



The Link

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH

Last winter I had an opportunity to visit with our children in the sanctuary and talk with them about the various ways they help to enrich our worship. They took the opportunity to ask some of their questions about faith. Once again, I was reminded of how insightful and challenging our children can be. I also realized that they are asking questions the rest of us should ask from time to time. Perhaps we do.

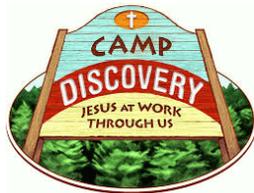
This summer I will address our children's questions in my sermons. I think we will all benefit from the freshness of their inquiries and the importance of thinking about our faith. This week I will explore the nature of God inspired by the following questions:

Bo Browder – "How did God make himself?"

Eliza Craig Parker – "Is God an actual, physical person, or a spirit?
Is God a boy? Is he black or white?"

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). Perhaps our children can help open the door for us this summer.

Jody Wright



CAMP DISCOVERY VBS!

Many thanks to all the teachers, volunteers, and youth helpers for working to make Camp Discovery a great success! Everyone is invited to attend the closing celebration at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, June 19, in the sanctuary at Good Shepherd, with a slide show to follow in the Parish Hall.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Jane Abbott, Room 557

Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 S. Winstead Ave. Rocky Mount, NC

Bill Waters, Room 119

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

Betty Godwin, Skilled Nursing

At Home:

Betty Anderson, 126 Hurtville Lane, Reed Spring, Missouri 65737

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin's daughter)

Leo Bishop, 3801 Woodlawn Road (04)

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

Don Bulluck, 3512 Woodlawn Road (04)

David Carter, 312 North Shores Road, Washington, NC 27889

Bobbie Collie, 2712 Amherst Road (04)

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214

Gwen Davis, PO Box 8049 (04)

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

Brenda and John Hartness, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Vernon Hoyle (Bill Hoyle's brother), 201 J Morgan St., Forest City NC 28043

Anaiah Knowles, 6408 N. 131st Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68164-1043

Cristi Gonzales Pollock, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409

Beverly Griffin Troutman, 1192 N. Foxhill Road, Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Andy Wiggs (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

Our Members-at-Home

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Carlton Kimbro, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Grace Lewis, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

We offer our sympathy to Travis and Witten Ward and Marilyn Moore and their family in the death of Travis' mother and Marilyn's sister-in-law, Jackie Ward, on June 12.

Dear Lakeside,

Thank you for being a wonderful, supportive and loving church family to me during my recent bout with mono. Your expressions of care and concern involving prayers, cards, food, phone calls, emails, flowers and other gestures of support meant so much. Each one encouraged and uplifted me during a challenging time. Your prayers were felt and I know they helped guide my healing and recovery.

Thank you for being such a blessing. I am most grateful to you!

Sincerely, Kathy Manning

DISCUSSION CLASS NEWS

Next Sunday, June 21, the Discussion Sunday School Class will draft responses to the Church Survey. Please let us know any ideas you would like to include in the responses.

YOUTH NEWS

Special thanks to everyone who is helping with VBS this week. We are having a great week teaching our children how Jesus works through us!

Plans are coming together for our 24th year of Gatekeepers Workcamp. This year's theme, "Coloring Outside the Lines: Seeking God's Kingdom" will help us to explore how we can find and experience the kingdom of God in unexpected ways. Many thanks to Rebecca Watkins for working on a beautiful and creative t-shirt design for this year's theme. Your help will be appreciated with set-up and shopping for Workcamp on the afternoons or evenings of July 1-3. If you are available, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Elizabeth

LAKESIDE NURSERY NEWS

Sunday, June 7, was Hope Rommel's last day working in our nursery. She has served us well for five and a half years and has expressed her sorrow at having to say goodbye to the Lakeside families and children. We are grateful to Ashley Waters, one of Lakeside's own college students, who will be working in the nursery for the summer months.

