



The Link

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I had just arrived at the Y on Sunday when I saw the news scroll across the screen: MASS SHOOTING AT SIKH TEMPLE. Two weeks before, I would have responded the way many of us have who are dreadfully accustomed to hearing about such shootings: a feeling of sadness and shock, a prayer uttered for the victims, and a return to my routine. But Sunday was different. I stood holding my breath. Eleven days earlier, the Lakeside pilgrims had visited the Sikh Temple in Fremont, CA. I won't say it lessened the horror of the event when I saw Oak Creek, WI, appear on the screen, but I did feel a sense of relief that the people who had welcomed us so warmly were safe: people who had brought their children to the Temple for a program akin to our VBS, people whose faith obligates them to defend anyone who is being attacked even to the point of risking their own lives, people who expressed to us concern over being mistaken for terrorists because of their dark skin and head coverings, people gathered for fellowship and prayer.

On Monday, I received an e-mail from Rick Sample, the CBF missionary in Fremont who had made the visit with us. He and his wife Lita had taken food to the Temple and had expressed their prayers and support on behalf of CBF and their Christian neighbors. Rick was surprised to learn that they were the only Americans who had reached out to their Sikh neighbors.

The past few days have convinced me more than ever that making an effort to know and understand our neighbors of all colors and languages and faiths is not only important for fostering respect and cooperation but also vital to the health of our communities and a response that our faith in Christ demands. Our pilgrimage experiences were a significant first step in opening our hearts and minds to others. Perhaps because of the encounters we had in California, some of our youth will be inspired to devote their lives to reach across lines of religion and race and economic status to work for peace. Or perhaps one of us will have an opportunity to speak up when we hear hate-filled or misinformed speech. But we shouldn't have to board an airplane to realize our responsibility.

It is not acceptable that we have come to tolerate or even expect violence, whether in Colorado or in a Sikh Temple or in the streets of Rocky Mount. It is not okay that I don't make the same effort to know and understand my neighbors across town when I have traveled across the country to do so. Each of us is called to do our part to wage peace in the face of such violence and hatred. The example of Christ, and that of our Sikh neighbors, demands it.

Elizabeth Edwards

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

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)

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)

Harry Howell, 3416 Greenbriar Drive (04)

Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)

Bobbie McFarland, 1111 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Louise Riddick, 1221 Cheshire Lane (03)

Betsy Waters, 3624 Colonial Lane (04)

Bobby Webb (Jo Webb's husband), 209 Southern Boulevard (04)

Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Jarrett Dickens who died on August 6. Mr. Dickens was a member of Lakeside for 50 years. A service celebrating his life will be held in the mausoleum of Rocky Mount Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11.

We offer our sympathy to Betty Anne and Joe Whisnant in the death of her father, Walter Saeman, on August 3.

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 recently in The Link or available on our website. We need your suggestions as soon as possible.

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

Many thanks to Andy Barker and Jennifer Cobb for helping to chaperone our trip to Kings Dominion.

Mark your calendar for: a fun back-to-school outing on the afternoon of Sunday, August 26; the first night of our regular schedule of choirs, dinner and SNL on September 9; a planning meeting for all youth and parents on September 16; and the fellowship supper to present our Workcamp and Pilgrimage experiences on September 23.

I will see you in Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Elizabeth

LABYRINTH UPDATE

The labyrinth kit has been ordered and will be delivered within the next two weeks. Volunteers will be needed to assist with installation later in August. Watch future editions of *The Link* for details about dates and times.

FALL BOOK STUDY

Our next book study for adults will begin in September with a six-week study of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*. Participants may choose a group that meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 25 or one that meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 26. Books will be \$12 each and will be available from the church office soon.

FALL SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

The regular schedule of Sunday evening activities, choirs and dinner for preschoolers, children and youth resumes on September 9. Individuals or groups are needed to provide dinners throughout the fall. Please call the church office to sign up. Watch the website or future editions of *The Link* for a detailed schedule.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are collecting wide-ruled notebook paper for needy children. This week Office Depot is offering paper for 25¢ per pack, limit of three per customer. Please bring your paper to the church office. Thank you!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 32 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$379,080
Receipts August 5	\$11,448	\$288,609
Amount Remaining to meet Annual Budget:		\$339,242

Worship at Lakeside

August 12, 2012

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "Neighborliness"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"God is Seen" - arr. Parker

"The Gift of Love" - arr. Hopson

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Community Vision Committee, Parlor, Education Building
 - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 15

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

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Frank Maynard and Jim Martin

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Crucifer - Andersen Cobb; Acolyte - Sara Raper

Extended Session - Scott and Betty Ann Waters

Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper

*Remember that our ministries never "go on vacation."
 Don't forget to support our congregation with your offerings
 when you are away from home this summer.*