



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

“PERFECT PEACE IN AN IMPERFECT WORLD”

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22 - 11 o'clock a.m.
Adult Choir and Handbell Choir

Christmas Caroling

December 22 - 5 o'clock p.m.

Taking the music of the season to our members at home followed by a time of food and fellowship in Kincheloe Hall.

Christmas Eve Communion

December 24 - 6 o'clock p.m.

Lakeside Soloists: Eliza Craig Parker, Ann Sawyer, Amy Shortt
Chris Ellis - Violin



JOYOUS GIVING

The current newsletter from Spring Arbor Assisted Living includes a story about a woman who was traveling alone in the mountains and found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry. She opened her bag to share her food, but the hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked for it instead. She handed it over without hesitation and the traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone would provide him security for a lifetime. Yet, the next day he returned and handed back the stone. “I have been thinking,” he said. “I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back hoping you can give me something even more precious: give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.” The woman smiled, “The joy of giving!”

Every day offers us multiple opportunities to exercise our joy of giving. We give smiles, handshakes, music, good wishes, and tangible gifts. We will give the gift of song and friendship to our Members-at Home Sunday evening. We give time and talents and money to support things that matter most to us. Celebrate this wonderful possession and use it often!

Jody Wright



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 50 WEEKS

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$609,019
Receipts December 15	\$18,775	\$524,447
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$108,932

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

M.D. Anderson Medical Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030

Natalie Stewart Cortez

Autumn Care of Nash, 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Jerry Jolley, Room 404

Dennis Raper (Jackie Raper's brother-in-law)

Sue Toney (Jerry Jolley's mother), Room 605-A

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

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

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Steve Raper, 1421 Lafayette Avenue (03)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Our Members-at-Home

Jean Bishop, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886
Room D-216

Catherine Cooper, 3313 Amherst Road (04)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

Marjorie Taylor, Golden Living Center, 1000 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886
Rm 810

As a family of faith, we offer our sympathy to Ellen Davidson and her family in the death of her father, Dr. J. B. Brown, of Ahoskie, on December 16.

LET US BE . . . COMMITTED

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to support our ministry in 2014. 111 pledges have been received for a total of \$386,731 or 61% of our 2014 Budget. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

Please also remember your commitment to this year's ministry. Historically, 25% of our offerings are given in December. Although you could say that we have completed 95% of our ministry thus far, we have only received 80% of the funding for our ministry expenses. Be generous and sacrificial as you offer thanks for all God does for us.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group will be a five-week Bible study of the book of 1 Corinthians. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 28 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 29. The study guides cost \$7 each and will be available in the church office in early January. Please call the church office to sign up for a group.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and college-age young adults are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, December 22, following worship. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no mailing of *The Link* next week.

YOUTH NEWS

Special thanks to Nancy Berry, Linda Graham, Molly Pitt, Cooper Vuncannon, and Brent and Rebecca Watkins, as well as the youth who helped, for making Saturday's gift wrapping fund raiser a great success. I am also grateful to all the youth who participated in Sunday evening's candlelight service.

I hope you can all join us for caroling to our Members-at-Home this Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. It will be a fun time of singing and sharing Christmas cheer. A light supper will follow in Kincheloe Hall. I look forward to seeing you for Sunday School and worship on Sunday.
Elizabeth

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in grades K-5 are invited to Children's Church this Sunday led by Greyson Tillman. Children will depart worship during the second hymn.

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Sunday's services! *Messiah* was wonderful as was Carols and Candlelighting. The abundance of talent and the love of singing make Lakeside a special place. Chancel Choir, thank you, for your hard work and dedication. You are singing beautifully. Lakeside Ringers—awesome job! I'm particularly proud of our youth who played bells, and loved and supported each other through the process. Good job, guys and gals!

A big thanks to the parents of our children's choir for your continued support of music and worship in the life of your children. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the many people who help behind the scenes to make music at Lakeside a success: Bruce Harris, Gene Wilson and John Farmer who help set up bells and move the rails; Lori Joyner and Sue Cataline who help weekly with Children's Choir; Susan Bailey who keeps us all robed; Jessica Williams, Tavener Parker, and choir moms who help with children during performances; and Ricky Cobb who has worked the sound booth during Advent. Thank you to everyone who supports this program with words, encouragement, and funding. I look forward to continued excellence and growth of the music program at Lakeside.

Lakeside Ringers will participate in worship on Sunday. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for rehearsal.
Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jill Ward and Don Raper

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Georgia Morris; Acolyte - Connor Evans

Extended Session - Janet and Robert Sykes; Nursery - Jessica Evans

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Deacon Greeters - Don Raper and Frank Maynard

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Katy Jaber; Torchbearer - Sara Raper; Acolyte - Henry Williams

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

A Nursery Will be Provided

DECEMBER 29 AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Frank Maynard and Don Raper

Ushers - Group I, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Charlie Lane; Acolyte - Amira Morris

Extended Session - Elaine and Paul Jaber;

Nursery - Dawn Cutherell and Elizabeth Lane

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 20

12:00 p.m. Youth Ring Salvation Army Bell at Harris-Teeter

Sunday, December 22

9:30 a.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

12:00 p.m. College Student Luncheon, Kincheloe Hall

5:00 p.m. Caroling to our Members at Home, Sugg Foyer

6:30 p.m. Caroling Supper, Kincheloe Hall

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

If you have not completed your giving for the year, please do so as soon as possible. We rely upon your generosity and commitment to meet all of our ministry obligations. Thank you for your faithfulness!