



The Link

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

God's Journey to Us: A Calling in the World

December 10 - 11 o'clock a.m.

Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saëns

The Chancel Choir • NC Symphony String Quartet • Guest Soloists and Harpist

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 10 - 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 Robbins Hall



'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 \$118,000 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.

2018 GIVING PLAN CARDS

On November 26, we unanimously approved the 2018 Ministry Plan which will fund our ministries in the coming year. Thus far we have received 96 Giving Plans totaling \$332,036 or 51% of our Ministry Plan. Please return your cards as soon as possible. We want to have a 100% commitment to our 2018 ministry.

CIRCLE 10 COOKBOOK AVAILABLE

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."

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Vidant Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835

Ella Coats, Room East 344

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

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

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

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

Sue Daughety, 133-D Mobile Drive, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

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)

Jacob Watkins, 4224 Tucker Trail (04)

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

Our Members-at-Home

John and Denise Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, Room 718 (John) and Room 534 (Denise)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Alease Mustian, Brookdale Rocky Mount #301, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Mary Frances Taylor, Room 209, Rocky Mount Rehab, 160 Winstead Ave. (04)

We offer our sympathy to Sue and Bill Bulluck in the death of her aunt, Betty Anderson of Branson, Missouri, who died on December 2.

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.

SAINT-SAËNS' CHRISTMAS ORATORIO - DECEMBER 10

I invite you to join our Chancel Choir along with soloists, strings from the North Carolina Symphony, harp, and organ on Sunday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. for a special presentation of Camille Saint Saëns' *Oratorio de Noel* also known as *Christmas Oratorio*. I encourage you to allow this work to become a personal, intimate experience for you. As you listen, reflect upon what the texts are saying to you. What is your reaction to Christ's journey into your life? Is it, like the shepherds, full of fear and doubt, or, like Mary, full of patience and confidence, hope and praise? How can Christ's coming turn the questions and anxieties of our world into a peaceful assurance that he hears us?

Amy Shortt

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to all the youth who assisted with Sunday's Hanging of the Greens. Remember that we will wrap gifts this Saturday, December 9. Please let me know as soon as possible what hours you can help. I hope to see all of you here on Sunday evening for caroling. Mark your calendar for our Regifting Party on January 1. Details about times and location to be announced. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday morning. Elizabeth

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING

Lakeside's youth will wrap gifts on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will support the youth trip fund.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel and Children's Choirs: Super singing at Hanging of the Greens on Sunday! This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will rehearse for Saint Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio* at 9:00 a.m. Please invite family and friends to this special performance! Rehearsal schedule for the Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on December 17 is as follows: Lakeside Ringers—4:00 p.m.; Children's Choir—4:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir—5:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers will also ring for the December 17 morning worship service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. Amy

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME DEDICATION

Habitat for Humanity will dedicate a new home at 2601 Shreve Road on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to attend this celebration.

heARTw♥rks

During the months of December and January, our heARTw♥rks kids will explore the theme "Peaced Together" through literature and art. Along with Christmas crafts, the children will create a mid-century ceramic hand dish and use pencil and watercolors to draw pictures representing peace.

Many thanks to Circle 10 and to all who contributed to the heARTw♥rks Christmas fund. Thank you also to Dick Berry and Louis O'Neal for making canjos for our children to decorate. We are also grateful to Jacob Watkins and Jerry Hamrick for showing them how to play their homemade banjos.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters: Theo Pitt and Jennifer Cobb
 Ushers: Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Sara Raper; Acolyte - Bo Browder
 Extended Session: Jan Robillard
 Audio Booth Volunteer: Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$597,310
Receipts December 3	\$23,848	\$528,227
Variance	+\$11,658	-\$69,083

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 Organist
Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director	Milton Marrow Custodian	Rachel Holloman Preschool Director

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Circle 10 Rings the Salvation Army Bell, Harris-Teeter
 12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall
 7:00 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Youth Gift-Wrapping Fund Raiser, Lecture Room

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Caroling to our Members at Home, Sugg Foyer
 6:30 p.m. Caroling Supper, Robbins Hall

Monday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Lakeside Preschool Hayride Fund Raiser
 7:00 p.m. WMU Group 10, Parlor

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

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