

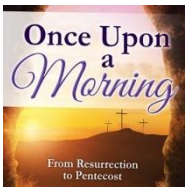
Week of April 28, 2024



From Woody: I came across an interesting interview on Meet the Press yesterday. The guest was Ruby Bridges, and she was talking about her children's book. *I AM RUBY BRIDGES*. It is the true story of her role in the integration of the public schools in New Orleans in 1956. When she was six years old, she was told by her parents that she was going to be going to a new school with these words, "Ruby, you're going to a new school today and you better behave," With those words her parents sent her off in the company of four guards to the William Franz Elementary School. She had to walk into the school through a crowd of racist, hate filled white people and this was a similar experience from Nov. 14, 1960 through the rest of the school year. She was in a classroom by herself with her first grade teacher, Mrs. Henry. It was during this court ordered integration period that most white children were sent off to white only private schools, usually run by churches. Ruby said in the interview that her parents and she got through the year on prayer and faith. The crowds remained for most of the year. She also received help from the kindness and compassion of her white teacher, Mrs. Henry. She had this comment during the interview, "It's not just about my experience integrating schools. It's also about the innocent ways that a child sees the world. Writing as my six year old self reminded me how differently kids interpret things than adults do. Children are better at finding humor in everything, that's what this book really does." She came to know that her courage would pave the way for other black students. There is a children's book in our Library about Ruby Bridges and Barbara Ballou is ordering her book, *I AM RUBY BRIDGES*.

Around the country her book is on the list of those books some of our fellow citizens are trying to ban. Their rationale is that it might upset white children. Our history has parts of it, and race is a central one, that should upset us, no matter how old we are.

ANNOUNCEMENT



One Upon a Morning: A Resurrection to Ascension Cantata will be performed by the combined voices of area churches and GHS students—including our own wonderful choir—and directed by Minister of Music, Sam Gorton. It will be held at the Congregational Church in Goffstown on **May 4 at 3:00 pm. Plan to attend!**



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