



# The Link

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## In Memoriam: Jean Dawkins Wright

Many of you met my mom through the years, some of you got to know her well, and a few of you fell in love with her. That was the story of her life. She was outgoing and friendly, kind and thoughtful, creative and caring. She had a knack for knowing what other people liked and a propensity for thinking of ways to make them smile. And she laughed. She laughed when she answered the phone, when a friend stopped by to visit, when a member of the family gave her a hug, and when she needed medical attention and strangers took care of her. She did not have a high tolerance for discomfort and pain, but she always found a way to be grateful and make the best of any circumstance that came her way.

When we were growing up, Mom was a second mother to all of our friends. When my parents tailgated at Clemson games, their grandchildren's friends were always welcome to their picnic spread. On a trip to Asheville, they met a couple from Michigan who had just left their freshman daughter at Clemson. They invited her to visit them during home games and, for four years, she never missed having lunch with them. Her parents even visited in Chester after their daughter graduated.

Mom and Pop traveled the country with friends and it never failed that a waiter would ask Mom to repeat her order several times just to hear her delightful Southern accent. Family and friends received cards on every special day. If she was not able to write a note, she would have a niece or daughter-in-law do it for her. Newborns in the family and her church snuggled in warm blankets Mom crocheted especially for them. Her Sunday School class looked forward to the Sundays she would teach because she was well-prepared and made the lesson fun and interesting.

For 87 years, Mom graced this earth with her cheerful personality and large heart. She was for her family the best mother, grandmother, and wife in the world. We knew that at her age and with her health challenges, her time among us was growing shorter. We never expected her life to end this soon or in the manner it did, but when she breathed her last, she was surrounded by family, and that surely made her smile in spirit.

My father is healing from his injuries though his heart, like ours, is broken. One of the last notes my mother wrote was addressed to all of you. She ended it by thanking you for loving us. We agree. We are all grateful for the prayers and love that have been showered upon us. Thank you.

Jody Wright

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

**Ernest Bridgers, Room E-322**

**Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem,**

**NC 27106, John Cappiello, Room 718, Denise Cappiello, Room 534**

**Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 Winstead Avenue (04)**

**Dozia Collins, Room 213; Mary Frances Taylor, Room 409**

### **At Home:**

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

**Janet Corbett, 3645 Elwell Ferry Road, Kelly, NC 28448**

**John Covolo, 3637 Litchfield Drive (03)**

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

**Jim Dickens, 3909 Hawthorne Road (04)**

**Gary Ferguson (friend of Amy Shortt), 115 College Ave., Danville, VA, 24541**

**Brenda & John Hartness, 1130 N. Jamestown Rd.. #206, Decatur, GA 30033**

**Anne Morgan (Jane Snow's sister), 13 Valley Forge Place, Atlanta GA 30318**

**Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)**

**Pat and Jack Newton, 111 Cole Drive, Hampstead NC 28443**

**Regina Peters (Karla Willcox's cousin), PO Box 92, Bolingbroke, GA 31004**

**Gayle Ponthier (Dexter David's grandmother), 3172 Oak Leaf Drive (04)**

**Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)**

**Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)**

**Alex Shiryaev (friend of Jim and Sheila Martin), 932 S. Hornbeam Drive (04)**

**Ellen Wallace, 3416 Brookview Road (04)**

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

### **Our Members-at-Home**

**Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)**

**Ann Morton (Nancy Berry's mother), Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856 Room 209**

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

We express our sympathy to Jody and Deborah Wright on the death of his mother, Jean Wright, of Chester, South Carolina on April 14.

## TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Please join us for our spring luncheon at the Colonial Inn in Farmville, NC, on Friday, May 5. We plan to leave the church at 11:15 a.m. and should return by 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be \$15 per person. Please call the church to sign up by May 3 as there is limited seating.

## MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HOME TELETHON

You are invited to tune in to WHIG-TV on Sunday, April 23 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. to once again watch the Rocky Mount community come together to support the Christian Fellowship Home for Men. Your contribution is incredibly meaningful to the men who are striving for a new life. Donations may be mailed to: Christian Fellowship Home, 301 S. Grace Street, Rocky Mount, NC, 27804.

## DOWN EAST PARTNERSHIP: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 23-28, Down East Partnership will celebrate the Week of the Young Child with activities for families in our community. You are encouraged to take part in these events which promote safety, health, and education for our children. A schedule can be found on the News and Information page of the church website.

## YOUTH NEWS

I hope everyone is enjoying a fun and relaxing spring break. Thanks to everyone who donated items for our Lenten gratitude project and to the youth who helped to sort and deliver them. We shared books, games, shoes, toys, and household items with Injoy, and a truckload of clothing with the Eastern NC Poverty Network. We will have our last regular schedule of choirs, dinner, and SNL this-coming Sunday night. We'll also plan to go to Dunkin Donuts to celebrate afterward. Mark your calendar for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 21, and remember to return your Workcamp registration forms by the June 1 deadline. I look forward to seeing you for Sunday School and worship on Sunday.  
Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir and Lakeside Ringers, excellent music making for both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Clausen's "Hymn of Praise"—way to rise to the occasion. Martin's "When I Survey"—WOW! "Hallelujah" Chorus—Super! Bells, I am so pleased!

No rehearsals this Wednesday. Enjoy your much deserved time off. See you on Sunday morning for 10 a.m. rehearsal.  
Amy

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

## LAKESIDE LADIES BOOK CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion of Jessica Shattuck's book, *The Women in the Castle*. Judy Mesko will facilitate our discussion.

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$195,040
Receipts April 16	-\$5,293	\$180,421
Variance	-\$6,897	-\$14,619

### SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jerry Baker and Nancy Berry  
Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain  
Crucifer - Charlie Lane; Acolyte - Madi Adkins  
Nursery - Lori Joyner; Extended Session - Brenda Cotton  
Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper

### LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

April 23, 2017 ♦ *The Second Sunday of Easter*

Scripture Lessons: I John 3:1-3; John 20:19-31

Sermon: "The Blessing of 'Unless'"

Adult Choir Anthems:

"A Tender Heart" - Hamilton

Catherine Cobb, Soloist

"Look at the World" - Rutter

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 20

Meditation Group will not meet today

### Sunday, April 23

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

### Monday, April 24

- 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

### Tuesday, April 25

- 7:00 pm. Adult Study Group, Conference Room

### Wednesday, April 26

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference room
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 27

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

**CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC--SUNDAY, MAY 7**  
*An Afternoon of Food, Fun, and Fellowship*