

STORIES OF Peace



Peace Preparatory
ACADEMY

*To the people and places
that make up our Peace Prep
community. Together may we
be formed more like Jesus.*



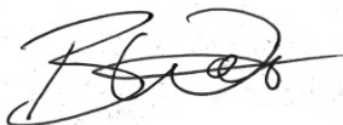
Friends,

Stories are sacred. In a world that is deeply divided, dark, and often lonely, we need spaces and practices that allow us to imagine wholeness in our own lives, in our families, and in our communities. With words and images, stories can create these spaces. Stories can help shape new patterns in our minds and hearts and move us into ways of being that remind us we are more alike than we are different, there is more light than there is darkness, and we do not walk alone.

Through the use of story, I want to invite you to see and know some of the people and places that make Peace so special. Over the next few pages, I hope you enjoy getting to read our stories and join us in praying for our people and places.

On a walk through our campus it is hard to not feel like you are in a thin space, a place where heaven and earth collide, and you witness joy and hope bursting through with light. It is my prayer that these pages emanate that heartbeat.

Humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Wills', with a stylized, cursive script.

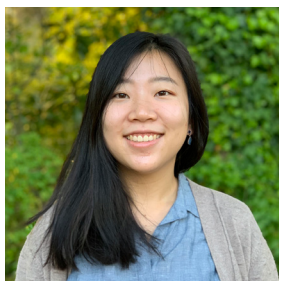
Benjamin Wills
Founder, Head of School





The staff of Peace Prep are gardeners of culture. They are the unseen and often unknown among us, carrying a significant weight. The future of our community, city, and world is being cultivated in their classrooms.





Ms. Libby

KINDERGARDEN TEACHER

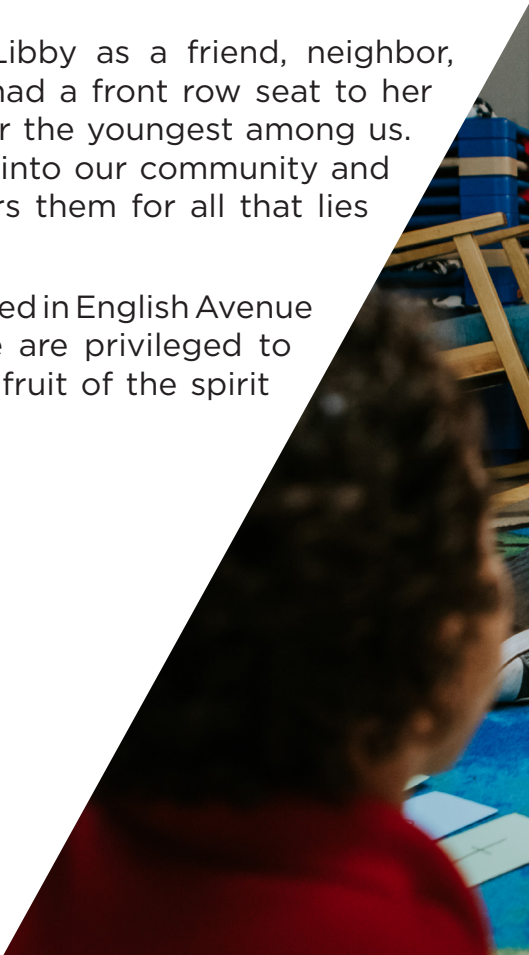
Ms. Libby is kindness, gentleness, and warmth personified. To know and be known by her is to feel loved, special, and invited to know the possibility of a bright future.

Having known Ms. Libby as a friend, neighbor, and teacher, I have had a front row seat to her care and kindness for the youngest among us. She welcomes them into our community and school and empowers them for all that lies ahead.

She has lived and served in English Avenue for 14 years, and we are privileged to watch God bear the fruit of the spirit in her life daily.

**“SHE WELCOMES
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Benjamin Wills





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“LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR ON A DAILY BASIS”





“I **LOVE** how Peace is a community.

I **LOVE** witnessing the growth that happens in children for the years that they are here.

I **LOVE** how the restorative environment that Peace embodies spills out into the streets around the school and throughout the neighborhood.

Being a part of English Ave and Peace communities has shown me some of the best examples of loving your neighbor on a daily basis.”

Ms. Libby,
Kindergarten Teacher





Ms. Hooper

PRE-K TEACHER

Ms. Hooper is a master class in patience and resilience.

