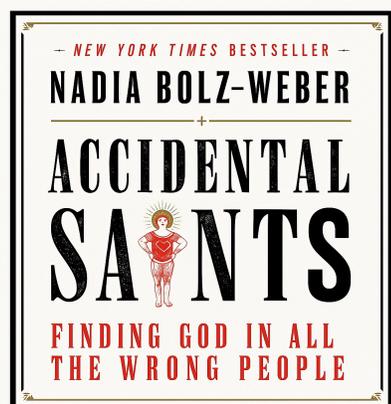


The Justice Theater Project Youth Summer Theater Camp

Join us **August 4–8** for a full-day theater camp open to rising 3rd–9th graders! From 8:45 am to 4 pm, campers will explore acting, movement, and technical theater, all led by professional instructors. Together, they’ll create and perform a show inspired by a book from Nativity’s Peace Library. No experience needed—everyone gets a role!

Cost is \$285, with optional extended care available for \$50. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register through [Justice Theater Project](#).

Adult Formation



Accidental Saints Book Study

Join us on Zoom for a book study of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Led by the Rev. Phillip Bass, we'll meet Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm, **July 2–23** on Zoom, to explore stories of grace, struggle, and unexpected encounters with God. Bolz-Weber's raw and honest storytelling invites us to see the sacred in unlikely places—and people. All are welcome!

Use this [Zoom link](#) to join the study each week.



Six Northern Saints

Join us for *Six Northern Saints*, a three-week adult formation series beginning **Sunday, July 27**, held from 9:30 to 10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. Each week we'll explore the lives of two Celtic saints from the ancient kingdom of Northumbria: Oswald, Cuthbert, Bede, Aidan, Hilda, and Æbbe. These remarkable figures shaped the early church in Britain through lives of prayer, mission, and deep spiritual insight. Their stories continue to challenge and inspire us today. Please [register here](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome.



Education for Ministry Registration Opens Soon!

Registration for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the 2025–26 academic year will open on **July 15**. This small-group program meets Monday evenings at Nativity and invites participants into a four-year journey of theological study, reflection, and spiritual growth. EfM, offered through Sewanee's School of Theology, provides a framework for exploring Christian tradition and deepening faith through guided discussion and shared learning.

To learn more, contact [Jeremy Clos](#) or [Josh Booth](#), or check out the [EfM website](#). You can also read a first-person account in this [blog post](#) by Matt Chytka.

Outreach



ONE Wake Blessing of the Land AND Affordable Housing Accountability Action!

ONE Wake has identified a large parcel of land owned by Wake County that could be partially used for affordable housing. PLEASE join us at 12 pm on **July 12** at Watts Chapel to encourage all of our county and municipal representatives to commit this land to that end.

Please consider being there and with your presence, perhaps making things better! RSVP [here](#) with ONE Wake and [here](#) with Nativity so we know you are going – carpooling available! Contact [Becky Showalter](#) with any questions.

Donations Welcome for Nativity's Peace Library



Want to support Nativity's Peace Library? We've made it easy! Visit our [Quail Ridge Books Wish List](#), add books to your cart, and use coupon code **NATIVITY25** at checkout for a 21% discount—books will be sent directly to the church. A few titles are only available on our [Amazon Wish List](#); those will be delivered to a team member. If you'd like to be recognized for your donation, please let us know by completing [this short form](#). Thank you for helping us grow this collection of peace, justice, and compassion.

Community Events



Invitation to Couples Getaway "The Four Seasons of Life and Love"

Looking to recharge your relationship? Join us for a Couples Getaway **September 20–21**, at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Led by Michael and Myra Holmes, certified Better Marriages leaders and authors of *Fighting for Your Military Marriage*, this weekend offers time to reconnect and have fun together. Cost is \$175 per couple and includes Saturday meals; first-time couples pay just \$100. Scholarships available. Hotel rooms are \$139/night.

Learn more and register at www.bettermarriagesnc.org or contact Carl and Nancy Terry at 919-559-2827.

Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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