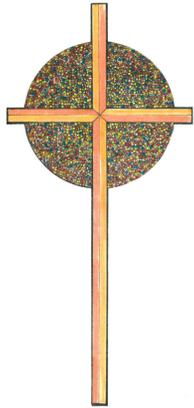




The Link

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LENT 2020

A LENTEN MOSAIC: LIVING IN GRACE

March 22, 2020 † *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Lessons: John 9:1-42; Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon: "Truth and Grace"

The sermon will be posted on our website on Sunday.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

A LENTEN MOSAIC: LIVING IN GRACE

Since we are not able to gather for worship or at any other time, your devotions mean even more to our congregation. Your thoughts, your stories, and your prayers are ways that we can continue to be "one in the spirit" even when we are not together. Please contribute a devotion about your understanding of grace.

You may share a favorite hymn, poem, or write your own inspirational story or verse. You may sketch a picture of "amazing grace" or submit a photograph of grace in action. We encourage you to include scripture, a prayer, or a blessing with your devotion. Send your devotion to the church at lakesiderm@embarqmail.com or edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com.

LAKESIDE AND THE CORONAVIRUS

A week ago, we were urging one another to refrain from shaking hands and giving hugs. This week we are not even able to gather together as a church family. How quickly the coronavirus pandemic has changed life for us all.

Our Deacons are checking with members of our congregation who might be especially vulnerable and in need of assistance at this time. If you or someone you know needs help with getting groceries or prescriptions or some other essential task, please call the church office to let us know. We are asking some of our younger adults and families to help with meeting these needs. If you are available to help run an errand or handle a task for one of our members, please also call the office and provide us with your contact information and availability. Elizabeth Edwards will coordinate matching requests with helpers.

On the third page of *The Link*, you will find a few other ways that we can help our neighbors through this difficult time. If you think of additional ways we can minister to one another, please let us know.

Each Sunday, we will post the sermon on the website. We are exploring ways we can provide other worship resources, but we will have a message to reflect on each week.

Because of safeguards put in place by hospitals and nursing homes, pastoral visits are limited at this time. We want to know of any illnesses or other needs that you have. Please help to keep us informed so that we can best support you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Autumn Care of Nash, 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Ann Battle, Room 403

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Mary Frances Taylor (Chuck Taylor's mother)

At Home:

Leona Brock (Leslie Paszek's mother) 345 Old Coach Road (04)

Clayton Brown (Doris Booth's brother), 2609 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321

Margaret Carpenter, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Brody Cuthrell, 4412 Powell's Point Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Sue Daughety, 6131 Downs Ridge Road, Whitakers, NC 27891

Meghan Davis, 1305 Sunset Drive, Greensboro, NC 27804

Joyce Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)

Scott Farber (Patty Schirman's brother), 11218 S. Utah, Davenport, Iowa 52802

Agnes Fore (J.N. Willcox's sister-in-law), 177 Forest View Rd., Surgoinsville, TN

Josh Hill 11260 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, California, 96161

Erin McAuliffe, 34 Winders Creek (04)

David Ozment (Debbie and Tim Ozment's son), 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

Nancy Pridgen, 3731 Loblolly Drive (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Frank Rountree, 76 Mill Pond Road, Gatesville, NC 27938

Vena Scott, 2324 41st Street, Apt. 355, Wilmington, NC 28403

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

Judy Wallace, 49 Mockingbird Lane (04)

Dorrie Wright, 1513 Jeremy Lane (03)

Our Members-at-Home

Doris Booth, 206 Clifton Road (04)

Dozia Collins, 2552 North Old Carriage Road (04)

Sherry Johnson, Brighton Gardens, 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 165, Raleigh, NC 27612

Martha Tuttle, Morningside Rock Hill, 1830 West Main St., Rock Hill, SC 29732

SPRING STUDY GROUP

In this season of finding creative ways to do ministry, we are going to try a different format for our spring book study. For the next few weeks, we invite you to read along with us Kate Bowler's book, *Everything Happens For a Reason And Other Lies I've Loved*. We will set a time later in the spring to have one or two small group discussions about the book.

THANK YOU, LAKESIDE!

Thank you to the Lakeside Family for your generous support of our youth at Saturday's Casserole Sale. We were able to raise over \$3,500 for our youth trip fund and local missions. We have a few quarts of soup left in the freezer and will make those available to anyone interested once we return to a normal schedule.

YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who cooked, volunteered, and shopped for this year's Casserole Sale. It was a great day!

Because of our suspended activities in response to the coronavirus outbreak, we will not have Sunday evening activities for the remainder of March. Please plan to join me for "Virtual Youth Group" on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. via Google Hangouts. I will text each of you the invite to join us for a video call. Watch your email for information about other Bible study and service opportunities as we look for ways to be the Church while we cannot be together. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Recently I wrote in our devotions that music is a gift of God's amazing grace. Music has the unique power to uplift, transform, refresh and recreate the heart and soul. I believe, in particular, the music of the church is a unique tool to help us navigate uncertain times, to help us find some peace in the storm because we choose to believe. I encourage you to listen to some of our music in these days.

Even though we can't be together for the time being, my prayer is that you will be safe and protected and that we will all find courage in the midst of this storm to lean on God's grace that is promised to be with us at all times and in every circumstance. Amy

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

Following are some ways we can help our neighbors during this difficult time:

BACKPACK BUDDIES

With school out, many of our neighbors will struggle with added expenses for food and childcare at the same time income is being reduced. We are helping the thirty Benvenue Elementary families we serve through Backpack Buddies by adding extra food items to our weekly delivery. If you would like to make a financial gift to help cover the added cost, please mark your donations for Backpack Buddies.

HEARTWORKS

Lakeside's heARTworks program is on hold since schools are not in session. We have reached out to each of our families to see if they have specific needs our congregation might be able to meet. Each family responded with their gratitude and blessings for our family of faith. As of now, no requests have been made but we will make you aware of any we receive. Please keep our heARTworks kids and families in your prayers during these uncertain and difficult days.

NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE STUDENTS

About 190 students at Wesleyan have decided to stay on campus and finish the semester via distance learning. Many of these students don't have the transportation or financial funds to get extra things needed for extended time inside their dorms. With other congregations, we are making a donation to help provide comfort items for these students.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$130,149
Through March 15	\$5,720	\$99,780
Variance	-\$6,112	-\$30,369

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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E-mail: lakesiderm@embarqmail.com

Website: lakesidechurchmt.org

CareNet Counseling East of Rocky Mount

355-2801 • toll free: 866-355-2801

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Susan Skinner

Senior Adult Director

Elizabeth Edwards

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

- Sunday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Listen to the sermon on Lakeside's website.
Pray for our church and all churches during this time.
- Monday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Call a friend to check on them.
Pray for the healthcare workers who are caring for us all.
- Tuesday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Send a card, text, or email to a friend to encourage them.
Pray for our leaders here and around the world.
- Wednesday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Check on a neighbor to see if they need anything.
Pray for teachers and children who are learning from home.
- Thursday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Call another member of our church to say hello.
Pray for people who are working from home or laid off.
- Friday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Send a card, text, or email to a family member to support them.
Pray for researchers to discover a vaccine and cure for Covid-19.
- Saturday: Read and reflect on today's Lenten Devotion.
Do something special for yourself today.
Pray for your own well-being.