#### **OUR PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

## UNC-Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

William Ward, 2 West, 16

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Jim Ashby, 341 Old Coach Rd (04)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Della and Lela Edwards, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Robert Kincheloe**, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

**C.B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Howard Phykitt**, 106 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

**Anthony Severini** (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

**Jean Smith**, The Landings, 1365 River Drive (04)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Marian Underwood (William Underwood's mother)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Jo Webb, 209 Southern Boulevard (04)

**Our Members-at-Home** 

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650

Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

**David Ozment**, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

We offer our sympathy to Elwood Berry, Dick and Nancy Berry, and their family on the death of Elwood's brother, Bev Berry, on July 29 in Fayetteville.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Booth who died on August 1. Doris was 103 years old and a member of Lakeside for 67 years. Her service was held at Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Courtney Chaffin and Taylor Bingham who were married on August 2 in Georgia. Courtney is the granddaughter of the late Steve and Winnie Raper and the niece of Rayna Owen.

#### MEAL TRAIN FOR THE WARD FAMILY

Both Jill and William Ward have had recent surgeries, and William remains in the hospital being treated for a serious infection. We would like to help them during this difficult time by providing some meals for their family. You can sign up at www.mealtrain.com/trains/gv8zw3 or by contacting the church office. Please note the allergy restrictions.

#### YOUTH NEWS

As we all make preparations for back-to-school, be sure to mark your calendar for our Welcome Back Sunday on September 7! Youth and Children's activities will resume at 5:00 p.m. with a Family Fun Night including dinner, games, and information about this fall's events. Plan to come and invite a friend! Please note a change of date: The luncheon for our mission trip participants to share their experiences with the congregation has been rescheduled for October 5. I hope to see everyone in worship on August 17 as we offer a blessing for the new school year.

# **MUSIC NOTES**

The Choral Scholars Benefit Recital is coming up in just a few short weeks! I hope that you will mark your calendars and invite your friends to come and hear our extremely talented Choral Scholars and support this special part of our Music Ministry through your generous donations to the Gossett-Biggs Music fund. The recital will take place on August 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. I hope to see you there!

# WE'RE HIRING!

Lakeside is looking for a part-time Minister to Children who will expand and lead our ministries to children, birth through fifth grade, and their families. If you know of someone in our congregation or community, or a seminary or college student, who loves working with children and has a heart for faith formation, have them visit our website or contact the church office for a job description and information about applying.

#### THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Ginger Maynard and Jennifer Cobb Ushers – Bill Bulluck, David Browder, and Dan Herring Acolyte – Deacon Stinson

# August 10, 2025 \* The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Psalm 66:1-9; Luke 10:1-11 Sermon: "Accepting Hospitality" Anthems: "Where He Leads Me" - Norris "Come and Follow Me" - Cohen

# LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$350,624	\$334,476
Through August 3	\$6,773	\$285,866	\$265,376
Variance	-\$4,537	-\$64,758	-\$74,396

Lakeside's ministries never go on vacation. Remember to keep your giving up-to-date if you are away during the summer months.

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	Libby Grammer Senior Minister	Liz Broomell Administrative Assistant Sue Bulluck Senior Adult Director	The Link 1501 Sunset Avenne Rocky Mount, NC 27804-5014

## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

#### Sunday, August 10

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

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

# Wednesday, August 13

7:30 a.m. Soul Space, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, August 14

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Keep up with all that's happening at Lakeside with the calendar on the website or the downloadable, printable monthly calendar that is sent to you by email.

#### AT THE TABLE

Join us on September 10 At The Table. This year's study will be guided by Debie Thomas' book *Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. Mary Catherine Harris and Carol Taylor will lead the group, which will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Benvenue Country Club. Please order your own book. Participants have the option to stay for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Contact Sammie Crumley or the church office for more information.



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#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Start the school year off with a blessing! Join us in worship on Sunday, August 17 for a special time of prayer for our educators and students of all ages as the new school year begins. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or teacher tote so that we may add a blessing tag.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE

There are many families in our community who are unable to provide the needed back-to-school supplies for their children. If you would like to help by purchasing school supplies for students in need, you may place them in the bins located in the church office and in Sugg Foyer. Please bring your donations by Sunday, August 17.

#### **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

Our Backpack Buddies ministry to Benvenue Elementary School will resume in early September. We are in need of sponsors for the purchase of food to fill the bags. You can sponsor a child for \$35 per month (\$315 for the school year). Donations in any amount are appreciated and will help us to continue to provide weekend meals for 35 students. We are in need of volunteers who can help once per month or on an occasional basis as a substitute. Please contact the church office for more information.

## **BEGINNING SOON:** GRANDFRIENDS!

We have a new partnership between Lakeside Preschool and our Topnotchers Ministry – Grandfriends! Our senior adults are invited to make intergenerational connections with the Lakeside Preschool children (ages 2-5), serving as a class Grandfriend once a week for eight weeks on Wednesday mornings, from September 17 to November 5.

Grandfriends will assist with a craft, activity, or story time in one of our preschool classes. Grandfriends will work with the preschool teachers to plan age-appropriate activities and will also be invited to attend seasonal parties and programs of the Preschool. If you are interested in participating in this new ministry, please contact Sue or Elizabeth.

#### LAKESIDE LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Lakeside Ladies Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Marion Weathers (1421 Country Club Road). Denise O'Geary will facilitate a discussion of *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the book club, email Ginny Etheridge at ginnyetheridge@gmail.com.