



The Link

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NOT JUST A MATTER OF MONEY

While 2012 officially ended nearly two weeks ago, the old year has stretched into the new one as final accounting for our budget has continued. We are grateful for the manner in which this congregation has weathered the recession that has crippled our nation and world over the past few years. Year by year we have met all of our obligations through generosity and frugality.

We had hoped that 2012 would be no different. We were certainly frugal as our staff operated under a provisional budget of nearly \$25,000 less than the one we approved. Further thriftiness resulted in approximately \$3,000 of additional underspending. In ordinary years, these measures would have resulted in a surplus. Unfortunately, our offering receipts totaled \$579,009 which is \$48,842 less than our budget and nearly \$24,000 below our operating budget. Even with the additional reductions, we received \$20,630 less than our expenditures. Fortunately, due to your past generosity, we have reserve funds to handle this shortfall.

For many years we have been providing additional information about our budget, our ministries, and the financial stewardship of our congregation. We understand that these are difficult economic times for all of us. It is also time for each of us to re-evaluate our priorities, consider the importance of our ministries, and commit ourselves to the calling we have in this community.

On the positive side, our pledging for this year's budget has been very strong. To date, one hundred and thirty-five pledge cards have been received for a total of \$418,911 or 66% of our 2013 Budget. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

Be assured that our staff and leadership are doing everything we can to restrain expenses, but there is a cost for ministry and we have committed ourselves to providing a certain kind of ministry that calls for our best efforts. Together we will continue to live into that calling this year and for many years to come.

Jody Wright

MLK ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission has announced its annual activities celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. On Saturday, January 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Oratorical Contest will be held in the Theater at the Imperial Centre. Youth in middle and high school will present speeches based on this year's theme: "Reflecting on the Past, Embracing the Present, Envisioning the Future."

On Monday, January 21, the 25th Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast and Service will be held at the Dunn Center on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College. A continental breakfast will be offered at 7:00 a.m. followed by the service at 8:00 a.m. Avery Friedman, civil rights attorney and legal analyst for CNN, will speak. Later in the morning, service projects will be offered throughout the city in partnership with United Way and NCWC.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

Hunter Hills Nursing And Rehabilitation Center , 7369 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Frances Odom, Room 802

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

Ann Parker, CCU-322

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

At Home:

Anne 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

Delores Costa, 35410 Mansfield Drive (03)

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)

Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Winnie Raper, 1428 Lafayette Avenue (03)

Audrey Scarboro, Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04), Room 303

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

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

Corrinne Willcox, 2816 Wellington Drive (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

ATTENTION - CASSEROLE AND BAKE SALE - March 23, 2013

Our Casserole and Bake Sale will be held on March 23 from 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m. in Kincheloe Hall. The proceeds will benefit our youth trip this summer. Plan now to donate your casseroles and baked goods and to stock up on the delicious food other Lakeside cooks prepare.

A GOOD USE FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Tar Roanoke Chaplaincy, a ministry to people who are incarcerated in our area, has requested that we send them Christmas cards we received 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 to: Tar Roanoke Chaplaincy, PO Box 8617, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Youth Committee and Parents' meetings on Sunday night. I am excited about all the great activities we have planned for the spring and summer. We still have dates to choose for a few events, so watch your email this week. A complete calendar will go out in the mail and be posted on the website soon. We will have a regular schedule of choirs, dinner and SNL this Sunday evening. I look forward to seeing all of you for Sunday school and worship this week. 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.

MUSIC NOTES

It was great to have the youth and children back in rehearsal on Sunday night. I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday, February 13, at 6:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir will perform James Whitbourn's *Son of God Mass* accompanied by our very own Mark Gansor and soprano saxophonist Michael Stevenson. During the coming weeks, I will speak to circle groups, The Discussion Class, and other interested groups regarding this wonderful musical experience. Please mark your calendars and look for further information.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children in grades K-5 are invited to participate in Children's Church this Sunday. Children will depart worship during the second hymn for Bible stories and other activities. Parents may meet children in the Youth Building after worship.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Don Raper and Jim Martin
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Crucifer - Trevor Graham; Acolyte - Carson Browder
 Extended Session - Brenda Cotton; Nursery - Alicia Hamrick
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1 WEEK

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$12,180
Receipts through January 6	\$8,283	\$8,283
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$625,096

Worship at Lakeside

January 13, 2013

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

History Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-16, 21-38

Sermon: "So, You Think You Don't Matter?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"God of Grace and God of Glory" - arr. Langston

"Down to the River to Pray" - American Traditional Melody

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Denise Bennett
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 Mark Gansor
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13

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
 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. SNL

Monday, January 14

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 6, Ann Battle, 1281 Fairway Terrace
 10:30 a.m. WMU Group 9, Parlor, Education Building
 7:30 p.m. WMU Group 10, Mary McAdams, 204 Candlewood Road

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

6:30 p.m. WMU Group M, Hing-Ta Restaurant