

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

Jeannette Pittman, Room 228

Sheila Whitley, Room 243

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

Pat Judge, Room 809

At Home

Carol Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822

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)

Shirley High, 1205 McDuffers Road (04)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

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)

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

Our Members-at-Home

Martha Bulluck, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue, Room 208 (03)

John Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr.,
Room 534, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Daisy Howell, Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Dr., Room 512 (04)

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. This year's Lakeside Youth Casserole & Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 7. Donations can include: furniture, décor, linens, kitchen items, sports & outdoor equipment, and more (no clothes or books, except cookbooks & children's books, please).

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Snow is great for skiing, but not for traveling. Because of the winter storm in the forecast for this weekend, the CBFNC Youth Ski Retreat has been postponed. Information about rescheduling will be available soon. Youth are needed to host the Valentine Luncheon for our Topnotchers on February 15 and to work at the Casserole Sale & Yard Sale on March 7. Be sure to mark your calendars. Be safe and enjoy the snow!

Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

The Music Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 8, directly following worship. An agenda will be sent out the week prior, but if there is any new business or topics that you would like to make sure are on the agenda, please contact me with those details. Chancel Choir members should also be on the lookout for an email with updates to our anthem schedule for the coming weeks, as well as details for the Lenten season.

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). We will also hold the annual Topnotchers Valentine Luncheon on Sunday, February 15. The youth will feed, serve, and entertain us. They work really hard on this, so please make every attempt to attend! Sign up online or through the church office for the Valentine luncheon so we have a headcount.

Sue

JOIN THE AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM!

In the new year, we are creating a rotating group of people to run the sound and streaming equipment. We will train anyone interested in serving. Please let us know if you are willing to serve!

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Alan Clements and Bill Hoyle

Ushers – Dick Berry, David Parker, and Don Raper

Acolyte – Duffy Ward

January 25, 2026 ❖ The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: "Light Changes Everything"

Anthems: "A Light Shines in the Darkness" – Trotta

"The People that Walked in Darkness" – Handel

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2026 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$599,734

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YTD Giving Through January 18: \$47,306

Amount Remaining to Collect: \$552,428



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CHURCH STAFF

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| Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i> | Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> | James Mauk <i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i> | Liz Broomell <i>Administrative Assistant</i> | Zackary Ross <i>Organist, Worship Assistant</i> |
| Sue Bulluck <i>Senior Adult Director</i> | Cindy Davis <i>Custodian</i> | Rachel Holloman <i>Preschool Director</i> |

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday January 22

9:30 a.m. Rocky Mount Garden Club, Lecture Room
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, Conference Room

Sunday, January 25

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
5:00 p.m. Preschool and Children's Activities, Youth & Music Building

Wednesday, January 28

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.

WEATHER NOTICE

In case of inclement weather on Sunday, we will announce any closings or cancellations through email, on our website and social media feeds, and on the closings pages of WRAL & ABC11.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

We have received 70 Giving Plan cards for the 2026 Ministry Plan. That is a total of \$370,642 pledged, or 62% 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!

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.

ANNOUNCING OUR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our next small group Bible study will be guided by Will Willimon's new book *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross*. The book looks at the parables Jesus told along the road from Palm Sunday to the cross and helps us better to understand the Last Supper, "where the Host becomes the meal and God's relentless love transforms betrayers into beloved."

This six-week discussion group will meet on Tuesdays by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 17. There will not be an in-person option for this study. Participants may order their own book in print or digital format. Please contact Elizabeth or the church office to sign up.

WALK FOR PEACE

Millions of people have been following the 2,300-mile journey of the Buddhist monks from Texas to Washington, DC, to raise awareness of peace, loving kindness, and compassion across America and the world. The monks are scheduled to walk through Franklin County early next week, perhaps on Monday, January 26, weather permitting. A group from Lakeside is planning to travel to Centerville to greet them when they arrive there. If you are interested in going, email Elizabeth at edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com to receive scheduling updates. We are planning to take the church bus but may need others to drive.