



The Link

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BEGINNING WITH GRATITUDE

In his published book of journal entries titled *Markings*, Dag Hammarskjold, Swedish diplomat and second United Nations Secretary-General, wrote, "For all that has been—thanks. For all that shall be—yes."

I am certainly grateful for all that the past year brought us as a congregation. We continued the vital ministries that are a hallmark of this congregation. We faced head-on the economic realities that challenge every family of faith. We stood together through good times and sad times. And we shared the Gospel in tangible and meaningful ways. Thanks!

We are especially grateful for the generosity of talents and time offered by so many people throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. As always, the sanctuary was beautiful with the Chrismon Tree, wreaths, and poinsettias. Our choirs and musicians gifted us week by week with beautiful music that caused our spirits to soar, and those of you who offered readings and participated in other ways made our worship all the more meaningful by your participation. Thanks!

We all regret that our giving did not reach the level of our approved budget. Thanks to the frugality of our staff in limiting expenses and the generosity of the congregation, we are short of expenses by no more than \$25,000.

A new year has begun. In many ways it will be similar to the last one, yet each one of us has the opportunity to make it different by our involvement in the life of our congregation. Exciting opportunities await us. Meaningful explorations of faith are before us. Life-changing challenges are ahead. Together we will walk day by day the faith God has given us through Jesus Christ—Yes!

Jody Wright

PLEDGING UPDATE

To date, one hundred and thirty-five pledge cards have been received for a total of \$418,911 or 66% of our 2013 Budget. We are grateful for the strong support given to our ministry. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Tar Roanoke Chaplaincy is a ministry to people who are incarcerated in jails and prisons in our area. They have requested that we send them the Christmas cards we received this year which we might otherwise discard. They will cut off the signature side of the card (or we may do so) and use the other half of the card to construct a new card which they will distribute next year to the incarcerated. You may bring your cards to the church or mail them directly to: Tar Roanoke Chaplaincy, PO Box 8617, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Frances Odom, Room 552

Vidant Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835

Ann Parker, CCU-322

UNC- Chapel Hill Hospital, 101 Manning Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Garrett Ricks (friend of Tracy Corbett)

Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Audrey Scarboro, Room 303

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

At Home:

Ann Bailey, 613 Glenn Avenue (03)

Norma Lisa Benson (Doris Booth's niece), 907 Mill Branch Rd, Sharpsburg (78)

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214

Mary Ruth Coss (J.N. Willcox's sister), Hendersonville, NC

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

David Daughety Sr. and David Daughety Jr. (Sue Daughety's brother-in-law and nephew), Fayetteville, NC

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

Ed Hamlet, 1357 Fairway Terrace (04)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravelly Drive (04)

Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Marjorie Taylor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 212

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

There is no other family quite as wonderful and caring as my Lakeside family. All your expressions of caring during my surgery and recovery have been so warming - Circle 10, Discussion Class, and the general church membership with Jody, our undaunted leader, in the forefront. You are all my rock. In thankfulness to all.
Ann Winstead

We rejoice with Justin and Laura Ellis in the birth of their daughter, Ryleigh Gray, on December 21. Cheryl and Joe Stanton are the proud grandparents.

We rejoice with Diana and Paul Windley in the birth of their son, Zeno Cameron, on December 28 in Winston-Salem. Ginny and Billy Etheridge are the proud grandparents.

MLK UNITY BREAKFAST AND SERVICE PROJECTS

The 25th Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Service will be held on Monday, January 21, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dunn Center. A continental breakfast will be offered at 7:00 a.m. Avery Friedman, civil rights attorney, will speak.

YOUTH NEWS

I am so proud of each of you who took part in our Advent services and activities. Many of you gave time and talents to assist in worship, missions and other events. Thank you for your commitment to Lakeside and your faith in Christ.

Reminder to the Youth Committee that we will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Youth Room. I hope to see all youth and parents here on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Room for our planning meeting. Elizabeth

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group will be a five-week Bible study of the book of Daniel. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 15 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 16. The study guides cost \$7 each and are available in the church office. Please call the church office to sign up for a group.

SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Lakeside women are invited to join us for our second annual women's retreat February 15-17, 2013, on beautiful Lake Gaston. Writer and composer Deanna Deaton will be our retreat leader. The registration fee of \$80 per person covers meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Space is limited to the first fifteen women, so sign up today by calling the church office or completing the Event Registration form on the website Welcome page.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries this Sunday. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jerry Carter and Laura O'Neal
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Crucifer - Hunter Cuthrell; Acolyte - Connor Evans
 Extended Session - Sharon Boistard; Nursery - Catherine Jordan
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 52 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$627,851
Receipts through December 31		\$569,634
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$58,217

Worship at Lakeside
January 6, 2013
Epiphany Sunday
Communion Sunday • Family Dedication
 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12
 Sermon: "Re-gifting"
 Chancel Choir Anthems:
 "Come with Rejoicing" - arr. Sedio
 "Jesus, Word of God" - Mozart

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright
Senior Minister
 Linda Davis
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 Napoleon Taylor
Custodian

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
 Denise Bennett
Secretarial Assistant
 Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
 Susan Skinner
Senior Adult Director
 Samantha Salz
Preschool Director

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Youth and Parents Meeting, Lecture Room
 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and Children Dismiss

Tuesday, January 8

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 2, Location To be Announced

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal