



The Link

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THE PARADOX OF OUR FAITH

Cold gives way to warmer weather and sunshine burns away gloomy skies. Days grow longer and we sense that spring is nearby. Our groundhog friends and meteorologists, however, tell us that winter is not yet over. Spring and the rebirth of nature are still down the road.

Early Christians recognized that it was wise to use this portion of the year to prepare hearts and minds for the rebirth of the soul. The forty days before Easter (not counting Sundays) was used as a period of preparation for new converts to ready them for baptism. For centuries this season known as Lent (from Old English words which mean lengthen) has been understood as a time when all Christians can prepare themselves for Easter just as Christ prepared himself in the wilderness for his ministry.

Over the next six weeks we will journey toward the cross, the tomb, and the garden of resurrection while thinking together about the paradox that is inherent in our faith. On Sundays our worship will focus upon the following themes: Getting Lost to Find Yourself, Peace Amid Chaos, Have Nothing; Get Everything; Letting Go and Holding On, It Isn't Always What It Is, The Silence of Sound, and Dying to Live. I hope that you will reflect on these themes and discover how they resonate in your life.

Our choirs will prepare music that will enhance these themes. Mark Gansor will offer portions of the keyboard works of J.S. Bach on the piano during the Meditation at the beginning of worship. As always, readings, prayers, litanies, and hymns will help us interpret and apply these themes week by week.

Each day during Lent devotions will be posted on our website and emailed to anyone who requests them. Our new labyrinth is available for meditation and reflection. Prayer services will be offered on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. We want this season to provide every opportunity for us to grow and mature in our faith as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The journey begins. Let us walk the road to rebirth together.

Jody Wright

STAFF MATTERS

It is with both regret and gratitude that we announce the resignation of Denise Bennett. Denise has served our congregation faithfully for six years but feels that this is a good time to move to the Atlanta area to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Her last day at Lakeside will be February 27.

This week we celebrate the anniversaries of two of our staff members. Elizabeth Edwards has served Lakeside as Associate Minister for eleven years. Napoleon Taylor has faithfully cared for our facilities for fourteen years. We are grateful for the commitment to our congregation each of them offers day by day. Express your appreciation to all three of our friends for all they do for us.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

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

Ed Hamlet, Room 505

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Bill Waters, Room 376

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

At Home:

Anne Bailey, 613 Glenn Avenue (03)

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214

Mary Ruth Coss (J.N. Willcox's sister), Hendersonville, NC

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

David Daughety (Sue Daughety's nephew), Fayetteville

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Gil Rodriguez, 504 Glenn Avenue (03)

Audrey Scarboro, Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04), Room 303

Marjorie Taylor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 212

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

We offer our sympathy to Andy, Jerri, Thomas and Amanda Blanton in the death of Andy's father, Charles Wayne Blanton, on February 3 in Adele, Georgia.

I would like to thank everyone in the Lakeside Family for your many kindnesses and your continuing care and concern for me, and I would like to let you know that I have moved to 3313 Amherst Road (04). Many thanks,

Catherine Cooper

The Topnotchers thank the Lakeside Youth for the delightful Valentine banquet. The food was delicious. We especially loved the games we played. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated youth group willing to give their time to us.

Susan Skinner

SHAGGING FOR SHELTER

The United Community Ministries Board of Directors will hold its third annual "Shagging for Shelter" on Friday evening, February 22, from 6:30-10:00 p.m. at the Imperial Centre. Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$35 per person and include a barbecue dinner, silent auction, raffle, and dancing. Tickets are available in the church office or by contacting Betty Ann Whisnant or Deborah Wright.

FLAPJACK FUND RAISER FOR SLOVAK MISSIONS

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Flapjack Fund Raiser in support of Lenka and Robert Wright and their ministry in Slovakia. It will be held on Saturday, February 23, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Applebee's on Wesleyan Boulevard. Come enjoy a short stack pancake breakfast for \$7.00 per person. We also hope to visit with Robert and Lenka via Skype. Tickets may be purchased from the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

I am proud of all you who helped with the Valentine Banquet on Sunday evening. There were so many nice comments from the Topnotchers about how poised and gracious you were and how hard you worked. Thanks for making it a terrific evening. And thanks to Faye Conner, Trevor Lane, Genie Raper, Susan Skinner and Ann Whitaker for your help in the kitchen. Watch your email, the website and future editions of *The Link* for information about upcoming events. See you on Sunday.

Elizabeth

CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

We will offer CPR and First Aid Training for staff and volunteers who work with our youth and children. You may choose either Saturday, March 2 or 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you are interested in the training but are not one of our regular volunteers, you may register for \$40 per person. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration form on the website to sign up.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 13, we will offer a devotional guide for the season of Lent. Daily devotions will be sent by e-mail and posted on the website. A print version will be available by request only through the church office. You are invited to write a reflection to be used one day during Lent. If you are willing to write a reflection or would like to add your e-mail address to the group, please contact the church office.

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE 2013: KIDS, KITES AND COMMUNITY

Lakeside's children need your help! We want to showcase and expose your hidden talents in a "Whodunit Mystery Art Gallery" during our Missions Marketplace on March 10. All creative entries will be anonymously displayed, and everyone will have a chance to guess the artist during the night of Missions Marketplace. If you are willing to lend a piece for the art gallery, contact Liz Hedgepeth or Deborah Wright.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Frank Maynard and Louis O'Neal

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Crucifer - Jackson Browder; Acolyte - Henry Williams

Extended Session - Betty Ann and Scott Waters

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 6 WEEKS

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$73,082
Receipts through February 10	\$7,523	\$49,802
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$583,577

Worship at Lakeside

February 17, 2013

The First Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: "The Paradox of Our Faith: Getting Lost to Find Yourself"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Young

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" - Mueller

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, February 15

- 12:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Women Depart for Retreat at Lake Gaston

Sunday, February 17

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Monday, February 18

- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 19

- 12:30 p.m. -
- 2:00 p.m. Preschool Open House
- 5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 20

- 7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal