



# The Link

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## Worship at Lakeside

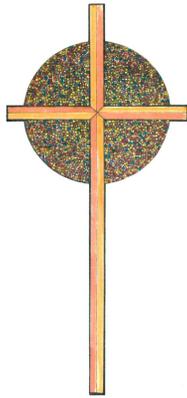
May 10, 2020 ☩ *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Lessons: John 14:1-14; I Peter 2:2-10

Sermon: "When Words Alone Won't Do"

Anthem: "He Leadeth Me" - arr. Cottrell

Anna and LaCount Anderson, soloists



Each week, a video of our worship service is available on our website. Visit [www.lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://www.lakesidechurchrmt.org) and look for the video on our homepage. Although we cannot be physically together, we can unite in spirit as we worship together.



## REFLECTIONS BY THE LAKE

Beginning this week, devotions written for this time in our lives are being sent to you by email and posted on our website Monday through Friday each week. We are grateful to each of our writers for sharing their thoughts with us. If you would like to inspire and encourage the rest of us, please let Carol and Chuck Taylor (the coordinators of this ministry) know (704-877-1100 or [carolreal@aol.com](mailto:carolreal@aol.com)). We ask that you send your devotions to the church ([lakesiderm@embarqmail.com](mailto:lakesiderm@embarqmail.com)).

## HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

In addition to fighting the novel coronavirus, our nation is also attempting to count each of us citizens in order to allocate services, funding, and representation over the next ten years. Our community has not done well so far in responding to the census. An online completion of the survey takes about ten minutes. The benefits will last ten years. If you have not yet filled out your census form, visit the website at: <https://my2020census.gov/>. Be sure to have the ID that was mailed to you or choose the button that says you don't have an ID.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**The Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856**

**Ann Battle**

**At Home:**

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

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

**Sue Daughety**, 1105 Jasmine Drive (04)

**Meghan Davis**, 1305 Sunset Drive, Greensboro, NC 27804

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

**Bobby Floyd** (friend of Jan Mullen), Lawton Veterans Center, Lawton, OK

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

**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 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Apt. 355, Wilmington, NC 28403

**Joe Stanton**, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

**Our Members-at-Home**

**Carlton Kimbro**, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

**Audrey Scarboro**, 724 York Street (03)

**Jane Abbottt**, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

**Ethel Hines**, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

We offer our sympathy to Dozia Collins and her family in the death of her son, Corey Collins, on May 4.

*Dear Lakeside,*

*Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy you have shown to me and my family upon learning of the passing of my father. Your care, notes, phone calls, emails, food, and plants have uplifted my spirits during this difficult time. I can feel God sustaining and strengthening me and I know that is coming from the love and prayers of my Lakeside family. Thank you so much. I look forward to the time when we are together again.*

*Kathy Manning*

## 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 11 so that we may recognize them in *The Link*. We need full names, school, degree, and future plans.

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Our Discipleship Class is meeting by Zoom, and it was good to see and talk with everyone on Sunday afternoon. The next class will be held on Sunday, May 17, and will also be by Zoom. During that session, the group will talk about the kinds of things we do as followers of Christ. We will let you know the time of the meeting next week.

## YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who sent pictures for our #BeTheChurch slideshow. The video is posted on the church Facebook page and will be on the home page of the website for another week or so. Please continue to send pictures of the ways your family is connecting to your faith and offering kindness to your neighbors. We would love to continue to share pictures with our church family through the website until we can be together again. We will not have a Zoom call this Sunday but will meet again on May 17. Elizabeth

## #BeTheChurch

This week, Lakeside's families are invited to participate in a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. Create something beautiful and uplifting for your neighborhood on your sidewalk or driveway and submit pictures by noon on May 10. Be sure at least one of your pictures is anonymous. Lakeside's Celebrity Judges will award prizes in a variety of categories. Let's share encouraging messages with our community and have fun as we continue to find ways to #BeTheChurch.

## VIRTUAL VBS

Since we will not be able to gather for our regular Vacation Bible School, we are working on ideas for a Virtual VBS for Lakeside's children and younger youth. Information will go out in the next couple of weeks. If your child or grandchild is interested in participating, please contact the church office to be included on the email list for details.

## MUSIC NOTES

Songs, hymns and spiritual songs such as the ones many of you have shared with me over the past few weeks, combine scripture based texts of our faith with the power of music to offer "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow." I am working on creative ways to share those songs with you online in the coming weeks. One of the songs you mentioned was "O God Beyond All Praise" set to the hymn tune THAXTED from Gustav Holst's, *The Planets*. This powerful marriage of hopeful text and triumphant tune proclaims ancient truths as relevant today as ever: "And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrow and rise to bless you still." The acknowledgment of uncertainty combined with hopeful action for today leads us "to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise." I look forward to sharing more songs and hymns with you and my prayer is that you will lean on the music of your faith as a healing balm for body, mind, spirit, soul.

Thank you to Sue Cataline for sharing her musical talents with us for Sunday's worship and affirming through song the good news, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"! Amy

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$212,971
Through May 3	\$6,529	\$162,988
Variance	-\$5,303	-\$49,983

*During this time when we cannot gather for worship, please mail or draft your offerings to the church. Your generosity is critical to ensure that our ministries continue under challenging circumstances.*

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## WHERE IS YOUR OFFERING PLATE?

Some of us might answer that question by saying, "It is in the sanctuary!" True, there is a set of eight beautiful brass offering plates in our sanctuary that are not being used right now. There are, however, a variety of ways that you can put your offering "in the plate" to support our ministries.

One simple and effective way of giving to Lakeside is by setting up a regular monthly draft from your checking account. You won't have to worry about missing a gift and the church will receive your offering right on time.

You can set up for an online check to be sent to the church at your discretion. You can also visit our website and make your gift by credit card. Keep in mind that credit transactions come with a fee to the church. As many of our members do, you can write a trusted and reliable check and mail it to the church.

Any of these means can be your offering plate for the time being. One day in the not-too-distant-future, we hope we can all use those beautiful brass plates again.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to all that God is doing through our Lakeside ministries!



## BEFRIEND AN NCWC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

North Carolina Wesleyan College has 20 International students living on campus this summer who are not able to go home because their countries are closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The school has unveiled a new program which will match an international student with a local family (The size of family doesn't matter.). For more information, you may contact Suzanne Hening, NCWC International Student Services Coordinator, at 252-469-1093. A description of the program and the application are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JgIEyDF1DEteoQMuePk3HDqqcuc2QOX0/view>