



The Link

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BEGINNINGS

How many times in a lifetime do we begin something? Hundreds? Thousands? While much of life is lived in necessary routines that become comfortable and enable us to do the things that are so important to us, we are constantly beginning something new. In the past few weeks students, teachers, and staff have begun a new school year. Following the two national political conventions, the candidates have begun their official campaigns for the Presidency. Football teams have begun a new season. Baseball teams have begun winding down their season. Basketball teams have begun thinking about the upcoming season. Newly married couples are beginning a life together. Leaves are beginning to change colors. The days are beginning to get shorter and cooler.

Change is crucial for it indicates that life is present. The opportunity to begin something can be exciting, energizing, and transforming. Faith is no different from any other aspect of our lives. Our programming for a new year has also begun. Last Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of a new Sunday School year with a breakfast and recognition of teachers and students. Later in the afternoon, our missions activities and choirs for children and youth began anew. Circle groups, special studies, and committees are beginning their study and work.

Beginnings offer us a fresh start, a new perspective, and renewed energy. We can continue involvement in activities that we have long enjoyed or we can begin something that is entirely new for us. Either way, new growth will occur.

Lakeside offers a variety of opportunities for learning and service. There are abundant ways in which you can explore your faith and practice it in the world. All it takes is that first step, that initial involvement, that beginning interest that could well be life-changing for you or someone else.

Writing to his dear friends in Philippi, the Apostle Paul reminded them, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6). Every day offers many opportunities to begin some good work that will benefit us and others. What will you begin? Let's get started!

Jody Wright

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Jerry Jolley, Room 544

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

Ziggy Zalzneck, Room 803

Hunter Hill Nursing and Rehab Center, 7369 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Jean Davis (Laura O'Neal's sister) Room 804 Rehab

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:

Martha Bulluck, 3512 Woodlawn Road (04)

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)

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)

Harry Howell, 3416 Greenbriar Drive (04)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Graveley Drive (04)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

June Shearin, 110 Newby Court (04)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Join us for a tour of the historic St. Martin's Episcopal Church (1868) in Hamilton, NC on Monday, September 17. We will view a special video (narrated by our own Sam Johnson) that will explain the history of the church and the creation of its gilded paintings. Sam's sister-in-law, Irene Johnson, will be our tour guide. After our tour, we will stop for lunch in Williamston. We will leave the church by 9:15 a.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. Call the church office to sign up.

HEAR VIOLINIST OLGA CECEANOVA IN CONCERT

Violinist Olga Ceceanova will perform in the sanctuary of West Haven Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ceceanova was born in Moldova where she began studying violin at an early age. She studied with Professor Kazarina at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and with Mark Lakirovich at Longy School in Cambridge. She is a laureate of the 2011 Hudson Valley String Competition and the winner of 2005 Kiev International Violin Competition, 2002 Sinai Competition in Romania and 2000 Luxembourg Music Competition. This concert is free and open to the public.

YOUTH NEWS

I'm so glad all the sixth graders survived the "kidnapping" on Sunday night. Thanks for being good sports. We are excited to have you as part of the group!

All parents and youth are strongly encouraged to attend the planning meeting on September 16, not just because we will schedule many of our fall activities but also because we will have the first in a year-long series of "friendly" competitions among the youth and parents. Also make plans to join us for the covered-dish fellowship supper on September 23. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.
Elizabeth

BACKPACK BUDDIES SPONSORS NEEDED

Our Backpack Buddies program at Benvenue Elementary School provides a backpack filled with nutritious meals and snacks each weekend for 20 children whose households are at risk for hunger. Sponsors are needed to pledge \$25 per month from September through May to purchase the food. You can contribute monthly or you may give a lump sum of \$225 for the year. Contributions in any amount are appreciated. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to all who participated and supported the summer series on singing. September brings an increase in singing as choir rehearsals for children, youth, and adults resume. But choir members aren't the only ones singing. Congregations are singing also. Hymns have an amazing power to stay with us during life's joys and trials. As we remember 9/11 this week, we notice that hymn singing is almost certain at some point to gather mourners and survivors together. Hymns are never far away during times of grief and times of joy. So let's continue to focus our singing as hymns keep our faith, hope and love alive and well.

Great job to all the youth and children in rehearsal on Sunday night! I look forward to seeing you all this coming Sunday!!
Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Shawn Crumley and Bill Hoyle
Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
Crucifer - Katy Jaber; Acolyte - Michael Waters
Extended Session - Janet and Robert Sykes
Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 37 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$438,311
Receipts September 9	\$ 8,186	\$325,549
Amount Remaining to meet Annual Budget:		\$302,302

Worship at Lakeside September 16, 2012

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "So You Think You Can Teach?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"O Praise the Mighty Lord" from *Joshua* - Handel/arr. Liebergen

"Gentle Words" - Shaker Tune/arr. Siegfried

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Custodian

Elizabeth Edwards
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Denise Bennett
Secretarial Assistant
Mark Gansor
Organist

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Landscape Committee Workday

1:00 p.m. Adult Choir Retreat, "Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice," Choir Suite

Sunday, September 16

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

5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities,
Youth Choir and Handbells

5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers, Children and Youth

6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Meeting for all Parents and Youth/Lecture Room

7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and Children Dismiss

7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Monday, September 17

9:15 a.m. Topnotchers Trip to Hamilton, NC

Wednesday, September 19

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

6:30 p.m. Circle M, Mario's Restaurant