



The Link

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WALKING IN WONDER A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS AND THE PEOPLE HE MET



March 26, 2023 ❖ The Fifth Sunday in Lent Walking in Wonder

Lessons: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon: "Walking with Jesus on the Sabbath
(Hungry Disciples and a Hurting Man)"

Anthems:

"It Is Good To Give Thanks" - Mueller

"When Jesus Wept" - arr. Clarke

"The Call" - Vaughan Williams

Daily devotions are sent each morning by email and are posted on our website. We invite you to write a devotion sharing an experience of a walk that has had some meaning for your faith. Email your devotions to the church at: lakesiderm@embarqmail.com. You can also drop off a written copy at the office.



PROPOSED REVISED 2023 MINISTRY PLAN

In collaboration with the staff, the Board of Finance has proposed, and the Diaconate has approved, a revision of our current 2023 Ministry Plan. This revision is based on the offerings received in 2022, thus making it more realistic in terms of income and expenses. A copy of the revision is included in this edition of *The Link*. The Diaconate has called for a church conference following worship on Sunday, April 16. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at that time.



SIGN UP FOR LAKESIDE'S BRIGHT FUTURE

It was so good to have so many of you join us for lunch and an introduction to the Strategic Plan developed by our Team last year. We want everyone to read and participate in implementing this map to our Bright Future. To access the report online, go to our website and find instructions on the homepage. Copies will be available in the narthex. We will also be happy to mail you a copy.

In order to benefit from the insights of the Team, we all need to help implement the strategies suggested. After you have read and thought about the report, please sign up to help explore at least one of the strategies. You may do so on our website or in the narthex.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road Rocky Mount, NC 27804

David Ozment, Room 335 ❖ Doris Booth, Room 236

At Home:

Denise Bennett, 9773 Groffs Mill Drive #404, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Jeff Hortman (Karla Willcox's brother)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother), 2957 Tillinghast Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

Joe Warner, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Drive (03)

Our Members-at-Home

Joyce Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, Stoneridge, 105 Convention Dr., Apt. 434, Cary, NC 27511

Elwood Berry, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 206

We offer our sympathy to Margaret Harper and her family in the death of her husband Harold on March 2. Harold was a member of Lakeside for sixteen years.

We offer our sympathy to Don Raper and Ronald Cobb and their families in the death of their aunt, Doris Raper, on March 17. Doris was a former member of Lakeside.

Dear Lakeside Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, thoughts, messages, cards, and calls after Brenda's passing. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have meant so much to me and my children. God bless you all!

Wayne Cotton

LENTEN COMMUNITY WORSHIP AND LUNCH

Each Wednesday during Lent we are joining our sister churches at noon for worship and a light lunch. On March 29, we will meet at noon at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Nathan Wittman preaching.

LAKESIDE YOUTH DAY OF SHARING

We will receive donations of clothing, shoes, household and kitchen items, baby gear and kids items until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and will receive your soups, casseroles, and baked items on Friday morning from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Robbins Hall. Lakeside folks are invited to come and shop (for a donation, if you wish) on Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We could still use some volunteers to help on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We want to have plenty of folks from the Lakeside family here to welcome neighbors for our Day of Sharing.

AT THE TABLE

We will gather At the Table once again on Wednesday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Benvenue Country Club. Those who are able will enjoy lunch together afterwards. This year we are reading *Dwelling with Philipians*, which invites us into "conversation with scripture through image and word."

YOUTH NEWS

Saturday is the big day as we welcome neighbors from across our community to join us for our Day of Sharing! All youth and adult volunteers should arrive in Robbins Hall by 8:00 a.m. We will finish around 12:30 p.m. You still have time to clean out closets and garages if you have items to donate. Please bring all donations to Robbins Hall by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

We will have a regular schedule of youth and children's activities on Sunday evening, and don't forget to mark your calendar for the Palm Sunday activities on April 2. We will not have evening youth activities on April 2 or 9. Elizabeth

VBS REGISTRATION

Lakeside is hosting the Community VBS June 12-16. The registration forms for children, youth helpers, and adult volunteers can be found on the website under the Ministries tab. Please sign up by May 1. We will also need donations of snacks and volunteers to help with set up and decorating on June 11. Please contact the church office if you can help.

MUSIC NOTES

As we look forward to Holy Week, please remember that our children will sing and participate in the processional on Palm Sunday, April 2. Jake

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet next on Tuesday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Melissa Ellenburg will lead the discussion. Join us as we discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Trevor Lane and Kathy Manning

Ushers - Group III - Alicia Hamrick, Captain

Acolyte - Katie Kos

Worship is live on our homepage and YouTube channel at 11:00 a.m., but we love having you with us in the sanctuary!

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$579,112

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$11,137	\$133,641	\$137,778
Through March 19	\$13,140	\$100,268	\$110,951
Variance	+\$2,003	-\$33,373	-\$26,827

Have you turned in your 2023 Giving Plan card?

Please let us know how you plan to support Lakeside's ministry.

HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME?

We need a few volunteers to make calls to remind our members to sign up for pictures for the Directory. If you can help, please call the church office.

CANDY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY.
PLEASE DROP OFF AT CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 30.

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 22

6:15 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 24

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Casserole Sale for Lakeside Family, Robbins Hall

Saturday, March 25

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Lakeside Youth Day of Sharing, Robbins Hall

Sunday, March 26

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

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 29

12:00 p.m. Lenten Worship, First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Church St.

6:15 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WE'RE MAKING A NEW DIRECTORY AND WE NEED YOU IN IT!

Please sign up to be included in our new directory! For online access to registration, visit www.ucdir.com. To login, use the following information: Church Code: NC331; Password: photos. We are also in need of volunteers to help with registration on picture days. You may contact the church office, JoAnn Lamm, or Dorrie Wright to volunteer.

2023 MINISTRY PLAN

I. MISSIONS MINISTRIES

	2021 Approved	2022 Approved	2023 Approved	2023 Revised
DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONS				
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (National)	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,500
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (NC)	8,000	8,000	8,000	\$7,500
Alliance of Baptists	2,500	2,500	2,500	\$1,500
North Carolina WMU	0	0	0	0
North Carolina Baptist Men	0	0	0	0
Theological Education ¹	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,500
Higher Education ²	0	0	0	0
Social Ministries ³	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Identity Partners ⁴	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$18,800
LOCAL MISSIONS				
United Community Ministries (Homeless Shelter, Bassett Center, etc.)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Crisis Ministry (POF-FIGS)	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Habitat for Humanity	0	0	0	0
Lakeside Involved	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Meals on Wheels	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Christian Fellowship Home	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
My Sister's House	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Tar Roanoke Prison Ministry	500	500	500	0
Miscellaneous Local Benevolence	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
CareNet Counseling East	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Youth Workcamp	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Eastern North Carolina Poverty Network, Inc.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Neighborhood Ministry	1,000	1,000	1,000	500
Agape Village (Orphanage in Zambia)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$35,500	\$35,500	\$35,500	\$32,500
TOTAL MISSIONS BUDGET	\$56,800	\$56,800	\$56,800	\$51,300

II. EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Sunday School	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Baptist Women	300	300	300	300
Youth Ministry	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Music Ministry	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
<i>Baptist Today</i> Subscriptions	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0
Children's Ministry	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
Vacation Bible School	600	600	600	600
Nursery	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lakeside Preschool	2,000	0	0	0
Special Speakers and Services	500	500	500	300
Social Activities	4,000	2,500	2,500	2,000
Senior Adult Ministry	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>250</u>
TOTAL	\$31,400	\$23,400	\$23,400	\$21,450

	2021 Approved	2022 Approved	2023 Approved	2023 Revised
III. ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES				
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
Postage and Printing	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,000
Accounting Services	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Pastor Travel	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Assistant Pastor Travel	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Conventions and Continuing Education	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Computer Maintenance	750	750	750	500
Online Giving	1,000	1,000	1,000	750
Worship Expenses	1,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$36,850	\$37,850	\$37,850	\$39,850
IV. FACILITIES MINISTRIES				
Utilities	\$39,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$28,000
Telephone	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
Building Maintenance	10,000	10,000	10,000	7,000
HVAC Maintenance Program	15,000	15,500	15,500	15,000
Grounds Maintenance	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Organ Maintenance	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000
New Equipment	0	0	0	0
Insurance*	14,562	14,725	18,390	18,500
Church Bus	1000	750	750	500
Deferred Maintenance Reserve	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Loan Interest Payments	0	0	6,000	0
Contingency	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$99,162	\$90,075	\$99,740	\$88,000
V. PERSONNEL*				
Salaries	\$285,878	\$281,316	\$263,695	\$263,695
Employee Benefits	82,257	86,117	77,454	77,454
Social Security	<u>21,831</u>	<u>21,482</u>	<u>20,173</u>	<u>20,173</u>
TOTAL	\$389,966	\$388,915	\$361,322	\$361,322
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$614,178	\$597,040	\$579,112	\$561,922
	-\$1,071	-\$17,138	-\$17,928	-\$17,190
	-.17%	-2.8%	-3.0%	-3.0%

2023 Revise Ministry Plan compared to 2022 Ministry Plan is a reduction of \$35,118 – a 6% decrease.

NOTES:

1. Theological Institutions include: Duke Divinity School (Baptist House), Wake Forest University Divinity School, and Campbell University Divinity School. Also includes \$500 for CBF scholarships to out-of-state divinity schools.
2. Higher Education includes: Campbell University, Chowan University, Meredith College, Wake Forest University.
3. Social Ministries include: Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Children's Home for the Developmentally Disabled, Baptist Retirement Homes, and Health and Faith Ministries.
4. Identity Partners include: Baptist World Alliance, Baptist Joint Committee for Public Affairs, N.C. Baptist Women in Ministry, *Baptists Today*, and Associated Baptist Press.

