



The Link

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It seemed odd to wake up Sunday morning and hear that the people of New Zealand had already welcomed in the new year. Although we were all existing in the same moment, some of us were living in two different years. A few years ago, we could say that some of us were living in two different centuries and even in two different millennia—at the same moment.

Time is a fascinating concept. Keeping time is a critical aspect of our twenty-first century lives.

In January of each new year, we always think about how we are going to keep time over the coming twelve months. What changes will we make? What priorities will we set? What will we do better? What will we keep the same?

While we profess that God is the Lord of the universe and set all of the suns and planets in motion, we all believe that God is beyond time and space. God can be present with us in North Carolina at the end of 2017 and with the people of New Zealand at the beginning of 2018—at the same moment.

I am not big on resolutions, but this year I want to do something quite simple yet, I hope, meaningful. I want to spend more time with God. I want to step out into a clear, crisp morning and recognize that it is a gift created by God. I want to look up at the stars on a summer's evening and marvel at the vastness of God's love. I want to be aware of God's presence when we sit together in grief and when we celebrate the joys of life. I want to stop from time to time and enjoy the presence of God without asking for anything other than God's time.

Time is one thing we all have equally. God's presence and love are gifts we all share in abundance. The other thing that I want to do this year is to celebrate those gifts with you in worship week by week, month by month. This year, let us all take advantage of the time we have to spend time with God in worship. Who knows, it just might make us all a bit happier as we live this new year. Let's celebrate on Sunday!
Jody Wright

2017 STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who financially supported our ministries last year. We have received all but \$15,598 of our Ministry goal. If your 2017 dated gifts have not yet reached the church office, they will be counted in our total when received. Thank you for your generosity in ministering to our church and community.

BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The decision to cancel worship or other church activities is made only after carefully checking weather and road conditions. Generally, we will not hold activities at the church if weather or other conditions make it unsafe for members to travel. Should it be necessary to cancel worship or other activities, we will record a message on the church phone line and place a notice on our website. We will also post notices with WRAL-TV, channel 5 and WTVD, channel 11.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 South Winstead Ave. (04)

Dozia Collins, Room 201

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Robert Blanton (Margaret Harper's grandson) 301 Lauren Glen Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28226

Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Boulevard., Dallas, TX 75214

Anne Crane, 1501 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

Mary Frances Dinan, 105 Essex Court (03)

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

Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Alice Jernigan (friend of Joanna McDevitt), 2920 Old Mill Road (03)

Winnie Johnson, 15 Hampton Court (03)

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

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Michael Riley (Brenda Culpepper's son)

Our Members-at-Home

John and Denise Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, Room 534

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Alease Mustian, Brookdale Rocky Mount #301, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Mary Frances Taylor, Room 209, Rocky Mount Rehab, 160 Winstead Ave. (04)

We rejoice with Ana Catherine and John Dickens-Massengill in the birth of their daughter, Iris Elizabeth, on December 31 in Raleigh. Carol and Andy Barker are the proud grandparents.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Jean St. Clair who died on December 22. Jean was a member of Lakeside for 59 years. There will be a service celebrating her life at the mausoleum at Rocky Mount Memorial Park on Saturday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m.

We offer our sympathy to Ronald and Rhonda Cobb in the death of his brother, Mike Cobb, on December 27.

We offer our sympathy to Margy and Juno Brantley, Kathy and Jim Hutcheson, and Witten and Travis Ward and their family in the death of their nephew and cousin, Hamilton Nobles of Asheville, on December 27.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next weekday study group for adults will focus on the New Testament books of 1,2,3 John and Jude. This five-week study will be offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and will begin on January 16 and 17. Study books will be \$6.00 each and will be available in the church office soon. To sign up, please contact the church office or complete the Event Registration form on the Welcome page of the website.

TURNAGE SPEAKER SERIES

Plan to join us for the 2018 Turnage Speaker Series on January 28 and 29. Our featured speaker will be Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, the dean of Duke University Chapel and associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School.

YOUTH NEWS

Our regular schedule of choirs, dinners, and SNL resumes this Sunday, January 7. Youth parents and committee members are encouraged to attend a brief meeting to discuss the summer trip schedule on Sunday, January 14, at 6:45 p.m. in the youth room. Ski trip participants, make sure you get your t-shirt size and the balance for your trip to me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing everyone for Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Happy New Year! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Missions and Music will resume this coming Sunday evening. The children contributed to our church and community through the Advent season by singing in worship services, a performance at the hospital for Lights of Love, and caroling with gifts they made for our homebound members. Thanks to all parents and grandparents who support worship and music in these children's lives.

Lakeside Ringers and Chancel Choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, January 10. Thank you, Jim Wiggs, for conducting on Sunday in my absence.

Amy

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for February 9-10 at the Boseman Farm on Highway 43. Alysun Skinner, former Youth Minister at FUMC in Rocky Mount who now serves at FUMC in Wilson, will lead us in a time of study, reflection, fellowship, and fun. We will begin late afternoon on Friday and end with dinner on Saturday. The cost of \$75 per person includes meals. Lodging for 8 is available at the farm, or you can return home for the evening. Please contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jerry Baker and Nancy Berry

Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain

Acolyte - Catherine Cobb; Crucifer - Michael Waters

Nursery - Greyson Tillman; Extended Session - Catherine Matlack

Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$646,064
Through December 31	\$14,529	\$630,466
Variance	+\$2,339	-\$15,598

Balance needed to meet the 2017 Ministry Plan: \$15,598

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

January 7, 2018 ❖ Epiphany Sunday

The Celebration of Communion

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Why a Baby?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Star in the East" - ed. Holmes

"O Holy Child" - Cox

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, January 4

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Sunday, January 7

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

5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities

5:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschool, Children, and Youth

6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, SNL for Youth

7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss

7:15 p.m. Children and Youth Dismiss

Monday, January 8

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall