



# The Link

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December 12, 2012

## ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

The Third Sunday of Advent

*"A Season of Expected Surprises"*

Lessons: Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18

Sermon: "Surprising Joy"

Chancel Choir Anthem: "The Cherry Tree Carol" - arr. Willcocks

Youth Choir Anthem: "The First Noel" - arr. Clawson

Adult Handbell Anthem: "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High" - arr. Larson



A Service of Carols and Candlelighting

6:00 p.m.

Adult and Children's Choirs, Lakeside Ringers

*Celebrating the Story of Christ's Birth Through Scripture and Song*

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance and renewal, will be held on Friday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. at West Haven Presbyterian Church, 1001 West Haven Boulevard. This service is intended for anyone coping with loss, disappointment, stress, or who simply needs some quiet time to reflect. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend. There will be escorts from the parking lot into the sanctuary.

## DISCOVER THE JOY OF GIVING

We are grateful for the strong support given to our ministry going forward. To date, one hundred and twenty-eight pledge cards have been received for a total of \$387,851 or 61% of our 2013 Budget. The leadership of our congregation (Deacons, Board of Finance, and Staff) has pledged \$153,100. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Your commitment now helps us plan for our ministry next year.

## CELEBRATE YOUR GIVING NOW

As we enter the final weeks of the year, we need for everyone to complete their giving for this year as soon as possible. Help us meet our budget obligations before the end of the year so that we all can enjoy the festivities surrounding Christ's birth. Express your joy and gratitude by supporting our ministry together.

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

**Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas**  
**8200 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas 75231-4402**

**Natalie Stewart Cortez**

**Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)**

**Norma Lisa Benson** (Doris Booth's niece), Room 475

**Frances Odom**, Room 508

**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**

**The Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886**

**Alease Whitford**

### **At Home:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Linda Hoyle**, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

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

**Frank Pittman**, 1561 Yorkshire Lane

**Marie Price**, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

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

**Betty Watts**, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

**Ann Winstead**, 6626 Waters Edge Drive (03)

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

*For every expression of friendship and concern during recent months, I am most grateful. A caring church family is priceless.*

*My sincere thanks, Faith Lehman*

*Circle 10 did bell-ringing at Harris-Teeter for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 6. I would like to thank the following who helped to raise needed funds for the children and families needing help in Rocky Mount. Thank you to Chick and Don Conley, Connie Griffin, Edna Corn, Sherry Johnson, Vel Johnson, Michele Harrold, Nancy Berry, Gary Williams, and my husband, John Capiello, who rang the bell with me. Thank you, Denise Capiello*

## HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards benefitting the homeless, hungry and indigent through United Community Ministries are available in our office for \$5 each. These beautiful cards painted by William Mangum, are perfect for Christmas and other occasions.

## YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Need relief for your holiday schedule? Lakeside's youth will be wrapping gifts on Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will be received for the youth trip fund.

## YOUTH NEWS

We still need youth and adult helpers for our Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. Youth are needed to assist with passing out and lighting candles at the Service of Carols and Candlelighting on Sunday night. Please meet in the Narthex at 5:15 p.m. Ski trip participants, please turn in your final balance by Friday, December 21. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Elizabeth

## COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and college-age young adults are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, December 23, following worship. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

## 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.

## MUSIC NOTES

This past Sunday in worship Lakeside's Chancel Choir performed Part I of Handel's *Messiah*. Many people have expressed how meaningful this experience was to them. We are grateful to have such a talented group of singers at Lakeside. Your hard work and dedication paid off, and your gift of music brings much joy, peace, hope and love to others this Advent season and throughout the year.

Sunday's rehearsal schedule is as follows (Please make every effort to be as prompt as possible!):

Sunday morning rehearsals - please meet in the sanctuary:

9:15 a.m. - Lakeside Ringers; 9:45 a.m. - Youth Choir; 10:00 a.m. - Chancel Choir  
Sunday afternoon. rehearsals:

4:30 p.m. - Lakeside Ringers; 5:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

5:15 p.m. - Children's Choir - meet in the music suite to be robed.

Rehearsal will begin once the children have been robed.

## THANKS!

Many thanks to our choir and musicians for a beautiful and meaningful worship experience last Sunday. Thanks also to all who went caroling on Sunday evening and to the Social Committee for the delicious meal.

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Elizabeth Hedgepeth and Alfred Ayscue

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifers - Jackson Browder - a.m.; Sydney Browder - p.m.

Acolytes - Madison Webb- a.m.; Spencer Edwards - p.m.

Torchbearer - Barkley Browder - p.m.

Extended Session - Janet and Robert Sykes; Nursery - Ann Bishop

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 50 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$592,313
Receipts December 9	\$ 21,096	\$475,125
Amount short of our year-to-date needs		\$117,188
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$152,726

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Saturday, December 15

10:00 a.m. - Youth Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser, Lecture Room  
5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 16

9:15 a.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

4:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

5:15 p.m. Children Meet in Choir Suite to Robe

5:15 p.m. Youth Meet in the Narthex

6:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Candlelighting

### Wednesday, December 19

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

### Friday, December 21

7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service, West Haven Presbyterian Church

*If you have not completed your giving for the year, please do so as soon as possible. We rely upon your generosity and commitment to meet all of our ministry obligations. Thank you for your faithfulness!*