

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Pat Judge, Room 614

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)

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)

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)

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 Dr., NC 27518

We extend our Christian sympathy to Lisa and Mallory Jones and their family in the death of their husband and father, David Jones, who died on February 8. Lisa and Mallory are both part of the staff at Lakeside Preschool.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Knox Barker in the death of his mother, Beth Barker, on February 8. Knox is the grandson of Andy and Carol Barker and has participated in youth activities at Lakeside.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Chuck and Carol Taylor and their family in the death of Chuck's brother-in-law, Richard Wrenn, on February 10.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and food during my recent fall.

Linda Hoyle

STAFF ANNIVERSARY



Sunday, February 15, we celebrate 24 years of steadfast, thoughtful, and creative ministry with Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Edwards! Elizabeth's work in providing educational opportunities for our youth and adults, her oversight of

missions projects and leadership in worship, and her work in so many ways that go unseen, is so appreciated by our staff and congregation. We hope you'll say a word of thanks to Elizabeth this week!

YMCA HEALTHY LIVING FAIR

Saturday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lakeside will host a booth at the YMCA Community Healthy Living Fair, focusing on spirit, mind, and body.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth, we need everyone to help on Sunday as we host the Valentine Luncheon for our Topnotchers. Make plans to assist with the Casserole Sale & Yard Sale on March 7. Our ski retreat has been rescheduled for February 27 – March 1. We will resume a regular schedule of Sunday evening activities this week. I'm looking forward to having the group together again! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

It is hard to believe that we begin the season of Lent next week. Chancel Choir members, please plan to arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb 18, to warm up for the Ash Wednesday service. We will not rehearse afterwards. The Children's Choir will be singing in worship on Sunday, March 1. Parents, please make sure this is on your calendar, and be on the lookout for more information from Zack regarding details. Jake

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*. 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 YOUTH CASSEROLE SALE & YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 – 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Please sign up for food donations on Sunday in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATES

Community VBS – June 8-12 at Lakeside

Registration for children ages 3 through current 5th graders will open on our website soon!

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Kate Barnes and Lori Joyner

Ushers – Carol Barker, Ronnie Tripp, and Brian Lassiter

Acolyte – Lauren Broomell

February 15, 2026 ❖ Transfiguration Sunday

Lessons: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Seeing God"

Anthems: "If Ye Love Me" – Tallis

"If Ye Love Me" – Wilby

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2026 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$599,734

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| 2026 Missions and Ministry Budget: | \$599,734 |
| YTD Giving Through February 8 | \$77,381 |
| Amount Remaining to Collect: | \$522,353 |



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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Friday, February 13

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Valentine Party, Robbins Hall

Saturday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Community Healthy Living Fair, Harrison Family YMCA

1:00 p.m. Set-up for Valentine Luncheon, Robbins Hall

Sunday, February 15

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

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

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Called Church Conference, Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Topnotcher Valentine Luncheon, Robbins Hall

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

Tuesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, February 18

5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Fellowship Supper, Robbins Hall

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

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.

THE WEEKLY *LINK* GOES ALL-VIRTUAL: WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

In order to save money in our annual ministry plan and be better stewards of the gifts you so generously provide to Lakeside each year, our staff and Administrative Council have approved a change to our publication of *The Link*.

Moving forward, our weekly *Link* publication will be transitioning to an email-only format. **If you do not receive *The Link* via email right now and you have access to email, we need your most up-to-date email address** so we can make sure you receive the weekly *Link* in your email inbox. We need these updated email addresses by the end of February. Please email or call the church office with your information.

These changes will go into effect on March 1, 2026, so be sure to update us with your information before that date!

TOPNOTCHERS VALENTINE LUNCHEON



The Lakeside Youth invite our Topnotchers to join us for lunch, fun, and fellowship this Sunday, February 15, immediately following the called church conference in Robbins Hall. Please sign up through the church office or on the Event Registration page of the website as soon as possible.

BURYING THE ALLELUIAS

This Sunday at 5:00 p.m., our youth and children will take part in our annual Burying the Alleluias, a practice that dates from the Middle Ages, often done at the beginning of the Lenten season. It serves as a reminder that we will refrain from singing our Alleluias during the solemn and reflective Lenten season in order to resurrect them with joy on Easter morning.

SEASON OF LENT 2026

LENTEN SERIES: SPIRITUAL EXERCISE FOR THE SOUL

Just as we care for our physical bodies through exercise or our minds through training, so too should we care for our souls through spiritual exercise. During Lent this year, let us push ourselves to reach beyond our own schedules and to-do lists and embrace this season of introspection to discern what God has in store for us as we allow God to renew us in preparation for the celebration of Easter Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service to begin the season of Lent, with a fellowship dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Sign up for dinner online or by calling the church office.