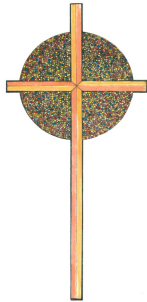




# The Link

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## WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

September 27, 2020 ✚ The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon: "Camping at Massah and Meribah"

Anthems:

"Hope of the World" - arr. Davis

"City Called Heaven" - arr. Poelinitz

"Let the Heav'n Light Shine on Me" - Carter

*Each week, a video of our worship service is available on the home page of our website. Previous worship services are also available on the "Worship Videos" page. Please visit [www.lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://www.lakesidechurchrmt.org) and join us for worship!*



## CHIME IN: THE SOUNDS OF HOPE

Gathering the Family Together Again

Sunday, October 4 ✚ at Lakeside

5:00-6:00 p.m.

It has been a long time since we were able to be together at Lakeside—too long. We miss each other. We want to see each other and share a little time in the same space. So let's get together on October 4.

We have planned a fun and meaningful event in the parking lot. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., we will have a concert featuring musicians and soloists. Ice cream from Scoopy Dippy Doo will be available for everyone, and you will have the chance to see your friends.

The best part of the day will be the opportunity to offer our support, love, and prayers to our friends who have been affected by cancer. We will have a "Chiming Tree" on which you can hang wind chimes in honor or memory of someone diagnosed with cancer. Donations will be accepted which will be divided between Relay for Life and the Polka Dot Mama Foundation.

We will observe all safety protocols: wearing masks, distancing, sanitizing, and being outdoors. So that we can adequately prepare for everyone, please call the church office or send an email to [lakesiderm@embarqmail.com](mailto:lakesiderm@embarqmail.com) to let us know that you will be coming and how many people will be with you.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)**

**Emily Henderson**, Room 819

**Caroline Culpepper** (Dennis & Brenda Culpepper's granddaughter) Knoxville TN

**Chuck Daniel** (Brenda & Dennis Culpepper's nephew), Wake Medical Center

**Debbie McFarland** (Jim Wigg's niece), Tampa, Florida

### At Home:

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

**Jennifer Cobb**, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

**Ricky Cobb**, 3417 Brookview Drive (04)

**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

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

**Roger Harris**, 3126 W. Hampton Drive (04)

**Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

**Frank Rountree**, 76 Mill Pond Road, Gatesville, NC 27938

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

**Jim Wiggs**, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

### Our Members-at-Home

**Mae Joyner**, 700 Drexel Road (03)

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

**Joyce Dickens**, 128 Timberlane Road (04)

*We are so grateful for the loving and supportive responses of our Lakeside family in the tragic loss of our daughter, Kathie. Our hearts are broken, but our spirits are lifted by God's love shown to us through each of you. Thank you!*

*Bill and Linda Hoyle*

*Dear Church Family, Thank you all so much for reaching out to me during both my surgery recoveries and the death of my precious cousin. The phone calls, texts, messages, cards, and food were certainly a comfort and I am most appreciative. I miss being with you all each Sunday and look forward to congregating again!*

*Much love, Sue Bulluck*

## FALL SURVEY

Included with this edition of *The Link* is a survey asking you to let us know your thoughts about congregational activities at this time. The survey is intended to gather information from you that will help us plan for the fall and winter and also better understand your thoughts and needs during the pandemic. Please answer each question and return the survey to the church as soon as possible. We request that all surveys be submitted no later than October 4. Thank you!

## YOUTH NEWS

Our first LYNC Team will visit some of our senior adult friends immediately after the youth meeting on Sunday and will finish around 1:30 p.m. Watch your email for more details about scheduling future visits. I hope you all will plan to join us on October 4 for our *Chime In: Sounds of Hope* concert. Youth will be needed to assist with greeting and with the chiming tree. Remember, for all activities, masks are needed. Elizabeth

## LAKESIDE'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH: NEAR AND FAR

It was fun to meet our CBF missionary friends, the Normans, last Sunday. This Sunday, September 27, we will learn more about the sounds, tastes, and culture of Spain. All youth and children, grades K-12 are invited to join us at 11:00 a.m. on the Labyrinth.

## LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, October 6, as we meet by Zoom and discuss the book, *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns. Barbara Valentine will facilitate our discussion. Please email Deborah (deborahwright@embarqmail.com) so we can add your email address to the Zoom invitation list.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME

If you have not been a part of a Sunday School class and would like to participate in a weekly Bible study either at the church with safeguards in place or by Zoom, please contact the church office for more information.

## FALL STUDY GROUP

The six-week fall study group will begin on Thursday evening, October 1, with meetings in Robbins Hall and a Zoom option for those who wish to attend virtually. Our discussions will center around "Another Name for Every Thing," podcasts based on Fr. Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. Sign up by providing a current email address to the church office so that we may send you more details.

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$449,605
Through September 20	\$6,240	\$368,850
Variance	-\$5,592	-\$80,755

*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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## MEDITATION GROUP

The beginning of 2020 is a distant fog, but I do remember images of koala's singed fur and the scorched landscape of Australia's fires. Now our West Coast is in flames and those images make it difficult for me to breathe even while I inhale crisp, fall air and enjoy rain storms 3,000 miles away. George Floyd's words ring in my ears, "I Can't Breathe," even though I have the privilege of unobstructed air. A virus that can limit the ability to breathe has spread among us and I hold my breath for fear of catching or spreading it to those I love. If the weight of a world environmentally, politically, economically, and medically on fire makes it difficult for me to breathe, how much more so for those in the midst of the literal and metaphorical flames? My friend Ashley shared a Facebook post recently that said:

*I was thinking last night how lately, holding on to hope and optimism feels like carrying a pail of water. A friend wrote something, full of confidence in the fact that better days were to come, and I felt so thankful that she was doing the work of carrying that bucket for us right then. I started picturing the water walkers, and how they go so far and pass the pail of water from one walker to the next. They go so much farther than any one of them could go alone. Distances that would seem impossible for one woman. That's what it feels like right now. None of us can handle walking all that distance, carrying this precious cargo. So each day one of us has to do it. If we all shut down at once, we lose that bit of hope forever.*

In Meditation, we learn to breathe in grief and breathe out despair. We learn resilience to keep picking up a pail of water on the days we can't pass hope down the line. Maybe if we do these small acts of courageous hope, we all will be able to breathe more easily. Join me on Thursday, September 24, at noon in the sanctuary for a time of Meditation. Enter through the narthex doors and wear your mask. Masks and sanitizer will be available, if needed. Amy

## Lakeside Involved

Lakeside Involved will look different this year, but there are still many opportunities for ministry to our community during this time and many ways for each of us to be involved. Instead of focusing on one day of service, normally the first Saturday in November, families or small groups of Lakeside friends will work together during the month of October and into the first week of November. Masks and physical distancing guidelines will be required for all friend group activities, whether inside or outside. A list of Lakeside Involved projects, a brief description of each, and the group leaders are found below. We will not have signup sheets this year but are asking that you or your family unit call, text or email the leader of the project(s) in which you'd like to participate. If you have any other questions, you may contact Carol Taylor, Dorrie Wright or Deborah Wright, this year's coordinators. Lakeside Involved will culminate on Saturday, November 7, with a tailgate picnic celebration and s'mores.

**S'More Hope...S'More Cures...S'More Love:** S'more-making kits will be assembled and available for purchase in the church office the last three weeks in October and at our tailgate picnic celebration on November 7. All proceeds from s'more sales and other contributions made during October will be divided between Polka Dot Mama Foundation and Relay for Life in honor or memory of those in our congregation diagnosed with cancer.  
\*Group Leaders: Mary McAdams, Deborah Wright  
(Family groups to assemble kits are already in place. You may stop by the church office, beginning October 12, to pick up your s'more kits and make a donation.)

