



The Link

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AS SPRING ARRIVES . . .

As the time changes this Sunday, daylight hours will grow longer, the cold and wet of winter will fade, and spring will bring an explosion of growth and beauty. The desire to stretch our legs and get out and about will increase.

Spring and summer are favorite times of the year for us all. They are also busy times for our congregation. In addition to the celebration of Easter, we also anticipate our Turnage Speaker event on April 17-18, Missions Marketplace on May 1, Youth and Graduate Sunday on May 15, and Founders Day on June 5. VBS, Workcamp, NoteBusters, Community Worship, and other activities will follow. Longer daylight hours also mean more time to minister in our community.

As springtime brings a sense of revitalization to our bodies and Easter rejuvenates our spirits, let us also renew our commitment to undergird our ministry with our financial gifts. Currently we are \$34,000 behind our budgeted needs. Let us spring into this busy season with a generous spirit.

AND THE TOTAL IS:

It was an experiment that paid off in more ways than one! Last Saturday was our first-ever attempt at combining the Casserole & Bake Sale with the Yard Sale. The event that filled Robbins Hall and all of the Education Building provided an opportunity for many people to clean out attics, stock their freezers, find bargains, and for all of us to extend hospitality to the community as well as support Lakeside's Youth. The Casserole Sale raised \$3,030, half of which will be used for local missions and the Yard Sale raised \$3,342.75 for the youth trip fund. Thank you, Lakeside, for donating, cooking, shopping, and volunteering your time throughout last week. Special thanks to Carol Barker for chairing the Casserole Sale and to Jennifer Cobb for chairing the Yard Sale.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

Lakeside's Neighborhood Ministry Team has been working diligently since December, exploring new opportunities for outreach in our immediate area. We developed a questionnaire to assess the strengths and challenges of neighborhoods in our vicinity as well as to explore possible partnerships with neighborhood associations and churches. We have met with Rocky Mount's Chief of Police, neighborhood association presidents, ministers of churches in close proximity to Lakeside, and the Director of Human Relations for the City.

From these meetings and discussions we are determining if there is a need for and interest in Lakeside helping to organize a neighborhood association for our surrounding area. There is currently no such association in place. We are continuing to pursue partnerships with the Happy Hill, Cedarbrook, and Villa Place neighborhood associations. And we are making plans to host an activity where we can introduce ourselves to our neighbors.

Continue to pray for God's guidance as we seek a vision for our ministry. We want to become a good neighbor and more of a presence in our neighborhood.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Margaret Gibson Arnett (Dee & Stewart Gibson's daughter), 609 Chad Dr. (03)

Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Janet Corbett (mother of Tracy Corbett), 3645 Elwell Ferry Rd, Kelly, NC 28448

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

Anne Crane, 5105 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Bert Godwin, 1505 West Haven Boulevard (03)

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

Winnie Johnson, 105 Hampton Court (03)

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Bill Reese (Hope Reese's father), 522 Nash Street (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Tom Wicker, c/o Andy Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822

Corrinne Willcox, 2816 Wellington Drive (03)

Andy Wiggs (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

Our Members-at-Home

Grace Beasley (Edna Corn's mother), Brookdale, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

We rejoice with Greyson and Michael Tillman in the birth of their son, William Gabriel, on March 4. Gabriel's proud grandparents are Gwen and Grady Davis. Michael-Jon and Kathryn Grace are his brother and sister.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Jeff and Cassie Dodson into the fellowship of Lakeside Church by statement of faith. The Dodsons have an infant daughter, Cora, and live at 300 East Washington St., Nashville, NC 27856; phone: (336) 803-0978.

LAKESIDE BOOK CLUB

A new book club is being organized for those ladies of Lakeside who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of engaging literature. Our first meeting will be Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Deborah Wright (3616 Litchfield Drive). We will discuss the book *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Terry Martin (450-5610; tmm300@suddenlink.net) or Deborah Wright (908-5391; deborahwright@embarqmail.com).

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CBFNC will hold its General Assembly on Friday, March 18, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. Following the theme "Beloved Community: Clarifying Identity and Covenant," the day will include workshops, information sessions, and worship. For more information and free registration, visit the website at www.cbfnc.org. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir will sing in worship and lead the palm procession.

Covered Dish Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt following worship.

Please sign up at the church office or on our website by March 17.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make Saturday's sale possible and a great success! So many people made donations, gave their time, and came out on Saturday to shop. It is a blessing to work with a dedicated and energetic Youth Committee, a supportive congregation, and wonderful youth and families.

We will have a regular schedule of choirs, dinner, and SNL this Sunday. Youth, mark your calendar to help with the Easter Egg hunt following worship on March 20, and for the Duck, Dodge & Donate Tournament at RMA on March 19.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Elizabeth

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Committee needs small, individually wrapped candies (no hard candy) for the Easter Egg Hunt. Chocolate should be in a sealed package that will not leak if melted. Please bring the candy to the office by Monday, March 14.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten-Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Amy and David Green on Sunday. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up in the Youth Building.

MUSIC NOTES

Youth Choir: So nice to have you participating in worship!

Children's Choir: You will sing on Palm Sunday, March 20. Rehearsal will be in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

Lakeside Ringers: You will ring on Maundy Thursday and also Easter Sunday.

Chancel Choir: Beautiful singing on Sunday! Please keep in mind that attendance on Wednesday evening rehearsal is important as we prepare for Easter and each Sunday's worship. See you all in rehearsal and worship. Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Grady Davis and Theo Pitt

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Andersen Cobb; Acolyte - Anna Adkins

Extended Session - Brenda Cotton; Nursery - Trevor Lane

Audio Booth Volunteer - Barry Goldstein

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2016 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$651,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,521	\$125,213
Receipts March 6	\$19,395	\$90,730
Variance	+\$6,874	-\$34,483

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

March 13, 2016 • The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

Sermon: "Leaning Into the Heart of the Holy: Now!"

Adult Choir Anthems:

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Parker

"I Love You, O My God Most High" - arr. Hogan

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CHURCH STAFF

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Elizabeth Edwards
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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, March 10

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Circle M, Mario's

Sunday, March 13

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

5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir

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

Monday, March 14

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 9, Parlor

7:00 p.m. WMU Group 10, Parlor

Wednesday, March 16

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 17

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MORNING.

Move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.