



The Link

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We count it a privilege to be part of such a loving and supportive family of faith. We thank you for the many ways you encourage us throughout the year 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
Mark Gansor
Samantha Salz*

*Amy Shortt
Chris Feno
Napoleon Taylor*

CHRISTMAS AT LAKESIDE *"Christmas Reflections"*

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION ❖ DECEMBER 24

6 O'clock p.m. - "Reflections of Wonder: Mary"
Chris Ellis, Violinist; Lakeside Soloists

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS ❖ DECEMBER 28

11 O'clock a.m. - "Reflections of Incarnation: Simeon and Anna"
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40
Chancel Choir Anthems:
"On This Day Earth Shall Ring" - Harmon
"Light Everlasting" - Christiansen

EPIPHANY SUNDAY ❖ JANUARY 4, 2015

11 O'clock a.m. - "Reflections of Authority: Herod and the Magi"
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
The Celebration of Communion
Family Dedication: Lenka, Robert, and Savannah Wright
Chancel Choir Anthems:
"Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?" - Lord
"He Shall Purify" from *Messiah* - Handel

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Stancil Barnes, 101 Briarwood Court, Tarboro, NC 27886
Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin's daughter)
Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)
Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
David Carter, 312 North Shores Road, Washington, NC 27889
Russell Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)
Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 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
Anaiah Knowles (Nancy Porter's great-grandson), 6408 N. 131st Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68164-1043
Chuck Martin, 106 Whispering Pines Drive (04)
Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)
Cristi Gonzales Pollock, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409
Lindy Brice Schmidt, 9275 Oldfield Road, Calabash, NC 28467
Joyce Siler, River Landing, 1575 John Knox Dr., #P-203, Colfax, NC 27235
Charlotte Thompson, Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)
Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Dot Daughtridge, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856
Jerry Jolley, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856 Room 305-B
Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)
Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)
Marjorie Taylor, Golden Living Center, 1000 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886

HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards which benefit United Community Ministries are available in our church office. These beautiful cards are perfect for Christmas and other occasions.

SPECIAL THANKS

We are grateful to Eli Bass, son of Ashley McDevitt and grandson of Joanna McDevitt, for assembling and delivering the candles for our Service of Carols and Candlelighting.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,180	\$621,194
Received December 21	\$11,932	\$573,310
Variance	-\$248	-\$47,884
Needed to fund the full budget:		\$60,065

Thank you for the generosity you have shown this year in supporting our ministry. While we are close to meeting our budget, we are not there yet. Please complete your giving by noon on December 31 so that we can fund every aspect of our mission to this community.

YOUTH NEWS

It was wonderful to gather with some of Lakeside's college students for lunch and then to have our youth assist with the Candlelight Service on Sunday. Your participation in the life of our congregation is important. Thank you for sharing your talents as you grow in your faith.

As we receive the Christ child once again, reflect on the year that has passed and prepare for the new year ahead, let us remember that Jesus' life was about loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength and neighbor as self. May we follow Christ every day by loving God and others with this "inside out" love.

Enjoy your break from school, and Merry Christmas! We will resume our Sunday evening activities on January 11. I hope to see you all for Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Elizabeth

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group will be a five-week Bible study of the book of Ezekiel. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 13 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 14. 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.

MUSIC NOTES

Music, in particular singing, is a central way to share and celebrate the Christmas season. Much music has been made over this Advent season from the children, youth, and adult choirs. It is my hope that music has played a part in offering a little more hope, joy, peace and comfort to all in our church, community and beyond. There are many ways to say, "Joy to the World the Lord is Come!", but none quite as rich as the one we sing. May you holiday continue be full of the music of Christ's birth.

Thank you to the many people who invest hours of rehearsal time and energy to make the music of Lakeside extraordinary. To those who help with "behind the scenes" work, you are also very much appreciated.

The children have an opportunity to attend a performance given by The North Carolina Symphony and the Triangle Youth Ballet of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," a timeless story of courage and teamwork. This story will be brought to life on stage through playful music, colorful costumes, and beautiful dance. It is a delightful way to begin the New Year with musical fun for the whole family! The performance begins at 1:00 p.m. on January 3 at Meymandi Concert Hall. Please contact me for further information. Amy

YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR 2015 MINISTRY PLAN

Thank you for the strong support you have showed for our ongoing ministry. Thus far we have received 134 Giving Plans totaling \$458,154. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Don Raper and David Browder

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Carson Browder; Acolyte - Madison Adkins

Extended Session - Brenda Cotton; Nursery - Jessica Evans

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

OFFERING ENVELOPES MAILED

Offering envelopes for 2015 have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call the church office.

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 24

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

Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 28

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Thursday, January 1

Church Office Closed

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY THIS YEAR!
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED YOUR GIVING OR ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL GIFT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE DECEMBER 31.***