



The Link

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OUR PRAYER

Written initially in 1934 and revised in 1939, the hymn, "This Is My Song," was not familiar to me until about eleven years ago. Although it is in our hymnal, we never sang this song until it was used as part of our communion liturgy in July 2005. It is a prayer for our nation and the family of nations, concerns and hopes that are foremost in our minds and hearts over eight decades later.

Stanzas one and two, written by Lloyd Stone between the first world wars, express that tension we feel between great affection and pride for our homeland and a recognition that we are also part of the larger family of the world:

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

In 1939, Georgia Harkness, the first woman theologian to teach in an American seminary, penned several other stanzas to the hymn which gave it a decidedly Christian tone. Our hymnal combines elements of her verses for a final stanza which becomes a prayer and reminds us of our commitment to make God's kingdom evident within our earthly lives.

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Another of her stanzas, not in our hymnal, could well be our prayer this week and a reminder of the role we play in our world:

*May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.*

Jody Wright

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

June Shearin, Room 802

Duke Raleigh Hospital, 3400 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

Jerry Jolley

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

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

Anne Chappell, 1129 Strawbush Road (04)

Taylor Clark, 6163 Williams Court, (03)

Nelson Cooper (former member), 2309 Vicky Lane, Greenville, NC 27858

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

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

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Bert Godwin, 1505 West Haven Boulevard (03)

Charles Godwin, Jr., 123 Fort Sumter Drive, Greenville, NC 27858

Connie Griffin, 301 Foxhall Drive (04)

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

Harry Howel, 3416 Greenbriar Drive (04)

Anne Morgan (Jane Snow's sister), 213 Cobblestone Court (04)

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Lorene Murchison, Rocky Mount Rehabilitation, 160 South Winstead Ave (04)

Jack Newton, (John Hartness' son-in-law) 111 Cole Drive, Hamstead NC 28443

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Vena Scott, 828 Short Spoon Circle (04)

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Jean St. Clair, 729 Drexel Road (03)

Erin Varner, 3108 Royal Pine Drive, Sanford, North Carolina 27330

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

Scotty Winstead (Stancil Barnes' cousin)

Our Members-at-Home

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

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

Don Scalf, Universal Health Care, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856, Room 201

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

We offer our sympathy to Sheila and Jim Martin and their family in the death of her brother, John Douglas Powell, Jr., on June 22, 2016 in Houston, Texas.

MEET THE NUMBER PEOPLE

Congratulations to Marion Weathers and Leigh Ballance on the publication of *The Secret of Gum Swamp*, a children's adventure book about Math (age 5-9). A book launch party will be held on Thursday, June 30, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Maria V. Howard Arts Center at The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street. Marion Clark Weathers will show how she created the Number People and author and storyteller Leigh Ballance will read his favorite passages. There will be refreshments, door prizes, book signing, children's activities, games and more.

YOUTH NEWS

Please mark your calendars to help with set-up and shopping for Gatekeepers Workcamp on the evenings of July 6 and 7, and for clean-up on the morning of July 20. I hope everyone can join us for the 25th Anniversary Celebration for Gatekeepers Workcamp on Sunday, July 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Lakeside. Help us to spread the word among all our former volunteers and homeowners. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

NOTEBUSTERS 2016 is scheduled for August 10, 11, and 12. Mark your calendars and call the church office to sign up. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

There will be no meditation group on Thursday, June 30, as I will be in Montreat, N.C. attending a worship and music conference. We will meet July 7. Chancel Choir: See you all at 10:00 a.m. rehearsal on Sunday. Amy

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Our book club will not meet in July but will resume on Tuesday, August 9 (Note date change). Patty Farber-Schirman will facilitate a discussion on *A Soft Place to Land* by Susan Rebecca White. Jackie Allsbrook has volunteered to host our next gathering (113 Old Colony Way).

CHECK YOUR CLOSETS!

We are putting together a display of Gatekeepers t-shirts and are missing shirts from 1993, 1995, and 1996. If you have shirts from any of these years that you are willing to share, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries this Sunday. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Carol Barker and Jennifer Cobb
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Crucifer - Carson Browder; Acolyte - Chase Joyner
 Extended Session - Brenda Cotton
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2016 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$651,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,521	\$325,556
Receipts June 26	\$4,886	\$263,145
Variance	-\$7,635	-\$62,411

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

July 3, 2016 • *The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*
The Celebration of Communion

Old Testament Lesson: II Kings 2:1-14

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 5:13-25

Sermon: "Know Your Rights"

Rev. Elizabeth Edwards, preaching

Adult Choir Anthems:

"An American Hymn" - Effinger

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

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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 Interim Organist
Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director	Napoleon Taylor Custodian	Samantha Salz Preschool Director

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 30

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group will not meet this week
 12:00 p.m. Bites and Books, Robbins Hall

Sunday, July 3

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

Monday, July 4

Office Closed for Holiday

Wednesday, July 6

5:30 p.m. Volunteers needed for Workcamp set-up, Education Building

Thursday, July 7

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
 12:00 p.m. Bites and Books, Robbins Hall
 5:30 p.m. Volunteers needed for Workcamp set-up, Education Building

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Lakeside Preschool will hold two more summer camps this year: "Spy Adventures" will be held July 11-14; "A Camping We will Go" is set for August 1-4. All camps are for ages 3(+) and are from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and are \$125 per child. For more information, please email Samantha Salz at samanthasalz@yahoo.com or call (919) 523-4717.