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL FUN CAMPS

Two preschool camps are offered this summer. Children will enjoy plenty of activities inside and out during our first camp! Bubbles, water play, sand dough, homemade popsicles and tasty watermelon are just a few of the activities planned for "Summertime Fun," June 22-25 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Our second camp will be "Christmas in July," July 13-16, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Why wait until December for some Christmas Joy?! We will bake cookies, decorate and do fun holiday crafts! The cost for each camp is \$125 per child. If you are interested in either camp, please email behoward583@gmail.com or pick up a flyer from the church office.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stencil Barnes and Trevor Lane
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Spencer Bulluck; Acolyte - Chase Joyner
 Extended Session - Brenda Cotton; Nursery - Pat Astin
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Gene Wilson

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$294,051
Receipts June 14	\$ 6,942	\$260,248
Variance	+\$5,310	-33,803

WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

June 21, 2015 ❖ *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
Out of the Minds of Children: Questions of Faith

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

History Lesson: Acts 17:16-28

Sermon: "How Did God Make Himself?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Seek Ye First" - Lafferty/arr. Wagner

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - arr, Thiman

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 21

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

Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Preschool Fun Camp
 1:00 p.m. Preschool Fun Camp Dismissal

Thursday, June 25

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor, Education Building

THE LEHMAN BENEDICTION PRINTS

Marion Clark Weathers' time-limited release "The Lehman Benediction" is being created in two sizes. Benediction I is the size of the original 16"W x 20"H and Benediction II is a smaller version, measuring 11" x 14". Please call the church office for additional information. There is also a link on the Welcome page of our website at lakesidechurchmt.org where you can go to purchase the prints and pay by credit card.

Unframed Lehman Benediction I (16"x20") \$75.00

Unframed Lehman Benediction II (11" x 14") \$ 50.00

To The Congregation of Lakeside Baptist,

Greetings! My wife, Mary Ann, and I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the anniversary service at Lakeside recently. We are grateful that we were able to be a part of it. While there were many faces that I did not know, there were some that I will never forget. Those faces took me back to the Lakeside of the late 1950's and early 1960's, a place where we felt welcomed, a place where I felt safe and happy as a child, a place where, I'm told, I occasionally got into trouble. Just occasionally. I tried to remind several people that there were five Godwin boys in the church at that time, and that they might be thinking of my brothers or cousins. My argument held little sway, however, and the laughter was good. It felt nice to be remembered for any reason.

As I sat in your beautiful sanctuary, my memories refused to line up single file, rather they all rushed at me at once, clamoring for my favor like clucking chickens at feeding time. But I will share this one with you. Before that building was your church home, it was a construction site. And that construction site, to the chagrin of our parents and the construction workers, was a playground for myself, my cousins, and my eternal childhood buddy, Eddie Glasgow. Our youthful fingerprints are forever in the foundation and framing. Long before there was ever any water in the baptistry, we were. Now, almost 60 years later, I found myself studying how the sanctuary has evolved and become even more beautiful, as well as the campus and the lake view setting in which it has been thoughtfully placed. I was conscious of the energy, the vision, the leadership, and the dedication of the last several decades that have transformed that happy construction site to what it is now, both as a facility and as a testament to faith in action in the community and in the world. When looking at a well-established church, it is easy to overlook how it got there. But to have seen a church in its infancy, and then to see what it has become decades later, it is truly inspiring.

I want Dr. Cartledge to know that I was 'listening', and that his message was strong enough to interrupt my train of thought several times (always a good barometer of a good sermon). I do hope, though, that he can forgive me for a few lapses in attentiveness. As I sat in the pew, I had a remarkable vantage point. My friend John Lehman and his family sat in front of me, and beyond them I could see Jody Wright in the pulpit. It was a visual confirmation of a very powerful fact. This church has had only three full time pastors in six decades. I think that's remarkable. It speaks highly of the men you have chosen to lead over the years. It speaks highly of the dedication and the work of your pastoral search committees. It speaks of good fortune. Finding Gaylord Lehman certainly softened the blow of losing Clarence Godwin. Likewise, finding Jody Wright certainly softened the blow of losing Gaylord upon his retirement.

In my humble opinion, though, I submit that it also speaks highly of you good folks as a congregation. Regardless of the depth of his faith, the breadth of his compassion, or the power of the Spirit that drives him, no minister can lead an unsupportive congregation. I know that a minister gleans his energy from two sources: from his Heavenly Father and from his congregation. I know for a fact all three of these dedicated and inspiring men were and are grateful that they had been led to this church. The reciprocity of love and affection between this congregation and these three leaders attest to the notion that the whole really can be greater than the sum of its parts. I will stop short of saying you should be proud, because we all know where pride can lead. But I know you must feel good about your history and its significance as you look to the future.

Thanks for the invitation, thanks for making us feel so welcome, thanks for the meal and to all who prepared it. It was a wonderful day. Each of my rare visits to Rocky Mount are always a return to my childhood, happy, adventurous and barefoot, and always centered around Lakeside Baptist Church. May God bless you all.

Warmly,
Dowell Godwin
June 12, 2015