



The Link

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December 5, 2012

ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9 - 11 o'clock a.m.

Part I of Handel's *Messiah*

Chancel Choir with Guest Soloists:

Peggy Overton Vaughan (soprano), Jami Rhodes, (mezzo-soprano)

Perry Smith (tenor), John Kramer (bass)

String Quartet: Brian Reagin (violin I), Lindi Wang (violin II)

David Marschall (viola), Michael Stoughton (cello)

Mark Gansor, organist

Directed by Amy Shortt

DISCOVER THE JOY OF GIVING

We are grateful for the strong support given to our ministry going forward. To date, one hundred and seventeen pledge cards have been received for a total of \$354,031 or 56% 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 you check your list and find those perfect gifts for the special people in your life, remember the special place Lakeside holds in your heart. 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 through Lakeside.

CIRCLE OF HOPE—CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

In support of Homeless Awareness Month, our children painted birdhouses in order to raise money for our local shelters. One of these colorful birdhouse banks is located in the church office during the week and in the narthex on Sunday so that we can donate our loose change and dollar bills to help our homeless neighbors.

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 559

Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Audrey Scarboro, Room 303

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

At Home:

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)

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

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

Alice Dickens, 3909 Hawthorne 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)

Faith Lehman, 3628 Colonial Lane (04)

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)

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

Ann Winstead, 6626 Waters Edge Drive (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Jane Snow to the fellowship of Lakeside Church by transfer of her letter. She resides at 129 Stoney Creek Drive (04). Phone: 813-1562.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Join us at the home of Pam and Mike Evans (1617 Rivera Drive) on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Party. We will enjoy seeing Pam's wonderful Christmas decorations and tasting some delicious Christmas goodies. Don't miss this opportunity to share our Christmas love at this special time of year. Please call the church office to sign up and let us know if you need a ride. Come to the back door. (Please note: our party is a week earlier this year.)

FUND RAISER FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The United Community Ministries Board will serve pancakes at Applebee's on Saturday, December 8, from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7.00 per person. Call Betty Whisnant at 443-0146 or Debra Slavin at 937-6627 for tickets.

HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards which benefit the homeless, hungry and indigent through United Community Ministries are available in our church office. Painted by William Mangum, these beautiful cards are perfect for Christmas and any other occasion. The cards are \$5.00 each.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to Jim and Sheila Martin for hosting a wonderful Christmas Party at the Dunn Center on Sunday night, to the youth committee members who assisted, and to all the youth who made it a fun evening. I hope to see all of you here for caroling this Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Youth and adult helpers are needed for our Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth

Dear Lakeside Youth,

We want to thank you for your prayers and for all the thoughtful notes and sweets you sent us. Also, thank you for the book. We are sending you some pictures of what we have been doing here and a little taste of Slovakia. We hope you will enjoy it.

Robert & Lenka Wright

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.

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.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

A link to Lectionary-based daily Advent devotions is available on our website and at <http://www.d365.org/todaysdevotion/>. These devotions, produced by Passport and sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and other denominations, include scripture, devotional thoughts, prayers and meditative music. You may also sign up to receive a daily e-mail reminder each morning throughout the year.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Shawn Crumley and Bill Hoyle
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Spencer Bulluck; Acolyte - Henry Williams
 Nursery - Susan Ballentine
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 49 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$580,466
Receipts December 2	\$ 13,680	\$454,029
Amount short of our year-to-date needs		\$126,437
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$173,822

If you have not completed your giving for the year, please do so as soon as possible. We receive a good portion of our annual budget in December, and we rely upon your generosity and commitment to meet all of our ministry obligations. Thank you for your faithfulness!

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright Senior Minister	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Linda Davis Administrative Assistant	Denise Bennett Secretarial Assistant	Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director
Napoleon Taylor Custodian	Mark Gansor Organist	Samantha Salz Preschool Director

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Circle 10 Rings Salvation Army Bell at Harris-Teeter

Friday, December 7

5:00 p.m. Preschool Parents-Night-Out

Saturday, December 8

8:00 a.m. United Community Ministries Fundraiser, Applebees

Sunday, December 9

9:30 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, Part I of Handel's *Messiah*
 4:00 p.m. Topnotchers Christmas Party, 1617 Rivera Drive
 5:00 p.m. Caroling to our Members at Home, Sugg Foyer
 6:30 p.m. Caroling Supper, Kincheloe Hall

Monday, December 10

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 9, Parlor, Education Building
 7:00 p.m. WMU Group 10, Pam Evans 1617 Rivera Drive

Tuesday, December 11

12:00 p.m. WMU Group 2, The Albemarle, Tarboro

Wednesday, December 12

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