



# The Link

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## ADVENT AT LAKESIDE LONGING TO BELIEVE

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Longing To Believe: Hope and Love

December 16 - 11 o'clock a.m.

Cantare and Chancel Choirs

## SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING

December 16 - 6 o'clock p.m.

A service of lessons and carols telling the story of Jesus' birth

Chancel and Alleluia Choirs

Lakeside Ringers

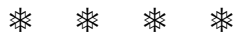


We regret that last Sunday's snowstorm resulted in our having to cancel worship and caroling. It was especially disappointing to have to cancel our presentation of Part I of Handel's *Messiah*. We have explored a variety of options to see if another date might be possible, but coordinating the schedules of nine musicians and singers is a daunting task. We are deeply grateful to Amy Shortt and the Chancel Choir for all of their preparations for the season, especially for last Sunday's worship. We are contacting our guests to ask them to plan to return next Advent. Until then, we have much beautiful music, meaningful worship, and joyful celebration yet to come as we approach Christmas. We hope you and your family will join us for each service as we "long to believe."



### GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Our youth will hold their annual Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser on Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Gifts may be dropped off, or, if you will have trouble getting them to us, we can pick them up if you let us know in advance. Donations will be accepted for the Youth Trip Fund.



### MERRY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

We invite the ladies of Lakeside to celebrate Women's Christmas (a Celtic tradition) on January 7, the Monday following Epiphany. We will meet in Sugg Foyer at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and a devotional time together. Then we'll travel to Warrenton, NC for a day of inspiration and fellowship, enjoy lunch at the Hardware Cafe, and return to Rocky Mount by 6:00 p.m.

Using devotions written by author and artist Jan Richardson, our discussions will be facilitated by Mary Catherine Harris and Deborah Wright. Please call the church office to register. A \$25 fee will cover the cost of the day, excluding lunch.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)**

**Wayne Macklin** (Susan Skinner's brother-in-law)

### At Home:

**Ed Astin**, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

**Hazel and Alfred Ayscue**, 5031 Brassfield Drive (03)

**Lloyd Bailey** (Susan Bailey's uncle) 3813 Hawthorne Road (04)

**Janice Taylor Bobbitt**, 4204 Whitehurst Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

**Cameron Covolo**, 3637 Litchfield Drive (03)

**Anne Crane**, 1505 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

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

**Bill Etheridge**, 7298 Billy-Buck Lane (27803)

**Mike Evans**, 1617 Rivera Drive (03)

**Scott Farber** (Patty Schirman's brother), 11218 S. Utah, Davenport, Iowa 52802

**Joyce Joyner** (Catherine Matlack's mother)

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

**Harlon Mosely**, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

**Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

**David Ozment** (Debbie and Tim Ozment's son) 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

**Michael Riley** (Brenda Culpepper's son)

**Tim Sawyer**, 2409 Winstead Road (04)

**Joe Stanton**, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

**Brent Tyndall**, 1730 River Birch Hollow, Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Betsy Waters**, 3624 Colonial Lane (04)

### Our Members-at-Home

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

**Grace Monroe**, 3752 Loblolly Drive (04)

**Audrey Scarboro**, 724 York Street (03)

We rejoice with Ashley and Scott Wright in the birth of their son, Caden James, on December 9 in Greenville, South Carolina. Dorrie and Jim Wright are Caden's grandparents.

*Thank you all so much for the toys and generous gifts collected by your congregation. There is a bit of isolation that can come in the aftermath of a storm like Florence. Know that you blessed us, not just with resources to share with those in need in our community, but with the friendship and support of a sister church journeying with us. We are most grateful.*

*Grace, Jayne Smith*

*First Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC*

## TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Calling all Seniors! Please join us for our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 following the Candlelight Service at the home of Dick and Nancy Berry (1412 Jeremy Lane). We will celebrate the season with good food, fun, and fellowship. Call the church to sign up and let us know if you need a ride.

## COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and recent college graduates are invited to a fellowship luncheon in Robbins Hall immediately following worship on December 30. Please sign up in the church office by Christmas Eve.

## YOUTH NEWS

We missed being together for worship and caroling on Sunday, but I hope everyone enjoyed a couple of days off from school and had fun in the snow. Youth will be needed to assist with lighting candles this coming Sunday evening. Please meet in the Narthex at 5:30 p.m. for instructions.

I hope to see all of you on Saturday for our Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser. Plan to arrive by 9:45 a.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Watch your email for information about scheduling an outing over Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

Cantare, our new ensemble for older youth and young adults, will sing in worship this coming Sunday. If you are a twenty-something and would like to join us, we'd love to have you. Rehearsal will begin in the music suite at 9:15 a.m.

The rehearsal schedule for our Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols is: 4:00 p.m. - Lakeside Ringers, 4:30 p.m. - Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir. The Alleluia Choir will be served a light supper in the Youth Room before robing. I look forward to seeing our adult choirs in rehearsal as we prepare for this special service.

The annual Choir Christmas Party will be hosted at the home of Jaye and James Biggs, 1601 Pinecrest Road, immediately following the Candlelight Service. Lakeside Ringers will also ring in worship on December 23. Amy

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten-Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie Paszek on Sunday.

### SUNDAY MORNING AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Robert Sykes and Sheila Whitley  
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain  
 Crucifer - Carson Browder; Acolyte - Catherine Cobb  
 Nursery - Lori Joyner; Extended Session - Greyson Tillman  
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

### CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Deacon Greeters - Robert Sykes and Sheila Whitley  
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain  
 Crucifer - Madi Adkins; Torchbearer - Reynolds Cobb  
 Acolyte - Maggie Paszek  
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2018 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,651

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,436	\$609,344
Receipts December 9	\$13,613	\$507,331
Amount needed to meet our current budget: \$139,320		

### 2019 MINISTRY GIVING PLAN CARDS

Thank you to everyone who has returned a Giving Plan Cards in support of next year's ministry. Thus far, we have received 91 cards for a total of \$364,780 or 56% of next year's ministry needs. We ask everyone to indicate your support by returning your cards.

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 13

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor  
 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Children's Classroom

### Saturday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Youth Gift-Wrapping Fund Raiser, Lecture Room

### Sunday, December 16

9:15 p.m. Cantare Rehearsal  
 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  
 12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room  
 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Candlelighting  
 7:00 p.m. Topnotchers Christmas Party, the Berry's home, 1412 Jeremy Lane  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Party, the Biggs's Home, 1601 Piedmont Ave.

### Wednesday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 20

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor