

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

Jean Smith, Room 447

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)

Rick Grammer (Libby Grammer's father)

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)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Stan Ford, 10820 Sandy Oak Lane, #208, Raleigh, NC 27614

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Lakeside Church, ironically in the last three weeks I have experienced all three kinds of prayers Libby has taught us about. Early one morning I cried "Help" prayers, and they were answered quickly as help arrived. By that night I was breathing "Thanks" prayers and already knew I was getting better. After being home for two weeks, I have said so many "Wow" prayers. You, my church family, have so generously cared for Don and me with your cards, calls, visits, flowers, encouraging words, and wonderful meals! All I can say is "Wow"! Thanks be to God, and thank you, my Lakeside family!!
Chick Conley

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

It is hard to believe that Dr. Libby Grammer will have been our Senior Minister for a year on August 15 and on August 17 will preach on the eve of the anniversary of her first sermon at Lakeside on August 18, 2024. Libby and her family have quickly become a valued part of Lakeside, sharing their talents, energy and vision with our church family. Please join us in celebrating this happy milestone in the life of our congregation.
The Pulpit Committee

DOVE NOTES

Dove Notes, Lakeside's ministry to send notes and cards to our homebound members and others in need of encouragement, will meet on Wednesday, September 3, at 11:15 a.m., in Godwin Library. Contact Sue Bulluck or Joan Ashby for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

I hope to see all our students in worship this Sunday as we offer a blessing for the new school year. Please sit up front in the reserved pews. As we all prepare 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!
Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

The Choral Scholars Benefit Recital is coming up soon! I hope that you will mark your calendars and invite your friends to hear our extremely talented Choral Scholars. You can 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!
Jake

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.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Ginger Maynard and Sammie Crumley

Ushers – Bill Bulluck, Dick Berry, and Frank Maynard

Acolyte – Maggie Paszek

August 17, 2025 ❖ The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost / Back-to-School

Lessons: Psalm 82; Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "Unexpected Hospitality"

Anthems: "Friend, There is a Welcome" – Thompson

"Ubi Caritas" – Sharpe

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$361,935	\$345,265
Through August 10	\$9,786	\$295,652	\$272,679
Variance	-\$1,524	-\$66,283	-\$72,586

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

NEEDLES & PRAYERS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 4 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE PARLOR.

Contact Carol Taylor for more information.



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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 17

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

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

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary, *Blessing of the Backpacks*

12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 a.m. Soul Space, Sanctuary

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.

SOUL SPACE SCHEDULE

Soul Space is considering changing our weekly schedule to include new folks who wish to participate. If you are interested in a small group that meets for prayer and meditation, please contact Elizabeth with days and times that will work for you. The group typically meets for about half an hour.

In a world that can be loud and distracting, we need to hear God above the chaos and clutter. We invite you to come apart for a little while each week as we find a quiet space for our souls to encounter the God who often speaks in a still, small voice.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Start the school year off with a blessing! Join us in worship this Sunday 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 afford their children's back-to-school supplies. You can help by purchasing supplies and placing them in the bin located in the church office by this Sunday, August 17.

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, serving as a class Grandfriend once a week for eight weeks on Wednesday mornings, from September 17 to November 5. 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.

AT THE TABLE

Join us on September 10 *At The Table*. Our 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.

FURNITURE NEEDS – CAN YOU HELP?

The local migrant ministry with which we partner needs furniture and linens for a family that is new to our area. We are also looking for two furniture pieces for use at church: A set of shelves up to 26 inches wide and up to 48 inches tall in a medium wood tone and a dark wood console table up to 48 inches long and 36 inches tall (drawers would be a bonus). If you can help, contact the church office.

What is a Topnotcher, anyway?

We had a good crowd with good conversation and food to “Continue the Communion” at our lunch at Barley & Burger. Thanks to all who attended! On September 7, we will enjoy the fall kick off reception in the courtyard then come together to Continue the Communion about 12:30 p.m. at Sal’s Pizza, 2820 Sunset Ave, Rocky Mount.

I was caught off guard when Libby announced my first anniversary as the Director of Lakeside Topnotchers this past Sunday. I am continually grateful for this opportunity to serve and, as promised, the blessings I have received have been tenfold. Over the past year, however, I have come to realize that many of you do not know what a Lakeside Topnotcher is, or if you qualify as a Topnotcher.

To clarify the confusion, we have come up with some questions to ask yourself to find out:

- 1) Are you retired, semi-retired, or just like to have fun?
- 2) Have you ever had a single grey hair on your head?
- 3) Have you ever gone into a room to get something and forgotten what you were getting?
- 4) Have you ever forgotten what you were saying mid-sentence?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, *you might be a Topnotcher*. We do corny and fun things like day trips to Pullen Park. We are food connoisseurs as we fellowship at various restaurants. We visit historical sights and attend concerts. Other suggestions are welcome. If you answer yes to any or all of the above questions, please join us for a guaranteed good time!

Our next planned outing will be to Howell Farms in Zebulon on Wednesday, October 29. Many of you may be familiar with their booth at the farmer’s market. They boast an assortment of home canned goods and casseroles as well as other homey goods. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m., then head over to McLean’s Ole Style Cafe for lunch, and then head over to Howell Farms.

The Tar River Chorus Fall Concert is November 1 at First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. Call the church to sign up!

Our new ministry, *Grandfriends*, will be implemented in September. We will be assisting with story times, doing crafts, and helping with centers. You can contact me, Elizabeth, or Rachel Holloman if you're interested or have questions.

Sue Bulluck, Senior Adult Director