

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Sheila Whitley, Room 243

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

Pat Judge, Room 809

At Home

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

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

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

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (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)

Jeannette and 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

Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650

Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (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).

NAVIGATING GRIEFLAND

No matter who you are, no matter what you've lost, join us in *Navigating GriefLand*. This 8-week study and support group will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning February 11. Participants will need to order their own workbook. Please invite friends from the community who could benefit from this small group experience. Contact Katie Hand, Elizabeth Edwards, or the church office for more information as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

YOUTH NEWS

We have several important events coming up in the next few weeks. 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. Our ski retreat has been rescheduled for February 27 – March 1. I hope to see everyone for a regular schedule of activities this Sunday night, weather permitting. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

The Music Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 8, directly following worship. An agenda will be sent out early next week, 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. 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 – David Browder, Dan Herring, and Jerry Hamrick

Acolyte – Gus Haley

February 1, 2026 ♦ The Fourth 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 25 \$55,333

Amount Remaining to Collect: \$544,401

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CHURCH STAFF	
Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Liz Broomell <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Sue Bulluck <i>Senior Adult Director</i>	Cindy Davis <i>Custodian</i>

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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.

NOTICE OF CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 15

There will be a called church conference on Sunday, February 15, immediately following worship for the purpose of approving the Provisional Revised 2026 Ministry Plan. Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the revised plan, as approved by the Board of Finance, Missions Committee, and Diaconate.

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 today!

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 THIS SUNDAY, 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.

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.

LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Administrative Council, Conference Room

Sunday, February 1

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Get to Know Lakeside Luncheon, Robbins Hall

12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion, Papa Cibo's

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

Tuesday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Englewood Garden Club, Lecture Room

3:30 p.m. VBS Planning Team, Youth Room

4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club, Parlor

Wednesday, February 4

11:15 a.m. Dove Notes, Godwin Library

4:00 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Committee, Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite