



The Link

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SUNRISE DESPITE THE CLOUDS

It was impossible actually to see the sun rise on Easter morning. A light drizzle began at dawn followed by a downpour as we gathered to celebrate Christ's resurrection in worship. Still, light dawned. We celebrated. It was a good day.

Easter Sunday began at Spring Arbor where we offered a "sunrise service" for the residents, a treat for those of us who go each year. We get to visit with Marjorie Taylor, a delight in and of itself. Marjorie always makes sure folks know that we are from her church. She loves Lakeside and is proud of all we do.

For many of the residents, this service is the only opportunity they have to celebrate Christ's resurrection. While not all of them sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," you can see the melody playing in their eyes as memories stir and faith rejoices once again. What continues to astound me is that these saints of God have celebrated their faith far longer than I have lived. The Spirit of God continues to woo them with affection and compassion. They are God's children and surely God rejoices to see them gathered in celebration.

Surely God rejoiced to see others of us gathered in celebration a few hours later. Rain fell and the temperature dropped, but our voices were lifted in praise and our spirits were bright with the Good News of Christ's resurrection. On a day when the sermon dealt with the joy of emptiness—the emptiness of the tomb—it was good to see our sanctuary filled. Families and friends returned to share this wonderful day with us. It was good.

We are grateful to everyone who gave of their talents, time, and energy to make this season meaningful. Many thanks to Amy for her creative leadership of our choirs and to Mark for his moving music. Thank you to our Children's, Youth, Chancel, and Handbell Choirs for the meaningful ways they shared the Gospel with us. Thank you to Elizabeth for coordinating and providing our Lenten devotions day by day. We are grateful to our Flower Committee, Social Committee, Ushers, and Deacons for making each experience comfortable and beautiful. We are especially grateful to our staff for all they do for us. Linda, Denise, Sandy, Napoleon, and Sharon are true gifts to Lakeside.

The day did not begin warm and sunny, but it dawned bright and clear in our hearts. May each of us keep the faith on sunny days and rainy days, in season and out of season. Thanks be to God for the faith of all the saints! Jody Wright



PIPE ORGAN FUND

We are close to completing our pipe organ project. To date, a balance of \$6,660 remains to pay off the loan. If you would like to make a gift to the Pipe Organ Fund, please do so by the end of April. Thank you for your generosity.

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 603

Frank Pittman, Room 412

At Home:

Faye Conner, 104 Birdie Court (04)

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

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

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Douglas Edwards, Sr. (Doug Edwards' father), 2419 Vance Street (01)

Cameron Graham, PO Box 7964 (04)

Jean Wright (Jody Wright's mother), PO Box 696, Chester, SC 29706

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Our Members-at-Home

Carlton Kimbro, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Grace Lewis, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Sue Toney, Somerset Court, 918 Westwood Drive (03) (Jerry Jolley's mother)

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

We offer our sympathy to Sandy Tharrington and her family in the death of her aunt, Lillian Batts, on April 2.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Please join us for lunch following worship on Sunday, April 7, as we travel to Farmville to enjoy a scrumptious, "Southern Living" buffet at the newly renovated Colonial Inn. We will meet in the parking lot following worship and return around 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be \$15.00 a person. Please call the church office to sign up.

On Sunday, April 14, Lakeside's Children are hosting a Garden Tea Party in honor of our senior adult ladies. Please join us on Sunday afternoon, April 14, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Kincheloe Hall. We will enjoy tea and light refreshments. We will also decorate clay pots and plant spring flowers in them. If you still have your garden hat from last year, or another one you like, please wear it to the party. Please call the office or sign up online to make your reservation.

YOU ARE INVITED

The Bel-Air Artisan Center invites you to meet artist Cindy Harris and Beth Boykin, owner of The Framer's Alley in Elm City, for a show of pen and ink drawings and paintings of homes, animals, flowers, and beach and Christmas scenes on Thursday, April 11, from 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11.

STUDY GROUP

The next small group study for adults will be a discussion of Anne Lamott's new book *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. An evening group will meet for five weeks on Tuesdays beginning April 16 at 7:00 p.m. and a morning group will meet each Wednesday beginning April 17 at 10:00 a.m. Books are \$12 each and are available in the church office. Please call the office to sign up, and indicate if you prefer the morning or evening group.

YOUTH NEWS

I hope all of you are enjoying a fun and relaxing Spring Break. We will resume a regular schedule of evening activities this Sunday, April 7. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help with the work day on April 13. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Elizabeth

CHURCH-WIDE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

The entire Lakeside family is invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship on Sunday, May 5. We will begin at Sunset Park at 3:00 p.m. with a Youth vs. Parents softball game. We need everyone to come and cheer the teams on. At 5:00 p.m., we will gather at the church for a cookout and games for the whole church family. More details will appear in future editions of *The Link* and on the website.

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you Lakeside Ringers and Chancel Choir for the wonderful music on Easter Sunday and throughout the season of Lent. The music was a challenge that you met with enthusiasm and skill. Job well done! Also thanks to Mark for the spectacular music delivered on Easter and every Sunday.

I look forward to seeing the youth and children in rehearsal on Sunday evening.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

3HC Home Health and Hospice, a local not-for-profit organization is currently seeking volunteers in the Rocky Mount area. Hospice volunteers provide companionship, respite, emotional and spiritual support for patients as well as family members in their greatest time of need. For more information, please contact Wanda Smiley at 910-385-8605 or wsmiley@3hc.org.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 13 WEEKS

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$158,345
Receipts March 31	\$ 8,549	\$122,062
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$511,317

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Hank Strickland and Jerry Hamrick
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Crucifer - Hunter Cuthrell; Acolyte - Henry Williams
 Extended Session - Brandy Adkins
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper

*Worship at Lakeside
 April 7, 2013*

*The Second Sunday of Easter
 The Celebration of Communion*
 Epistle Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10, 17-18
 Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31
 Sermon: "The World's Stigmata"
 Chancel Choir Anthems:
 "Holy Lord" - Harlan
 "Salmo 150" - Aguiar

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CHURCH STAFF

Jody Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Linda Davis <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Sandy Tharrington <i>Secretarial Assistant</i>	Susan Skinner <i>Senior Adult Director</i>
Napoleon Taylor <i>Custodian</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Samantha Saiz <i>Preschool Director</i>

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 p.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Topnotchers Depart for Lunch in Farmville
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime and Children's Missions Activities (Grades 1-5)
 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

Monday, April 8

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 6, Godwin Library, Education Building
 10:30 a.m. WMU Group 9, Parlor, Education Building
 7:30 p.m. WMU Group 10, Margy Brantley, 706 Evergreen Road

Tuesday, April 9

11:30 a.m. WMU Group 2, The Albemarle, Tarboro

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal