



The Link

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LAUGHTER AND TEARS

Death is not unusual news. We hear about deaths every day: loved ones, friends in the community, civic and political leaders, military and civilian casualties, young men in the wrong place at the wrong time, victims of storms and other natural disasters. Occasionally a death occurs on the world screen of someone who managed to slip into our lives by their personality, talent, or service to the greater good, and their death affects us deeply.

As far as I know, I am not acquainted with anyone who knew Robin Williams personally or even met him casually; however, practically everyone I have encountered in these last few days has mentioned how tragic and sad his death is to them. Special reports on television have recounted the breadth of his talent. Friends have spoken about the depth of his compassion. Experts have explored the complexity of his illness.

Most of us enjoyed Robin Williams because he helped us laugh. His high energy humor made any and everything funny. The most mundane of objects became props for an impromptu skit. The most perplexing problems had their funny side. I think I liked Robin Williams because, although he was talented and brilliant, there was a shy and goofy side to him that made him familiar, like someone you knew—perhaps yourself.

For all of the laughter he brought to the world, Mr. Williams often lived in a sad and dark place. He suffered with depression and substance abuse. He sought help. He worked hard to get better, and sometimes was successful. The one thing his friends pointed out is that he was not always honest about the severity of his struggles. With illness such as his, honesty is essential to gaining health.

Robin Williams was not alone, although he must often have felt that way. Millions of people struggle with depression or substance abuse or some other form of mental illness. These are treatable diseases for which resources abound, if we will avail ourselves of them.

If you or someone you know wrestle with these issues, please seek help. We have a wonderful resource in CareNet Counseling East which provides therapists two days a week in our facilities. They can be reached at 1-866-355-2801 and are eager to help. We are available to you as well as are friends and family and other professionals in this community. Robin Williams spent his life giving joy and laughter to others. He longed to enjoy those gifts himself, and often did. Shouldn't we all? Please get the help you need.

Jody Wright

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Carol Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822

Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin's daughter)

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)

Andrew Wesche, 9823 Layla Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27617

Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

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

Our Members-at-Home

Nora Boone, Universal Health Care, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Winnie Brown, 108 Bunn Drive (04)

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

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

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

We rejoice with Will and Rachel Ammons Etheridge who were married on August 9 at Lakeside.

We offer our sympathy to Scooter and Liz Hedgepeth and his family in the death of Scooter's aunt, Elsa Hedgepeth Dennis, on August 12.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Calling all Senior Adults! Please join us as we travel to Wake Forest, NC to tour the Wake Forest Historical Museum on Thursday, August 28. You don't have to be a Demon Deacon to appreciate the early history of the birthplace of Wake Forest University. In addition, there will be a new "Wake Forest in World War II Exhibit" on display that reveals "the highs, lows and ordinary moments of wartime life in this small college town." After our tour, we will enjoy a delicious, "country-cooking" meal at Fork's Cafeteria in historic downtown Wake Forest. (The museum tour is free. Lunch is under \$10.00). We plan to leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and should return by 2:30 p.m. Please call the church office or visit the events page on our website to sign up.

YOUTH NEWS

All youth and children and their families should mark your calendars for a Back To School celebration on Sunday, August 31, beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the home of Betty Anne and Joe Whisnant. We will swim, play games, and enjoy a cookout as we kick off the fall season. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration form on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

Our Sunday evening activities resume on September 7, with choirs at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and a planning meeting for all youth and parents at 6:15 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Please bring your calendars and school schedules. Pilgrimage participants and parents should plan to stay a few minutes extra to follow-up from the trip.

If you have friends who might like to get involved in our youth activities, please send me their names and contact information right away so that I can send invitations to these and other events.

I will be away on Sunday but will look forward to seeing you when I return.
Elizabeth

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

On Sunday, September 7, we will kick-off the new Sunday School year with a church-wide breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Kincheloe Hall. If you are not currently involved in Sunday School, this would be a great opportunity for you to learn about the various classes that are available. There is no charge for the meal, but we will need an accurate headcount by Wednesday, September 3. Please sign up by calling the church office or completing the registration form on the website.

FALL BOOK STUDY

The next small group study for adults will be a discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's new book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. An evening group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning September 16 at 7:00 p.m., and a morning group will meet each Wednesday beginning September 17 at 10:00 a.m. Books are \$13 each and will be available in the church office by the end of August. Please call the office to sign up, and indicate if you prefer morning or evening.

MUSIC NOTES

NoteBusters 2014 was a huge hit!! Children from our church and community came together to sing, make new friends, have fun, and give their gift of music back to the community with a surprise FlashMob performance at Braswell Library. Many of you showed up as our "pretend" audience. Your support for these children and our music program means so much. It took a team to pull off this much fun, and I am so grateful to the many people who helped make this day a success: Dianne Bullock, Sue Cataline, Brenda and Wayne Cotton, Teresa Herring, Ann Johnson, Dorrie Wright, the excellent staff at Braswell Library, the nice folks at the Spray Park, and our amazing staff at Lakeside. Several of the children have already asked when we would do another flashmob. Stay tuned for future surprise performances. I look forward to NoteBusters 2015!
Amy

WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

August 17, 2014

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalter Lesson: Psalm 67

Sermon: "Where Is God These Days?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Amazing Grace" - arr. Rutter; "I Will Joyfully Sing" - MacDonald

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

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 21

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 32 WEEKS

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$389,760
Receipts August 10	\$ 7,604	\$340,710
Variance	-\$4,576	-49,050

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Wayne Cotton and Jerry Carter

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Acolyte - Chase Joyner; Crucifer - Trevor Graham

Extended Session - Teresa and Dan Herring

Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper

HELP NEEDED IN CONETOE

Help is needed to build a deck onto the youth building at Conetoe Baptist Church. The space will be used for work and play for younger children. Please call the church office if you can help.