

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING



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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13, NIV)

Ella is one of our older teenagers at the Madison Youth Ranch. She was admitted to the Children's Home due to neglect and family drug use in the home. When Ella was first brought into our care, she had engaged in self harm behaviors and attention-seeking activities. Like many of the youth we serve, the effects of our traumatic experiences had taken a negative toll on her development and well-being.

Last year, after being in our care for about ten months, Ella was in the chapel with our Ranch Administrator, Mica Renfroe. They were talking about the stained glass windows, and Mica had shared how the windows tell the story of Jesus' life. After they discussed every window, Ella said, "Ms. Mica, I don't even feel like the same person who came to live at the Ranch. I'm not sure what has changed, but I like who I am now most of all!" When she left our care, Ella did so equipped with an understanding of how to get attention in healthy ways. She went to live with a family member, who has since adopted her. We give thanks for God's work in Ella's life thus far, and are excited to see the many blessings God will continue to bring about as Ella continues on her journey.

God has used the Florida United Methodist Children's Home to change the lives of countless children throughout our 113-year history. Those children, just like Ella, were given an opportunity to experience God's love in tangible ways. At the Children's Home, we rejoice in the partnership we have been able to develop with churches from all across Florida. It is through your prayers, financial support, in-kind donations, and general support that we are able to serve the children and families we do.

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