



The Link

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OPEN THE DOOR

I don't know what heaven actually looks like. I hear there are gates of pearl and streets of gold. For me, however, all of the gold and pearls in the world (or heaven) could not be more beautiful than the people assembled in our sanctuary on Tuesday evening. People from throughout the community, from dozens of churches, came together to worship because our faith and our humanity hold us together.

I am often asked how many people the sanctuary holds. I do know that there were at least thirty souls who had to participate from the Lecture Room in the Education Building. No less than 400 people from throughout the community gathered to offer prayers and support for the Emanuel AME congregation in Charleston and the families of the people who were killed last week.

We were reminded throughout the service of that historic congregation's resolve to keep their doors open in the midst of staggering grief. They understand their calling to be a comfort to hurting souls, a refuge for all who are battered by life, a voice insisting on justice for all people, and a light which shatters the darkness of the world. For nearly two hundred years, Emanuel's congregation has been faithful to that calling. Reeling with grief and the trauma of what happened during a Wednesday evening Bible study, cut to the quick by the deaths of their beloved ministers and fellow members, they are keeping the doors open.

There are many references to doors in scripture, but two have caught my attention this week. Matthew reminds us that Jesus invites us to "seek and you shall find, ask and it shall be given, knock and the door will be opened to you" (7:7). In his Revelation, John points out that if we will not go looking for Jesus, he will come looking for us: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me" (3:20).

In the tragedy that happened in Charleston and the injustices that occur throughout the world, Jesus comes knocking. We are invited to open the door and let him in, knowing all the while that our lives will change dramatically. In response, we open the doors of our lives to new attitudes, new ways of understanding the world, fresh perspectives on our culture, and vibrant relationships with people we never thought would be our friends.

I am grateful that the doors of our congregation are open to all. I am thankful that our hearts are open as well. For me, and I hope for all, this is, at the very least, a glimpse of heaven.

Jody Wright

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

Dot Daughtridge, Room 535

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

Jerry Jolley, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856 Room 305-B

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Audrey Scarborough, 724 York Street (03)

Marjorie Taylor, Golden Living Center, 1000 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Kristen Miller into the Lakeside upon her profession of faith on June 14. We will celebrate her baptism at a later date. Kristen is an attorney with Poyner and Spruill. She and her husband, Adam, live at 120 Green Bank Court (04), phone: 955-1215.

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 lakesidechurchrmt.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

YOUTH NEWS

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. I am looking forward to July 12! In the meantime, there is much work to be done, and your help is needed. We will begin unpacking and sorting supplies on the afternoons of July 8, 9, and 10. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF *THE LINK*. I will send out an email to confirm the exact times as those dates draw closer.

Despite the tragedies reported on the news and the heated debates on social media, I hope you all will remember that our calling is to love God and our neighbors with our whole selves. Be mindful of the words you choose, offer kindness in every circumstance, show courage when needed, and in all things love others from the inside out!

Remember that we have Sunday School and worship here every Sunday, so I hope to see you whenever you are in town this summer. Elizabeth

SUMMER COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Each summer congregations throughout the community gather for worship. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit other churches, experience different styles of worship, and make new friends. The overall theme this year is "The Church Tells a Different Story." Each week will focus on four contrasts we experience in life:

July 19: host First Presbyterian Church

theme: When the world tells a story of fear, the Church tells a story of hope.

July 26: host to be announced

theme: When the world tells a story of selfishness, the Church tells a story of love.

August 2: host Englewood United Methodist Church

theme: When the world tells a story of violence, the Church tells a story of peace.

August 9: host Word Tabernacle Church

theme: When the world tells a story of division, the Church tells a story of reconciliation

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stancil Barnes and Genie Raper

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Trevor Graham; Acolyte - Spencer Edwards

Nursery - Leslie Paszek; Extended Session - Jan Robillard

Audio Booth Volunteer - Gene Wilson

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$306,303
Receipts June 21	\$4,806	\$265,054
Variance	-\$7,446	-41,249

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CHURCH STAFF

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Mark Gansor

Organist

Jody Wright

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 25

No Meditation Group Today

Sunday, June 28

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

Tuesday, June 30

10:30 a.m. Al-Anon, Godwin Library

Thursday, July 2

No Meditation Group Today

WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

June 28, 2015 ❖ The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Out of the Minds of Children: Questions of Faith

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:11-27

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon: "How Did God Get His Power?"

A question posed by Chase Joyner

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Beautiful Savior" - arr. Burkhardt

"Holy Lord" - Harlan