



# The Link

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## LET'S THINK ABOUT IT

We are all tired of thinking about the economy and would much rather it improve so that we can get on with our responsibilities and enjoyment of life. Reality dictates otherwise, however. As a congregation, we face the challenge of providing a wide range of ministries on a lean budget. At the initiation of the staff, the Board of Finance approved a Provisional Budget for the year which is \$25,000 less than the current operating budget. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to fund and support the ministries of our congregation.

Dr. Wright preached a thoughtful and challenging sermon on stewardship last Sunday. We think it is worth your having a copy for your own reflection so we have included it in this edition of *The Link*.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. If you have not turned in your pledge for this year, please do so. It will help us do a better job of ministry in these uncertain economic times.

Larry McAdams, Chair, Board of Finance

## NEW OFFICERS

Recently new officers were elected to serve the congregation during this year. Hank Strickland is the Chair of the Diaconate and the Moderator of the congregation. Jerry Carter serves as Vice-Chair and Ann Winstead as Secretary.

Larry McAdams serves as Chair of the Board of Finance with Dan Herring as Vice-Chair and Shawn Crumley as Secretary.

We are grateful to these individuals for their commitment and service.

## TOPNOTCHERS VALENTINE BANQUET

Our youth invite all of our Topnotchers to join them for our annual Valentine Banquet, hosted in your honor, on Sunday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. in Kincheloe Hall. We will enjoy a delicious meal and special entertainment provided by the Chancel and Youth Choirs. You will not want to miss this fun fellowship! Call the church office to sign up.



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Christian Education Committee is offering a women's retreat to be held February 17-18, 2012, at Lake Gaston. Well-known prayer and hymn writer Peggy Haymes will be our retreat leader. She will lead us in creative fellowship and learning activities to help us relate our practice of prayer to the challenges we face in our daily lives and will return with us to preach in worship on Sunday, February 19. The cost of the retreat is \$80.00 per person. Space is limited, so contact Elizabeth as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

**Duke Medical Center, Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710**

**Beverly Bulluck, Room 7807**

**Wake Medical Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610**

**Walt Conner, Neuro ICU**

**Eddie Glasgow, Room 2C-17**

**Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03)**

**Erma Berry, The Cottage**

**Marjorie Taylor, Room 212**

**Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403**

**Carlton Kimbro**

**Clemmons Village Nursing Home, 6441 Holder Road, Clemmons, NC 27012**

**Joan Wood (Susan Ballentine's mother)**

### At Home:

**Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)**

**Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)**

**Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)**

**Grady Davis, PO Box 8049 (04)**

**Ana Catherine Dickens (Carol Dickens' daughter)**

220-105 Calibre Chase Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609

**Jarrett Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)**

**Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689**

**Carrie Fussell, 729 Drexel Road (03)**

**Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)**

**Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)**

**Ed Hamlet, 1357 Fairway Terrace (04)**

**Bobbie McFarland, 1111 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL, 33511**

**Doug Powell, (Sheila Martin's father), 3770 Loblolly Drive (04)**

**Kerrie Snyder, 11 New Oxford Road, Conway, AR 72034**

**Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)**

**Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Don Scarboro who died on January 29. Mr. Scarboro was a member of Lakeside for 52 years. A funeral service celebrating his life will be held in our sanctuary this Saturday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m.

## THE LAKESIDE 2012 CASSEROLE AND BAKE SALE

**March 17, 2012 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Special hour for Senior Adults: 8:45- 9:30 a.m. (note time change)

Restock & reopen at 10:00 a.m. for everyone else.

- Proceeds will benefit local missions chosen by the youth as well as the youth pilgrimage trip this summer.
- The majority of items will be frozen in sizes ranging from 1-4 servings.
- The church office will have containers for casseroles and soup.
- Sunday morning sign-up begins February 5 and continues through March 11.
- Drop off casseroles and baked goods in Kincheloe Hall on March 16, 2012
- Check *The Link* weekly for details and updates.

## YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to Andy Barker, Jennifer Cobb, Carol Dickens, Mark Edwards and Will Etheridge for accompanying us on our ski trip this weekend. We had a fabulous time of tubing, skiing, worship and fellowship. Thank you, also, to the Lakeside youth for representing yourselves and our congregation so well.

This Sunday night, Youth Choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. and the Super Bowl party will begin at 6:00. Please bring a favorite snack. I hope you will plan to stay at least through the half-time show. I will plan to be here until the end of the game.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Topnotchers Valentine Banquet on February 12. Youth are needed to help set up beginning at 4:00 p.m.

We have several open nights for which we need Sunday evening dinners for the youth and children. Please contact the church office to help. Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

The children's choir will lead in worship on Sunday, February 12. Please plan to have your child here, ready to sing at 9:15 a.m. The children are working very diligently to prepare for Missions Marketplace. Attendance at each rehearsal is important. Make sure your children doesn't miss out on this fun.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

Sunday, February 12 - Children's choir will sing in worship

Sunday, February 26 - Dress rehearsal for Missions Marketplace

Sunday, March 4 - Missions Marketplace

I look forward to seeing all the children and youth at rehearsals as we continue to prepare for these upcoming events. Amy

## MISSIONS MARKETPLACE 2012

Lakeside's children will host Missions Marketplace on Sunday, March 4, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. We will hold a Silent Auction featuring ceramic crosses painted by our children. We also need adult artists to paint crosses and provide other donations. We are calling all chefs, gardeners, woodworkers, musicians, seamstresses, writers, etc. to brainstorm ways to contribute to our auction. Please contact Elizabeth Hedgepeth or Deborah Wright with your ideas and contributions.

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Alfred Ayscue and Laura O'Neal

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Crucifer - Thomas Bishop; Acolyte - Eliza Craig Parker

Extended Session - Ann Battle; Nursery - Jessica Evans

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 5 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

|   | Week     | YTD       |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Budget Goal                             | \$11,846 | \$59,231  |
| Receipts January 29                     | \$ 8,238 | \$36,186  |
| Amount Remaining to meet Annual Budget: |          | \$591,665 |

## WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

February 5, 2012

Lessons: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "The Message"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Shepherd of My Heart" - O'Brien

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - arr. Thoburn

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 5

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
  - 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship
  - 5:00 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
  - 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
  - 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Children
  - 6:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party
- There will be no activities for Preschoolers this Sunday night.

### Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room

### Wednesday, February 8

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## 2012 PLEDGE REPORT

Thus far we have received 98 pledges in support of the 2012 budget for a total of \$323,569. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible to assist us in planning for this year's ministry.