**Luke's Dream Pillows:** Pillows will be stitched and stuffed and fabric markers/crayons will be added for children at Jo Ann's Place (The Rocky Mount Child Advocacy Center).  
\*Group Leaders: Ann Winstead, Jo Webb  
(908-0869 or golferaow@suddenlink.net)

**Wrapped in Love Blankets:** No-sew lap blankets will be cut and fringes knotted to give to residents at The Gardens Senior Living Facility. Included with these blankets will be colored pencils/markers and adult coloring books.  
\*Group Leaders: Molly Pitt, Carol Lucas, Anne Chappell  
(903-1827 or mollybpitt@gmail.com)

**Wrapped in Warmth Scarves:** Scarves will be knitted or crocheted for the needy and put in ziplock bags to be left in Little Free Libraries at Villa

Neighborhood, South Rocky Mount Neighborhood and The Mills, as well as on benches at Braswell Memorial Library, the Rocky Mount Train Station and Greyhound Bus Station.

\*Group Leader: Carol Taylor  
(704-877-1100 or carolreal@aol.com)

**Yard Work at Neighborhood Parks:** Clean up, landscaping and planting will be done at the Villa Neighborhood and South Rocky Mount Parks. Plantings will be added to a garden in the South Rocky Mount community.

\*Group Leaders (Villa): Jim Wright and Dan Herring  
(908-0280 or djwright2@embarqmail.com)

\*Group Leaders (SRM): Andy Barker and Jody Wright  
(382-1980 or akbarker49@gmail.com)

**Yard Work:** Yard work and plantings will be completed at My Sister's House.

\*Group Leader: Nancy Berry  
(813-8604 or nberryrm@gmail.com)

**Garden Stepping Stones:** A kit will be delivered to your home to create a mosaic stepping stone for one of the parks or gardens in our community.

\*Group Leaders: Deborah Wright, Dorrie Wright  
(908-5391 or deborahwright@embarqmail.com)  
(904-5511 or djwright2@embarqmail.com)

**Kitchen Cleanup/Church Grounds:** Lakeside's kitchen will be cleaned and organized, and the church grounds will be spruced up by pruning, edging, etc.

\*Group Leaders (kitchen): Teresa Herring and Angela Allen  
(Kitchen Crew is already in place.)  
\*Group Leader (church grounds): Mary McAdams  
(904-7649 or marym@lmcadamsllc.com)

**Kindness Kits:** Kits (including toiletries, hand sanitizer, disposable masks, protein bars/crackers/peanuts, bottled water or juice, breath mints/candy/gum, tissue, bandaids, socks) will be assembled by putting items in ziplock bags for those who are homeless or in need. All items may be picked up in the church office for you to assemble kits or your family may purchase items from the suggestions above to assemble kits. These kindness kits will be available in the church office for people needing assistance. They will also be available for church members to pick up, put in their cars, and give out to someone in need.

\*Group Leader: Carol Taylor  
(704-877-1100 or carolreal@aol.com)

**Lakeside Buddies Blitz:** Our Lakeside Buddies have been paired together for six months. Many have kept in touch with each other every week or two, others have touched base monthly. Instead of our regular soup delivery to members at home, we're asking each buddy to make a special soup, casserole or dessert delivery during October or November to their Lakeside Buddy.

\*Group Leaders: Susan Skinner and Deborah Wright  
(Susan and Deborah will contact Lakeside Buddies.)

**HeARTworks Families:** Deliver a meal, homemade or restaurant-bought, to one of our ♥works families.

\*Group Leaders: Deborah Wright, Dorrie Wright  
(908-5391 or deborahwright@embarqmail.com)  
(904-5511 or djwright2@embarqmail.com)

**Helping Hands Bins:** School supplies (wide and college-ruled notebooks, composition books and paper, pencils, black ink pens, colored pencils, markers, crayons, pointed scissors, glue sticks, index cards, two-pocket folders, etc) and backpacks will be collected for migrant children in grades K-12. Men's long sleeve shirts (sizes Adult M or L, mostly M needed) and hats/caps will be collected for migrant workers. Please bring needed donations to the church office and put in bins.

\*Group Leader: Vel Johnson  
(904-4243 or veljohnson@embarqmail.com)

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our annual blood drive will be held on Monday, November 9, from 2:30-7:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall.

\*Group Leaders: Angela Allen, Mary McAdams  
(Sign up for a time to donate blood by calling the church office or registering online.)

**Think of your own way to be Lakeside Involved!**

**Make a donation to help with Lakeside Involved!**