



# The Link

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*JOY TO THE WORLD!!!*

*In  
this season,  
and throughout the year,  
we are mindful of what a blessing it is  
to be a part of the Lakeside Family.  
We thank you for every way you encourage us  
and make serving Lakeside Baptist Church such a joy.  
We wish for you all a joyous celebration of our Lord's birth  
and a very happy  
New Year!*

Jody Wright  
Linda Davis  
Susan Skinner

Elizabeth Edwards  
Liz Broomell

Amy Shortt  
Napoleon Taylor  
Samantha Salz



## December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve Communion

6:00 p.m. Worship  
"Starry Stranger, Guiding Light"  
Chris Ellis, violinist  
Lakeside Soloists:  
Bo Browder, Chase Joyner, Ann Sawyer, Amy Shortt

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### At Home:

- Bettina Godwin Batts**
- Ernest Bridgers**, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)
- Lee Broughton**, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
- Natalie Stewart Cortez**, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214
- Anne Crane**, 5105 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571
- Sue Daughety**, 336 Cottonwood Road, Nashville, NC 27856
- Hank Dunham**, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689
- Mike Evans**, 1617 Rivera Drive (03)
- Brenda and John Hartness**, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033
- Vernon Hoyle** (Bill Hoyle's brother), 201 J Morgan St., Forest City NC 28043
- Sherry Johnson**, Brighton Gardens, 3101 Duraleigh Rd., # 247, Raleigh, NC 27612
- Winnie Johnson**, 105 Hampton Court (03)
- Harlon Mosley**, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)
- Frances Pittman** 580 Coral Drive, A-4 Westport 1, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
- Cristi Gonzales Pollock**, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409
- Anne Predmore** (Linda Hoyle's cousin), 60 Sandwich Lane, Campo Bello, SC 29332
- Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)
- Jean Smith**, 23 Weatherstone Drive (04)
- Betty Watts**, 616 Nichole Lane (03)
- Tom Wicker**, c/o Andy Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822
- Andy Wiggs** (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

We offer our sympathy to Dennis and Brenda Culpepper and their family in the death of their sister-in-law, Ann Culpepper of Cornelius North Carolina, on December 20.

We rejoice with Duncan and Gardner Gibson in the birth of their twins, Charles McLaurin and Louisa Randolph, on December 19 in Raleigh. Dee and Stuart Gibson are the proud grandparents.

## GENEROSITY

We have talked a lot about generosity this past year because it is the operative word for this congregation and our community. Nothing would take place at Lakeside if it were not for your generosity which is not fully captured in our financial reports. You do so much to help others and fulfill God's calling for us all. To that word I would add "gratitude." We are grateful for every gift given through our congregation, but above all grateful to God for the abundance we enjoy in life. As we end the year, we need one more surge of generosity to meet our Ministry plan for the year. Remember that to be counted as a donation in 2015, all financial offerings must be received in the office by noon on December 31. Thank you

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$624,859
Receipts December 20	\$31,771	\$583,468
Variance	+\$19,519	-\$41,391
Needed to meet 2015 Ministry Commitment:		\$53,643

## YOUTH NEWS

I am so grateful to all of the youth who helped to make our Advent services and celebrations beautiful and meaningful. You are a special and talented group, and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year!

We will gather at the church at 4:30 p.m. this Sunday to go ice skating at the Imperial Centre and then out to dinner. Please bring \$6 for skating and about \$10 for dinner. Watch your email for details about working out rides. Ski trip participants should also watch email for information about submitting permission forms and your final balance. Enjoy your break from school, and remember that Sunday School and worship are important every week. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.  
Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

Sunday's music was a true gift to our church and community. Lakeside Ringers, you out did yourselves as Sunday evening's performance was one of your best. Brava! Children and Youth Choirs, I love to hear you sing. What joy you bring to our worship. Chancel Choir, I am so pleased with your commitment to music and worship. From Hanging of the Greens to Messiah to the Candlelight Service and every Sunday in between, you sang with skill and musicianship, and most importantly made "music from the heart." I am so grateful to be part of this Lakeside family. Thank you for allowing me to share my music with you. Amy

## COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and college-age young adults are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, December 27, following worship. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

## HONOR CARDS—THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

The 2015 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.

## CIRCLE 10 COOKBOOKS FOR AVAILABLE

Circle 10's new cookbook, *Another Taste of Lakeside*, is available in the church office. The cookbooks are \$20 each and make perfect Christmas gifts.

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain  
Acolyte - Daniel Edwards; Crucifer - Barkley Browder  
Extended Session - Gwen Davis  
Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Deacon Greeters - Stancil Barnes and Genie Raper  
Acolyte - Reynolds Cobb; Crucifer - Jacob Watkins  
Torch Bearer - Spencer Edwards

## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group is a five-week Bible study of the book of Jesus' parables in Luke. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 12 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 13. The study guide costs \$7 and will be available in the church office soon. Please call the church office to sign up.

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## CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright Senior Minister	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Linda Davis Administrative Assistant	Liz Broomell Secretarial Assistant	Mark Pichowicz Interim Organist
Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director	Napoleon Taylor Custodian	Samantha Salz Preschool Director

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### Friday, December 25

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, December 27

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

### Monday, December 28

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 29

10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting, Godwin Library

### Friday, December 31

Church Office Closed

## MINISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR

As we bid farewell to an eventful and wonderful 2015, we look with excitement to all that will take place in the new year. Your part in our ministry can never be overstated for nothing will happen through Lakeside unless God works through you. Thank you to all who have returned your giving plans for 2016. Thus far we have 114 giving plan cards for a total of \$377,440 or 58% of our new Ministry Plan. If you have not yet stated your intentions, please do so as soon as possible.