Her careful and thoughtful preparation with each child in mind comes to life in a bold and lively display that captivates our Pre-K students. Her deep belief that every child can learn, grow, and succeed is evident in her creation of the ideal conditions for that growth. Watching her teach is a joy to behold and inspires us all to pursue past what we believe are our own limitations.

TO BE IN HER PRESENCE AS SHE TEACHES IS TO WATCH JESUS WELCOMING THOSE TO WHOM THE KINGDOM BELONGS.

LOVE MERCY, DO JUSTICE, WALK HUMBLLY

“I have learned so much from working at Peace Prep I would have to write a book.

I have found a love for each individual child that I never thought I could possess.

I have been challenged in ways that I would have never chosen in my own finite wisdom.

I have grown in understanding and learned that failure is feedback.

I have experienced here what life abundantly can look like when you **LOVE MERCY, DO JUSTICE, AND WALK HUMBLLY** with God.”

-Eulice Hooper
Pre-K Teacher



A Prayer

FOR TEACHERS

Almighty God,

We thank you for the gift of those who care for children. As your son Jesus reminds us, to them belongs the Kingdom of God. Strengthen the teachers and staff of Peace Prep, that with wisdom and faithful care, they may love and nourish children to grow in the grace and knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

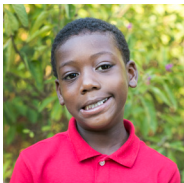
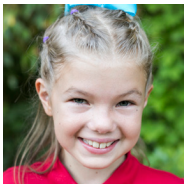
Amen.

JESUS SAID, “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.” WHEN HE HAD PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEM, HE WENT ON FROM THERE.

Matthew 19: 14-15

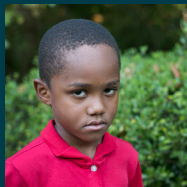








The kids we serve
are the bravest I
know. Their bravery
produces an
infectious joy. As
Jesus reminds us, to
them belongs the
kingdom of heaven.





Kamya

1ST GRADE, 2016

Kamya is one of those **BRAVE, STRONG,** and **COURAGEOUS** kids. From the moment we met her it has been a privilege to watch her journey and grow.



2ND GRADE, 2017



“Mya inspires me with her natural leadership in the classroom. She brings such a fun and unique energy to our group. She has helped me grow as an educator because she constantly reminds me the importance of curiosity and fun in the learning process!”

Laura Jones

Kamya's 5th Grade Teacher

“I love Peace. It's a very good school. They really love the children that go there. They put in their all in everything that they do for the children that go there. My daughter has come along ways with Peace Prep.”

Ms. April

Kamya's Mom



3RD GRADE, 2018



4TH GRADE, 2019



A Prayer

FOR STUDENTS

Almighty God,

We thank you for the gift of children. May their pureness of heart, joy in life, and trusting spirits grant us the grace to see you more fully. May our care for them be as our care unto you. Protect and guide the students at Peace Preparatory Academy as they grow in the grace and knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE
I AM FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE;
YOUR WORKS ARE
WONDERFUL, I KNOW
THAT FULL WELL.**

Psalm 139: 14





English Avenue

AND THE HISTORIC WESTSIDE

We have called the corner of North Avenue and Lindsey Street in English Avenue home since 2016.

By participating in the renewal of the Historic Lindsey Street Baptist Church Heritage Hall and adjacent multi-family properties to the south and west of our school campus in partnership with OaksATL Community Development, we have seen the direct impacts of the physical restoration of a place.

We intend to continue deepening our roots in a community with a beautiful history by allowing it to remind us of where it has been and lead us towards reimagined possibilities in the future.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LONG UNKNOWN AND OFTEN EXCLUDED WILL BE A TRANSFORMATIVE PLACE FOR THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR CITY.







A Prayer

FOR ENGLISH AVENUE

Almighty God,

We thank you for a place to call home. We pray that you would give us the wisdom and provision to steward well a space where your ways can be known.

Help us to walk in the knowledge that with this gift we have the opportunity to help shape earth to look more like heaven daily. May it be a place where **UNITY** and **SHALOM** radiate in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



**BUT SEEK THE WELFARE
OF THE CITY WHERE I
HAVE SENT YOU INTO
EXILE, AND PRAY TO THE
LORD ON ITS BEHALF, FOR
IN ITS WELFARE YOU WILL
FIND YOUR WELFARE.**

Jeremiah 29:7



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