

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### UNC Health Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

**Sheila Whitley**, Room 447

**Jeanette Pittman**, Room 216

### The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

**Charlotte Gilliam**, Room 205

### The Carrolton of Nash, 7369 Hunter Hill Road (04)

**Pat Judge**, Room 809

### At Home

**Janice Bobbitt** (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

**Robyn Edwards Chapman** (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

**Lois Creech** (Doug Edwards' aunt), 320 Canal Drive, Wilson, NC 27893

**Bob Davis** (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

**Michelle Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Ethel Hines**, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

**Linda Hoyle**, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**Jim Martin**, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

**C.B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Grady Pittman**, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

**Cornelia Singletary**, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

**Patricia Taylor** (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

**Barbara Valentine**, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

**Richard Wrenn** (Chuck Taylor's brother-in-law)

### Our Members-at-Home

**Jackie Allsbrook**, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

**Ann Bishop**, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

**Sallie Ray Wilkerson**, HeartFields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Drive, Cary, NC 27518

We rejoice with Matt and LeighAn Bulluck Moore in the birth of a son, Joseph Donnell, on January 5. Joey's proud grandparents are Sue and Bill Bulluck, and his very excited great-grandparents are Martha and Don Bulluck.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SHARE YOUR STUFF:

### LAKESIDE YOUTH YARD SALE 2026

If you are starting off the new year by cleaning out closets and decluttering your home, consider hanging on to those unwanted items for a few more weeks. We will be announcing the date for this year's Lakeside Youth Casserole & Yard Sale soon. Donations can include: furniture, décor, linens, kitchen items, sports & outdoor equipment, and more (no clothes or books, except cookbooks & children's books, please).

### 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR

You may reserve dates for altar flower arrangements by signing up on the 2026 Flower Calendar in the office hallway or by calling the church office.

## YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to Andy Barker, Mark Edwards, Andrew Robillard, and Bridget Sykes for helping out with last Sunday night's Youth Holiday Party! We had a wacky, tacky fun time! Our regular schedule of Sunday night activities will resume this Sunday. Youth Fellowship will be followed by an outing to Dunkin'. Be sure to join us and invite a friend!

Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

Rehearsals resume tonight, January 7, and we will be jumping right into our Lenten repertoire! Now is a great time to join the Chancel Choir or Lakeside Ringers if you have been interested in participating in our Music Ministry. Please reach out to me or Zack if you have any questions!

Jake

## TOPNOTCHER NEWS

We are continuing to enjoy the camaraderie with our communion lunch. Our next lunch will be Sunday, February 1, at Papa Cibo's (1314 Benvenue Road). Good grief, what a good time we had at the Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz yesterday! Thanks to Shelia Martin for giving us a background and interesting insight into how Charlie Brown came about. Be on the lookout for more upcoming events!

Sue

## CIRCLE 10

Circle 10 will meet on Monday, January 12, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. Captain Devin Sassano with the Salvation Army will speak to us about their Red Kettle Program and other community services provided locally. All are welcome. To continue the fun and fellowship after the meeting, join us at Honey Baked Ham for lunch.

## THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Justin Sykes and Sheila Martin

Ushers – Trevor Lane, Keith Ballentine, and Alan Clements

Acolyte – Eleanor Haley

### *January 11, 2026 ♦ Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

Lessons: Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: "Something New"

Anthems: "What was your Vow and Vision" – Hopson

"O Splendour of God's Glory Bright" – Monteverdi

## LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2026 Missions and Ministry Budget \$599,734

	Week	YTD	2025
Anticipated Giving	\$11,533	\$11,533	\$11,310
Through January 4	\$4,636	\$4,636	\$10,023
Variance	-\$6,897	-\$6,897	-\$1,287



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## HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

We have received 69 Giving Plan cards for the 2026 Ministry Plan. That is a total of \$367,442 pledged, or 61% of the 2026 Ministry Plan. Can you help us reach our goal of 80% of our Ministry Plan pledged? If you have not yet completed your giving plan card, prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office. We *BELONG* together!

## MINISTRY TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL LUNCHEON

Members of Lakeside's Committees and Ministry Teams, join us following worship on Sunday, January 11, for an important time of information and organization as we prepare for a new year of ministry together. A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up through the church office or the Event Registration page of the website by January 8.

## THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who offered time and talent to enrich our Advent and Christmas celebrations: the host of people who made, hung, and set up decorations; the dozens of readers and participants in worship; all of our choirs and musicians; and the many volunteers who took care of tiny details and offered hospitality in worship and other events. We are fortunate to have a generous and active congregation.

We also thank each one of you for your financial support of our ministries. Without our collective gifts, we could not do the things God calls us to do. We do not yet have a final tally of gifts for 2025, but we know that many of you gave above what you usually do. May we all experience the gift of generosity as together we minister to one another and our community this year.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GET TO KNOW LAKESIDE LUNCHEON

### Sunday, February 1 - Following Worship - Robbins Hall

For new members, visitors, and anyone who would like to know more about Lakeside. After lunch, we will share information about our ministries and offer tours of the campus. Childcare is available. Please sign up by January 28.

## KEEP KIDS HEALTHY. SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS.

We are collecting tissues, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes for the teachers at our Backpack Buddies partner school, Benvenue Elementary. Please bring donations to the church by February 1. Collection bins are located in the office hallway, Narthex, and Sugg Foyer. Thank you for your continued commitment to this important ministry partnership in our community.

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### CHURCH STAFF

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday January 8

10:00 a.m. Needles & Prayers, Parlor

### Sunday, January 11

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building  
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
11:20 a.m. Children's Church, Children's Classroom  
12:15 p.m. Ministry Team Organizational Luncheon, Robbins Hall  
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Youth & Music Building

### Monday, January 12

11:00 a.m. Circle 10, Lecture Room

### Wednesday, January 14

10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club  
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

*Keep up with all that's happening at Lakeside with the calendar on the website or the downloadable, printable monthly calendar that is sent to you by email.*