



The Link

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PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR BURNING BUSH!

What a wonderful experience of worship we enjoyed Sunday evening as the community came to Lakeside! It was a delight to see so many ministers from a variety of congregations working together to lead worship. And it was a true joy to share communion with people throughout Rocky Mount as our common faith in Jesus Christ brought us together.

Rev. Garland Jones, Pastor of Mount Zion Christian Church, challenged us all to pay attention to the burning bush that is in front of us. His call for us to discover what God wants to say to us before we can come together to address the needs in our community was right on target. It was an inspired message and, if you were not able to be here on Sunday evening, I encourage you to listen to the service on our website.

Thank you to our ushers, deacons, audio operator, and others who made all of our guests feel welcome. Thank you to our Social Committee who provided a lovely reception. And thank you to our musicians and choir for offering heart-felt music to enliven our worship.

These services are important because they bring us together at the point of the core value we share: our faith. I encourage you to attend the final service of the summer at Greater Love Community Church, 4341 S. Church Street. Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl of Trinity Luther Church will be preaching. We will celebrate communion and receive an offering to benefit My Sister's House.

Jody Wright



A GENEROUS THANK YOU!

We are grateful for the way in which this congregation has met the challenges of a struggling economy in order to support the ministries to which we are committed. 2014 has been thus far one of the strongest years of giving in recent memory. Over the past two years, we have averaged receiving 42.1% of our budget offerings in the first six months of the year. This year for the same time period, we received 43.7% of our budget. Two weeks later, by July 13, we had received 47.9% of the budget or \$303,212.

Many of you have adjusted your giving patterns so that you are making contributions earlier and on a more frequent basis. Some of you are giving more than you have in previous years. We all must continue to work together to erase the gap we experienced last year. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to our ministry.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Duke Medical Center, Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710

Chris Wiggs

At Home:

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

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

Clayton Brown (Doris Booth's brother), 2609 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321

Faye Conner, 104 Birdie Court (04)

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

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

John Gessaman, 4009 Hawthorne Road (04)

Georgia Grace Godwin (great-granddaughter of Betty Godwin),

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

Phillip Joyner, 1100 Beechwood Drive (03)

Faith Lehman, 3628 Colonial Lane (04)

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

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

Gene Singletary, (Cornelia Singletary's father), 129 Marlas Way, Camden, NC 27921

Patrick "Jim" Summers (Amy Green's father), 2118 Tarrywood, Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455.

Trey Thaning (Jean St. Clair's grandson)

Bill Waters, 3624 Colonial Lane (04)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Drive (03)

Andrew Wesche, 9823 Layla Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27617

Doug Wilson (Joanna McDevitt's brother-in-law), Glen Allen, Virginia

Our Members-at-Home

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

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

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

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas Lucas who died on July 26. Mr. Lucas was the son of the late Bernice Lucas.

NOTEBUSTERS 2014!!!

On Tuesday, August 12, all children in grades K-5 are invited to a day of fun and music-making: NOTEBUSTERS 2014!!! The children will learn fun songs to sing for a surprise "Flash Mob" at Braswell Library in the Battle Reading Room. Parents and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the "surprise" performance. Notebusters will then head to the Sunset Avenue Spray Park for a splashin' good time! Bring your swimsuit, water shoes, and sunscreen and invite a friend to join you for this exciting day! The cost is \$8.00 per child. Contact the church office as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m.– Meet in the Music Suite at Lakeside

12:00 p.m.– Lunch will be provided

1:00 p.m.–Flash Mob Performance at Braswell Library

1:30 p.m.–Fun at Sunset Avenue Spray Park

3:00 p.m.–Notebusters to be picked up at Lakeside

YOUTH NEWS

We have been invited to join the youth from several other churches for a friendly game of Ecumenical Kickball on Wednesday, August 13, beginning around 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are available to participate. I will send more details next week.

All youth and children should mark your calendars for a Back To School celebration on Sunday, August 31. More details to come soon.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Sunday School and worship on Sunday.
Elizabeth

PILGRIMAGE REPORT

The Pilgrimage to Alaska was more than we ever could have imagined! We saw Denali, Portage Glacier and Exit Glacier on the most crystal clear days, shared meaningful times of worship and devotion, worshiped with our Russian Orthodox brothers and sisters, came to appreciate the varied cultures of the Alaska Native Peoples, enjoyed growing closer as a group, and did it all surrounded by some of the most beautiful vistas on earth! Thank you, Lakeside, for making this Pilgrimage experience possible for our youth and the adults who accompanied them.

You will have a chance to hear and see much more about our trip at a fellowship supper in September. More details will be available in future editions of *The Link*.
Elizabeth

LAKESIDE INVOLVED

A DAY OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Lakeside Involved will be held this year on Saturday, November 1. Once again, Lakeside members will work to provide assistance to fellow church members and citizens of Rocky Mount. Last year eighteen worthy projects were successfully carried out. This year we will continue many of these projects and are seeking your input for new projects. Please call Dorrie Wright (904-5511) or Jill Ward (450-9794) if you are aware of any special needs in our community that could become a Lakeside Involved project.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

Each Sunday that we celebrate communion, a Benevolent Offering is received at the conclusion of worship. This offering is collected by our youth who stand at each of the exits as we leave worship. The funds are collected in RAINBOWs which our children and youth made for the purpose of raising funds for missions. All funds are used in support of local ministries. Out of our gratitude for what God has done for us, we help our neighbors with what they need.

WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

August 3, 2014

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:31-21

Sermon: "Bread Crumbs"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Look at the World" - John Rutter

"Holy Lord" - Benjamin Harlan

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright Senior Minister	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Linda Davis Administrative Assistant	Rhonda Casper Secretarial Assistant	Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director
Napoleon Taylor Custodian	Mark Gansor Organist	Samantha Saiz Preschool Director

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 3

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

Thursday, August 7

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 30 WEEKS

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$365,400
Receipts July 27	\$7,903	\$322,603
Variance	-\$4,277	-42,797

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jill Ward and David Browder
Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain
Acolyte - Amira Morris; Crucifer - Jacob Watkins
Extended Session - Trevor Lane; Nursery - Jessica Williams
Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper