



# The Link

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*As clocks struck midnight from time zone to time zone on December 31, choruses of "Happy New Year" went up all around the globe. The beginning of a fresh year always fills us with hope and anticipation of good things to come. If that be the case, Happy New Year to us all!*

*Followers of Christ began celebrating a new year on December 2 of last year when Advent and the Christian year began. We, too, entered a fresh year of faith with hope and anticipation, but for different reasons. Certainly we hope for health, happiness, peace, and prosperity like everyone else, but we know the source of our hope. We know the gift of life comes from God and that true happiness is found in relationship to God through Jesus Christ. We know the Prince of Peace and understand that true prosperity is experienced in the life of service. We know that not everything that happens in the next twelve months will be good, but we know that we are not alone and that God will bring good to us despite our circumstances.*

*A new year is underway and fresh opportunities for growing our faith and sharing our love are ahead. Happy New Year indeed!*



### THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who offered time and talent to enrich our Advent and Christmas celebrations: the host of people who made, hung, and set up decorations, the dozens of readers and participants in worship, all of our choirs, and the many volunteers who took care of tiny details and offered hospitality in worship and other events. We are fortunate to have a generous and active congregation.

We also thank each one of you for your financial support of our ministries. Without our collective gifts, we could not do the things God calls us to do. We do not yet have a final tally of gifts for 2018, but we know that many of you gave above what you usually do. May we all experience the gift of generosity as together we minister to one another and our community this year.

### OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)**

**Wayne Macklin** (Susan Skinner's brother-in-law)

**UNC- Chapel Hill Hospital, 101 Manning Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514**

**Timmy Rackley** (Doug Edwards' step-brother)

#### **At Home:**

**Ed Astin**, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

**Hazel and Alfred Ayscue**, 5031 Brassfield Drive (03)

**Lloyd Bailey** (Susan Bailey's uncle) 3813 Hawthorne Road (04)

**Janice Taylor Bobbitt**, 4204 Whitehurst Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

**Cameron Covolo**, 3637 Litchfield Drive (03)

**Anne Crane**, 1505 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

**Douglas Edwards, Sr.** (Doug Edwards' father), 2419 Vance Street (01)

**Bill Etheridge**, 7298 Billy-Buck Lane (03)

**Mike Evans**, 1617 Rivera Drive (03)

**Scott Farber** (Patty Schirman's brother), 11218 S. Utah, Davenport, Iowa 52802

**Bob Moore** (Nancy Berry's brother)

**Fred Hodges**, 3216 Woodlawn Road (04)

**Joyce Joyner** (Catherine Matlack's mother)

**Niki McAdams**, 4017 Lochinvar Lane (04)

**Erin McAuliffe**, 191 Wilsor Oaks Drive, Littleton, NC 27850

**Harlon Mosely**, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

**Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

**David Ozment** (Debbie and Tim Ozment's son) 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

**Michael Riley** (Brenda Culpepper's son)

**Tim Sawyer**, 2409 Winstead Road (04)

**Joe Stanton**, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

**Brent Tyndall**, 1730 River Birch Hollow, Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Betsy Waters**, 3624 Colonial Lane (04)

#### **Our Members-at-Home**

**Dozia Collins**, 2552 North Old Carriage Road (04)

**Sherry Johnson**, c/o Brighton Gardens, 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 165, Raleigh, NC 27612

**Martha Tuttle**, Morningside of Rock Hill, 1830 West Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29732

We offer our sympathy to Carol and Chuck Taylor in the death of her aunt, Molly Bailey, on December 18.

### MERRY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

We invite the ladies of Lakeside to celebrate Women's Christmas (a Celtic tradition) on January 7, the Monday following Epiphany. We will meet in Sugg Foyer at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and a devotional time together. Then we'll travel to Warrenton, NC for a day of inspiration and fellowship, enjoy lunch at the Hardware Cafe, and return to Rocky Mount by 6:00 p.m.

Using devotions written by author and artist Jan Richardson, our discussions will be facilitated by Mary Catherine Harris and Deborah Wright. Please call the church office to register. A \$25 fee will cover the cost of the day, excluding lunch.

## YOUTH NEWS

I hope everyone has had a terrific break from school and a joyful Christmas. To celebrate the new year, let's go to Raleigh on Sunday afternoon to eat and do something fun! An email has gone out with details. Please sign up as soon as possible. Friends are welcome.

We will have a regular schedule of activities on January 13 and 20. On January 27, choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. but we will not have Youth Fellowship because of the ski trip. Ski trip participants, please pay the balance for your trip to the church office as soon as you can. I look forward to a fun 2019 as we explore what it means to "do something" with the faith we are discovering.

Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

The Chancel Choir and Lakeside Ringers will resume Wednesday evening rehearsals on January 9. The Cherub Choir, Alleluia Choir and Missions and Music will resume regular Sunday evening rehearsals and activities on January 13. The Chancel Choir will sing for the Willcox - Tolston wedding on Saturday, January 5. Please meet in the music suite at 3:30 p.m.

Amy

## SAVE THE DATE

This year's Casserole Sale and Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, in the Education Building. We will begin sign ups for the Casserole Sale in the Narthex soon and will collect items for the Yard Sale the week prior to the sale. More details about items needed and times will be available in next week's edition of *The Link*. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Youth Trip fund and local missions.

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Sheila Martin and Rebecca Watkins  
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain  
 Crucifer - Michael Waters; Acolyte - Elizabeth Paszek  
 Nursery - Susan Ballentine; Extended Session - Ginny Cobb  
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2018 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,651

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,436	\$646,651
Receipts Through 12/31/18		\$607,306
Amount needed to meet our 2018 budget:		\$39,345

### LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

January 6, 2019 ❖ Epiphany Sunday  
 The Celebration of Communion  
 Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
 Sermon: "Faith Seeking Understanding"

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright  
 Senior Minister  
 Linda Davis  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Susan Skinner  
 Senior Adult Director

Elizabeth Edwards  
 Associate Minister

Amy Shortt  
 Minister of Music  
 Liz Broomell  
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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, January 3

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

### Sunday, January 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 2:00 p.m. Undecorating the Chrismon Tree

### Monday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Women's Christmas. Gather in Sugg Foyer

### Wednesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 10

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor  
 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Children's Classroom

## 2019 MINISTRY GIVING PLAN CARDS

Thanks to everyone who has returned a Giving Plan Card in support of next year's ministry. Thus far, we have received 104 cards for a total of \$389,060 or 60% of 2019 ministry needs. Please indicate your support by returning your card soon.