



The Link

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Advent at Lakeside *Everlasting Lovingkindness: God's Journey to Us*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
God's Journey to Us: Freed for Righteousness
December 17 - 11 o'clock a.m.
The Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 17 - 6 o'clock p.m.
A service of lessons and carols telling the story of Jesus' birth
Chancel, Children's and Adult Handbell Choirs



'TIS THE SEASON

Advent ushers in the beginning of a new year of celebrating and exploring the Christian faith. December reminds us that the current calendar year is fast drawing to a close. Advent sparks our anticipation of what God might do with us in the year to come. December often reminds us of the many things we have yet to do before the end of the year. As people of faith, we live under the influence of two calendars, each calling us to different perspectives on life. Together, the two also remind us of our ministry which emerges from our faith to engage us in the world. Such ministry requires a variety of resources, among them our financial gifts. If you have not yet given all you intend to support our ministry together for this year, please do so soon. We are still \$95,556 short of fulfilling our financial obligations for this year. In order to make certain that all financial gifts are credited, please make certain your offerings are given no later than December 31.

TURNAGE SPEAKER SERIES

Plan to join us for the 2018 Turnage Speaker Series on January 28 and 29. Our featured speaker will be Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, the dean of Duke University Chapel and associate professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School. More details will be provided in future editions of *The Link*.

HONOR CARDS—THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

The 2017 Honor Cards are available in the church office for \$5 each. These cards, designed by artist William Mangum, provide needed funds for our local homeless shelters at UCM. They are also a wonderful gift to family and friends who care about all people in our community.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Ella Coats

Mary Frances Dinan

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Robert Blanton (Margaret Harper's grandson), 301 Lauren Glen Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

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

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

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

Anne Crane, 1501 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

Gary Ferguson (friend of Amy Shortt), 115 College Ave., Danville, VA

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

Alice Jernigan (friend of Joanna McDevitt), 2920 Old Mill Road (03)

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

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Michael Riley (Brenda Culpepper's son)

Aleine Wright (Jim Wright's mother), 1513 Jeremy Lane (03)

Our Members-at-Home

Dozia Collins, 2552 N. Old Carriage Road (04)

Sherry Johnson, c/o Brighton Gardens, 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 165, Raleigh, NC

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

Dear Lakeside,

We at My Sister's House want to thank you for your donation of "Luke's Dream Pillows." We will ensure that each child that is a guest in our shelter receive one so that they may have something to cherish.

Sincerely, My Sister's House Staff

TOPNOTCHER'S NEWS

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Please join us for our annual Topnotchers Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17, following the Candlelight Service, at Sheila Whitley's home (101 Bunn Avenue). Transportation will be provided (if needed). Please call the church office to sign up and let us know if you need a ride.

NEED A SPECIAL GIFT? TRY ANOTHER TASTE OF LAKESIDE

Circle 10's popular new cookbook, "*Another Taste of Lakeside*," makes a great Christmas gift. The cookbook is \$20 per copy and can be mailed for an additional \$5. Make checks out to Lakeside Baptist Church and specify "Cookbooks."

NURSERY AND EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to serve on our rotations for nursery and extended session beginning in January. Volunteers serve about once per quarter taking care of Lakeside's little ones during morning worship. If you are available to help, please contact the church office.

FLOWER CALENDAR

You may reserve dates for altar and narthex floral arrangements by signing up on the 2018 Flower Calendar in the office hallway or by calling the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Several families have beautifully wrapped gifts under their trees, and our youth fund grew by almost \$500 because of the efforts of our youth and youth committee members on Saturday. Special thanks to Molly Pitt and Nancy Berry for lending their bow-making skills, and to all who participated.

Youth will help to light candles at this Sunday's Candlelight Service. Please meet promptly at 5:30 in the Narthex. Mark your calendar for our Youth Regifting Party on January 1 at 5:00 p.m. More details will arrive by email soon. In the busyness of the season, I hope we will all take some time to ponder what it means that Christ has come to us and the gift of grace God offers for us all. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Elizabeth

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Sheila Martin on Sunday. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up in the Youth Building.

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you Lakeside Chancel Choir for your hard work and musicianship each Sunday in worship service, and in particular for this past Sunday's Christmas Oratorio. I continue to be so proud of all you accomplish. Thank you to the congregation and staff for your continued support. Concerning Sunday's music, one visitor from our community wrote:

"I visited Lakeside Baptist this AM to hear the beautiful Oratorio De Noel, Op 12 by Camille-Saens The performance was amazing on all counts. As I listened this thought came to me . . . there are times when the world seems shot to hell with the noise and stupidity of constant bickering, and I am at a loss as what will save us . . . and then in Rocky Mount, NC, in a small church, I remember that this sacred music does its part to heal the world. I regain my perspective of who is in charge and beyond the broadcast news, realize there are millions of people going about their business, unmoved by the blather, believing in God and his son Jesus. In my heart, I understand we can join the choir and sing *Hallelujah* to help save us from ourselves."

Please check the back of this week's The Link for Sunday's rehearsal schedule.
Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters: Dan Herring and Matt Paszek

Ushers: Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Spencer Edwards - a.m.; Connor Evans- p.m.

Acolyte - Ramsey Ward - a.m.; Sadie Ponte - p.m.

Torchbearer - p.m. - Georgia Morris

Nursery - Brady Adkins; Extended Session - Jessica Evans

Audio Booth Volunteer: Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$609,500
Receipts December 10	\$22,281	\$550,508
Variance	+\$10,091	-\$58,992

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Susan Skinner
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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 14

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Sunday, December 17

9:15 p.m. Lakeside Ringers 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. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. The Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
7:00 p.m. Topnotchers Christmas Party, Sheila Whitley's home, 101 Bunn Ave.
7:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Party, the Martin's Home, 300 Wildwood Ave.

Monday, December 18

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor