

**GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP 2023**

This year's Gatekeepers Workcamp theme is TRANSFORMED. Guided by God's promise in Ezekiel 36:26 to take away our stubborn hearts and give us hearts that are tender and open, we will consider how we can move from seeing our service as something we do in order to change others to recognizing how God is at work to transform us more fully into the image of Christ. We will begin to see our neighbors not as objects of our good intentions but as partners in God's ministry of grace and renewal for our lives and our community.

We ask you to pray for the nearly 150 youth and adult volunteers who will serve July 9-14 and for the homeowners with whom we will partner. As we embark on the 32nd year of Gatekeepers Workcamp, may we and our entire community, by God's grace, be TRANSFORMED.

For their longtime support of our ministry, we dedicate Gatekeepers Workcamp 2023 in loving memory of Brenda Cotton & Diggs Wimberley.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE****Monday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Lakeside will host a blood drive on Monday, July 17, in Robbins Hall. There is a critical shortage of blood supply and we encourage everyone who can donate to do so. Scan the QR code or register online at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Lakeside%20Bapt>

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835

Brandon Richardson, Room N451

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

Doris Booth, Room 305 ♦ David Ozment, Room 308A

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)

Margaret Harper, 2140 Joelene Drive (03)

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

Tim Oakley, 6643 Mill Pond Road, Battleboro, NC 27809

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

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, Stoneridge, 105 Convention Drive Apartment. 434, Cary, NC 27511

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

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

A celebration of the life of Ben O'Geary will be held on July 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fred Fletcher Park and Amphitheater, 802 Clay Street, Raleigh. A reception at the historical Borden Building will follow.

AT THE TABLE: A SUMMER OF PSALMS

This fall our At the Table group will begin a new study combining faith and the arts which focuses on the psalms. We invite all who might be interested in joining us to spend time over the summer months reading, reflecting on, and praying with the book of Psalms. When we meet again in September, we will use *150: Finding Your Story in the Psalms* by Kevin Adams and *Journalling the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection & Prayer* by Paula Gooder to deepen our understanding of God and ourselves.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

The Discussion Class continues its conversations on issues that are critical to our faith and to our community. This Sunday, July 9, we will gather in the Parlor of the Education Building at 9:45 a.m. to listen and talk about the environment. We are using the PBS series, *Ear to the Common Ground*, to guide our conversations. Join us, won't you?

LAKESIDE COFFEEHOUSE WRITERS

Join us on Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m. in Lakeside's Parlor. We'll explore ideas, share stories, offer suggestions and encouragement as we use Anne Lamott's *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* for motivation and guidance.

YOUTH NEWS

Gatekeepers Workcamp 2023 will kick-off on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. with our opening cookout. It takes the commitment, efforts, and prayers of our entire congregation, and of many friends from our partner churches, to make a ministry like Gatekeepers happen for 32 years! Thank you to all of the youth and adults in the Lakeside family who are helping the homes of our neighbors, the spirit in our community, and our own lives to be TRANSFORMED.

We could use a few people to help with shopping for supplies on Thursday, July 6. We will meet in Sugg Foyer at 5:30 p.m. Following Workcamp, we will need volunteers to help sort and pack the supplies. We will meet on Wednesday, July 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room for Gatekeepers Clean-Up. If you are available to help with any of these needs, please let me know. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

This week we welcome guest organist Christopher Pharo. Chris is an ECU graduate who has spent the last year serving as the Gerre Hancock Organ Intern at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Prior to San Francisco, Chris served as the Organist and Choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Tarboro where he worked with the adult choir, multiple children's choirs, and served as an accompanist and piano teacher throughout eastern NC. Jake

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Wayne Cotton and Carol Taylor

Ushers - Group I - Alan and Joyce Clements, Co-Captains

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!

July 9, 2023 ♦ The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; Romans 7:15-25a

Sermon: "Looking for a Little R&R?"

Anthems:

"Day by Day" - Friedel

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Chilcott

"Forth in Thy Name" - Shephard

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$291,767	\$310,002
Through July 2	\$9,200	\$219,386	\$238,899
Variance	-\$1,606	-\$72,381	-\$71,103

How do you respond to God's generosity? Do you give generously of your financial assets? Do you volunteer in one or more of our ministries? Stewardship is an attitude of gratitude for all that God does for us.

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9

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. Gatekeepers Workcamp Cookout, Robbins Hall

Monday - Friday, July 10-14

7:00 a.m. Gatekeepers Workcamp Day Begins

2:00 p.m. Gatekeepers Workcamp Day Concludes

Tuesday, July 11

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

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Plan to join us next on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. at 300 Wildwood Avenue. We will enjoy a taco salad supper while discussing *Open Secrets: A Memoir of Faith and Discovery* by Richard Lischer. We will also talk about upcoming book recommendations. Meanwhile, enjoy a summer of good reading.

GATEKEEPERS SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

We are happy to be able to resume offering scholarships to assist local youth in participating in Gatekeepers Workcamp. This year, we will welcome five youth from Conetoe Family Life Center and four youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs to join us. Contributions to help cover these costs can be sent to the church office marked for Gatekeepers Scholarship Fund.