



The Link

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A GOOD WORD

A couple of Sundays ago, I concluded our worship service with a benediction often spoken by the Reverend Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., pastor, author, activist, child of God. Having served as Chaplain at Yale University, Dr. Coffin was Senior Minister at The Riverside Church in New York City from 1977-1987. The benediction combines the familiar Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) with Dr. Coffin's own well-spoken hopes for the lives of God's people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short;

Grace to risk something big for something good;

Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

So, may God take your minds and think through them;

May God take your lips and speak through them;

May God take your hearts and set them on fire. Amen.

William Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

Although I use many different benedictions to offer a "good word" as we depart to serve in the world, Dr. Coffin's words are among my favorites. Especially when global tensions challenge the security of our faith, I cannot escape (nor would I want to) the power of those words: "May God give you . . . Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love." When the disrespect of an insecure faith runs into the right of free speech and crashes into the reality of righteous indignation turned violent, the truth must be told. When ideological standards run up against human needs, love must be active. When life threatens to overwhelm us, faith must flex its muscles. In other words, no matter what happens in life, personal or global, faith is the exercise of truth and love in the Spirit of Christ. When we encounter a challenge, by faith we allow God to think through us, speak through us, and act through us with the purifying love of God. It is a good word for us and for all people!

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 434

Autumn Care of Nash 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Faith Lehman

Wake Medical Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

Harrison Grimes, (Helen and Bob Paszek's grandson, Neonatal Unit

Rex Hospital, 4420 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607

Jean Davis (Laura O'Neal's sister) Rehabilitation

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

Jean Bishop, Room D-216

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:

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 Gravely Drive (04)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Vena Scott, 828 Short Spoon Circle (04)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Ziggy Zalzneck, 324 Piedmont Avenue (03)

We rejoice with Nelson and Mary Kincheloe Freeman who were married in our sanctuary on September 22. The Freemans will live in Washington, D.C.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children in grades K-5 are invited to participate in Children's Church this Sunday, September 30. They will be led by Brenda Cotton. Children will depart worship during the second hymn for a time of Bible stories, games and activities. Parents may pick children up in the Youth Building following worship.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

Please return the enclosed Deacon nomination form to the office by Sunday, October 14. The Deacon Nominating Committee will recommend ten candidates to the congregation from which five Deacons will be elected on November 18.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to Barkley Browder, Don Bulluck, Shawn Crumley, Trevor Graham, Katy Jaber and Liz Lane for speaking at Sunday night's fellowship supper. You all did a fabulous job sharing stories from our summer activities. And thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate with our youth and share your delicious dishes. It was a great evening for Lakeside.

Details about the ski trip to Winterplace, WV, on January 25-27, 2013, are now available. We will begin registration early in October, so watch for more information soon.

We will have a regular schedule of choirs, dinner and SNL this week. 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. Contributions in any amount are appreciated. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

UP FOR DISCUSSION

The Discussion Class will host two guests in the coming weeks to update us on their respective ministries. Richard Joyner will speak on September 30 about the garden ministry of Conetoe Baptist Church and Sallie Bailey will be here on October 7 to share with us her summer experience as a CHAT intern.

LAKESIDE INVOLVED

Lakeside Involved, our day of ministry to the community, will be held on Saturday, November 3. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved and a project to suit everyone. Our goal is for every member of Lakeside to participate in some way. Details about the various projects will soon be available.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Laura O'Neal and Frank Maynard
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Will Hedgepeth; Acolyte - Jimmy Brantley
 Extended Session - Teresa and Dan Herring
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 39 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$462,004
Receipts September 23	\$3,482	\$337,761
Amount Remaining to meet Annual Budget:		\$290,090

Worship at Lakeside
September 30, 2012
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Epistle Lesson: James 5:13-20
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50
 Sermon: "Maimed . . . for Life"
 Chancel Choir Anthems:
 "Ubi Caritas" - Duruflé
 "O Thou the Central Orb" - Wood

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright
Senior Minister
 Linda Davis
Administrative Assistant
 Napoleon Taylor
Custodian

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
 Denise Bennett
Secretarial Assistant
 Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
 Susan Skinner
Senior Adult Director
 Samantha Salz
Preschool Director

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 30

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 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
 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
 7:30 p.m. Youth Dismiss

Tuesday, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service, Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

DISCOVER THE JOY!