



The Link

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WELL DONE, LAKESIDE FAMILY!

Over these last several weeks, as we have hosted a number of guest preachers and several visitors from our community, I have received the same response from each of them: “Lakeside is a genuinely warm congregation and made me feel so welcome.” In a world where authentic community can be difficult to come by and too many of our neighbors feel isolated, it is important that we attend to the call of our faith to offer genuine hospitality to friend and stranger alike. When new friends join us for worship and fellowship, we make them feel at home by learning their names, making connections, and helping them to know they are included and valued here.

As each of us interacts with coworkers, spends time with friends, and meets new neighbors, I hope we will remember to spread the word about the strong sense of community that unites our church family and all the good things that are happening at Lakeside, and invite them to join us. If you are on social media, help to share our story by commenting or sharing posts from our Instagram or Facebook pages. Be sure to support our ministries with your presence in worship and for special events whenever you are able. Get involved in a small group so that we can deepen our faith and form even closer bonds within the church family. Together, we can share the love of Christ with our community and continue to grow into the bright future God has envisioned for Lakeside!

Elizabeth

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

During the month of April, the Lakeside Kids will collect donations for the Harrison Family YMCA’s Food Box Program. You can contribute by placing coins in the collection jars in the Narthex or Sugg Foyer, sending a contribution to the church office, or through the Giving Page of our website.

IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to everyone who participated in Sunday’s Dine & Dialogue luncheon to begin a conversation to clarify Lakeside’s identity and relationship to Baptist organizations, as recommended in our Strategic Plan. We are grateful for Dr. Hoyle’s informative presentation and the thoughtful dialogue and ideas that followed.

If you were unable to attend on Sunday and would like an opportunity to provide input on these important issues, please contact the church office by phone or email as soon as possible. If there is enough interest to hold a follow-up session, we will announce plans in next week’s *Link*.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Robert Kincheloe, Room 208

At Home:

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper’s nephew)

Stan Ford, 1103 Belvins Trace Drive, Durham, NC 27703

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Frank Maynard, Jr., 6148 Gate Post Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

David Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Dwayne Priest (Nancy Porter’s nephew)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Dan Shingleton, 5325 Pridgen Road, Elm City, NC 27822

Doris Smith, 5818 Fleming Court (03)

Carol Taylor, 3519 Boseman Road (04)

Rebecca Timar (Jean Tripp’s sister)

J.N. Willcox, c/o The Landings of Lake Gaston, Room 111, 206 N. Mosby Avenue, Littleton, NC 27850

Our Members-at-Home

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

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

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

We offer our sympathy to Ginny, Paul, Sarah, and Will and their families, Lois Abernathy, and all their family and friends, in the death of Billy Etheridge on April 9. Billy was a member of Lakeside for 36 years. A graveside service celebrating Billy's life will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bend of the River Farm Cemetery on Billy Buck Lane. A visitation will be held at Lakeside on Friday, April 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Sugg Foyer of the Education Building.

COFFEEHOUSE WRITERS

The Lakeside Coffeehouse Writers will meet on Tuesday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Lakeside Parlor.

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 13 so that we may recognize them in *The Link* and celebrate with them on Youth & Graduate Sunday on May 19. Include their full name, school, and degree. For high school graduates, we would also like to know their future plans.

GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP

Plans are getting underway for Gatekeepers Workcamp 2024, scheduled for July 7-12. Forms for adults and youth are going in the mail this week. We will need adult volunteers who can work on crews, assist with lunches and refreshments, and help with the Sunday night cookout. Contact Elizabeth or the church office if you are available to volunteer.

YOUTH NEWS

We will have a regular schedule of youth and children’s activities on Sunday evening. Following Youth Fellowship, we will head to Dunkin Donuts for a time of fellowship. Please bring a few dollars for a treat and let me know if you need a ride home.

Be sure to keep saving your coins for our Change for Change project, which will continue through the month of April. I hope to see everyone for worship and Youth Fellowship this week!
Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Regular rehearsals resume for the Chancel Choir this evening, April 10, when we will begin preparations for music for Good Shepherd, Pentecost, Trinity Sundays, and Founders’ Day. Lakeside Ringers, we are finished meeting for the season, but be on the lookout for an email where we will meet to polish and put away bells for the summer and discuss plans for next year.
Jake

DISCUSSION CLASS

PBS features a documentary on “The Black Church in America” narrated by Dr. Henry Louis Gates. On April 14 we will welcome Rev. Dr. Haywood Parker, senior pastor at Truth Tabernacle. He will lead a discussion on why Sunday morning worship is the most segregated hour in America. Please join us for this very informative and interesting discussion.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Instead of our annual Community VBS, Lakeside will hold a *Faith, Food & Fun* Mini-Camp July 30, 31, and August 1, from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., for children and grandchildren of Lakeside families, ages 3 through current 5th graders. Details about registration will be available soon. Youth and adult volunteers will be needed.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Bill Bulluck and Sheila Martin
Ushers - Group I - Alan and Joyce Clements, Co-Captains
Acolyte - Katie Kos

April 14, 2024 ❖ *The Third Sunday of Easter*

Guest Preacher: Rev. Kyle Johnson

Anthems:

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” - traditional

“Holy Is the Lord” - Schubert

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” - Dubois

LAKESIDE’S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2024 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,056

	Week	YTD	2023
Anticipated Giving	\$10,790	\$151,054	\$155,915
Through April 7	\$6,837	\$132,523	\$114,624
Variance	-\$3,953	-\$18,531	-\$41,291

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 10

10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14

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. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music and Youth Building

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor

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

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

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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