



The Link

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Grief and disbelief have once again beset us with the attack in the movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. We mourn for the twelve people who were killed and for the families, friends, and communities left to suffer. We pray for the other 58 people who were injured physically and psychologically by what took place. We shake our heads in disbelief that someone—anyone—could plan and carry out such a heinous assault on life. We grieve because our understanding of life has been shattered again. We fear that such attacks will continue (as has happened before) and that suffering will come closer to home (as it has before).

Like you I have watched news reports and listened to conversations with family members and victims. More than any time I can remember, we are being urged to remember the victims without focusing on the perpetrator. We are warned that this young man, like so many criminals before him, may have wanted his “fifteen minutes of fame” and we should not allow that opportunity. Forget his name but remember the victims, we are told. And, at this point, we are happy to comply.

There is a part of me, however, that knows we cannot forget this young man. We need to remember so that we are aware of other people with similar struggles who can be helped. We need to remember so that we do not forget the potential for evil within us all. We need to remember his name because he, too, is a child of God. We need to remember before it is too late to forget again.

I am reminded of a story told by a nursing student: “During my second year of nursing school our professor gave us a quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: ‘What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?’ Surely this was a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade. ‘Absolutely,’ the professor said. ‘In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello.’ I’ve never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.”

We do not yet know why James Holmes did what he did. We do not know much about him but it sounds as if he is one of those people who may be different and not fit in as easily with the rest of us. These are the people we tend to forget until something terrible happens. Perhaps if we learn the names of people whose paths we cross on a regular basis we might find a new friend or, at least, offer kindness and dignity to another of God’s children. Perhaps if we remember someone’s name now we may not have to try to forget it in the future.

Jody Wright

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:
Vidant Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835
Bobby Webb (Jo Webb’s husband)
The Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886
Jean Bishop, Room HE-6
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
At Home:

Billy Bulluck, 3806 Battleboro-Leggett Road, Battleboro, NC 27809
Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)
Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)
Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)
Jarrett Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)
Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689
Eddie Glasgow, 408 Piedmont Avenue (03)
Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)
Ed Hamlet, 1357 Fairway Terrace (04)
Bobbie McFarland, 1111 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511
Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)
Louise Riddick, 1221 Cheshire Lane (03)
Dennis Sherrod (Jo Ann Lamm’s brother)
Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)
Betsy Waters, 3624 Colonial Lane (04)
Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)
Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Dear Lakeside Family,

Please accept my thanks for the many ways in which you ministered to me during my recent surgery and hospitalization. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and food helped sustain and encourage me throughout my recovery. I am pleased to report that I am much better and have returned to work full-time. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving and faithful family of believers.

Sincerely, Hope Reese

NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK

The Nominating Committee is working to fill vacancies on committees, in classrooms, and other ministry positions in our church. If you have suggestions to make or a preference for where you would like to serve, please call the church office or complete the form included in this week’s edition of *The Link*. We need your suggestions as soon as possible. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Nancy Berry, Dan Herring, Carol Lucas, Jim Martin, Joanna McDevitt, and Louis O’Neal.

LAKESIDE INVOLVED

Mark your calendars on Saturday, November 3, for Lakeside Involved. If you would like to serve on the committee to help organize this special day of service to our community or if you have project ideas, please contact the church office or Deborah Wright.

YOUTH NEWS

Plan to join us at Kings Dominion on August 8. I will email details about times and cost soon. Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun back-to-school outing on the afternoon of Sunday, August 26. More details will arrive by email soon.

Remember that Sunday School will continue during the summer months.

Elizabeth

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN FRANCISCO

By the time most of you read this, we will have just arrived home from a wonderful trip to San Francisco. This year's Pilgrimage has far exceeded our expectations, offering so many wonderful opportunities for us to worship with other Christians, to visit a wide variety of religious sites, and to meet some amazing people. The people of faith in San Francisco have been more gracious than we could have imagined, and we bring home with us a wealth of experiences and memories that will help us to continue to understand and define our own faith more fully.

I am especially grateful to Carol Barker, Shawn Crumley and Mark Edwards for taking their time to accompany us on this trip. And I am grateful to the Lakeside family for allowing and encouraging our youth, not only for this trip, but for their lifelong spiritual journey. You will have opportunities to hear the youth speak about their Pilgrimage experiences in the Discussion Class on the morning of August 26 and at a Fellowship Supper in September. More details about these events will appear in future editions of the Link.

MUSIC NOTES

This past week, Mark Gansor and I had the opportunity to attend a conference on Music, Theology and the Arts at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. We attended classes, workshops, morning and evening worship services. We met and worked with some of the finest church musicians and heard many wonderful compositions. This was an invaluable time and we left with much renewed energy. Thank you for your support and prayers during this time, and thank you to those who contributed specifically to our time at St. Olaf. We are blessed to serve in a congregation that supports us and the music program at Lakeside with funds, time and talent.

Amy Shortt

JULY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

"CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN"

This Sunday, July 29, believers from throughout the community will gather at First Presbyterian Church. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Michael Perry, pastor of Foster Memorial Baptist Church, will preach.

Worship at Lakeside

July 29, 2012

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Lesson: John 6:1-21

Sermon: "4-D Faith"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" - Butler

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" - Poston

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 29

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service, First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, August 1

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service, Sanctuary

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

- Deacon Greeters - Craig Parker and Frank Maynard
- Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
- Crucifer - Spencer Bulluck; Acolyte - Foster McAdams
- Extended Session - Susan and Berkley Skinner
- Nursery - Betty Ann and Scott Waters
- Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 30 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$355,388
Receipts July 22	\$ 8,390	\$269,261
Amount Remaining to meet Annual Budget:		\$358,590