

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

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)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Jim and Sheila Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bruce Wayne Murray, P. O. Box 1089, Sharpsburg, NC 27878

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

Anthony Severini (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Margaret Harper, Cottage #5209-101, Magnolia Glen, 5301 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of T. Harris who died on September 24. T. was the son of Johnnie and Tom Harris who are former members of Lakeside and friends to many in our congregation. A service celebrating his life will be held on October 18 in Morehead City.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Chris Kimbro who died on September 28. Chris was the son of the late Marilyn and Carlton Kimbro and brother of David Kimbro.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome these new members in our Lakeside Church family:

Brenda Hurdle is a retired nurse and is married to Bruce Wayne Murray. Her address is PO Box 1089, Sharpsburg, NC 27878-1089.

Tyler and Hannah Riddick Gupton have two young children, Louise and Arthur. Hannah grew up in Rocky Mount and is part of the Riddick family that has long-time ties to Lakeside. Their address is 117 Southwick Ct. (04).

SAVE THE DATE: CIRCLE 10

Circle 10 will meet on Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. Elizabeth Edwards will provide an update on Lakeside's ministries to families and lead us in an exercise to help us be more mindful of the presence of God all around us. Circle 10 meets on the second Monday of each month from October through May.

YOUTH NEWS

I look forward to our luncheon on Sunday as our summer mission trip participants will present photos and reflections on our experiences in New York. On Sunday evening, children will have a regular schedule at church, while youth will meet in the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to go out to dinner. We will return by 6:30 p.m. to participate in the Blessing of the Animals. I hope everyone can join us for a wonderful day of worship, learning, and fellowship! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to the Lakeside Ringers for helping lead us in worship on Sunday for the first time this season – and with only two rehearsals! It's hard to believe that it's already October, and that means we will begin preparing some of our special music for Advent. If you have been curious about joining part of our Music Ministry, now is a great time. We're looking forward to some excellent music in the coming months, and we would love for you to be a part of it! Jake

TOPNOTCHER NEWS

Due to scheduling issues, Dove Notes' next meeting has been moved to October 9, the second Thursday of the month, at 11:15 a.m. We will resume our regular schedule in November. Our churchwide covered-dish luncheon will be our Continue the Communion gathering for October. Sue

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Bill Bulluck and Justin Sykes

Ushers – Bill Marshburn, Dan Herring, and Frank Maynard

Acolyte – Reed Stinson

October 5, 2025 ♦ World Communion Sunday

Lessons: Psalm 8; Matthew 16:13-17

Sermon: "Soul Freedom: Believing for Oneself"

Anthems: "Bread of the World" – Bourgeois

"Panis Angelicus" – Franck

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$441,108	\$420,792
Through September 28	\$3,915	\$364,771	\$349,166
Variance	-\$7,395	-\$76,337	-\$71,626

*Thank you for your generosity as we kick off our fall season together!
Your gifts make Lakeside's many ministries possible.*



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Liz Broomell
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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, October 2

10:00 a.m. Needles and Prayers, Parlor
12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee, Conference Room

Sunday, October 5

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Churchwide Fellowship Luncheon, Robbins Hall
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music & Youth Building
6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Youth Building Lawn

Tuesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Englewood Garden Club, Lecture Room
5:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club, Parlor
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, Zoom

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 a.m. Grandfriends, Lakeside Preschool
10:30 a.m. Fall Study Group, Conference Room
10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

This Sunday, October 5, we will observe World Communion Sunday, reminding us of our unity in Christ around the Lord's Table. We will also begin a four-week sermon series entitled, "Our Baptist Heritage," helping us to reflect on how we fit into the larger Baptist and Christian family. Our series is inspired by the book *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms* by Walter B. Shurden. Week One will focus on Soul Freedom, the Baptist distinctive that emphasizes individual affirmation of Christ as Lord foremost, as we are all image-bearers and have a responsibility to respond individually to God.

BENEVOLENCE FUND OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion, we will receive a Benevolence Fund Offering for local ministries this Sunday. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 5, Immediately following worship

Our Youth will share their experiences and photos from their summer mission trip to New York. We will provide fried chicken and beverages. Each family is asked to bring a vegetable, side dish, or dessert. Please sign up by September 30.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we invite you to a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m., in front of the Youth Building. Bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier, or bring a plush animal friend, for this time of blessing and giving thanks for the creatures that bring us joy.

GET TO KNOW LAKESIDE LUNCHEON

Are you new to Lakeside? Join us on Sunday, October 12, after worship for a "Get to Know Lakeside" luncheon in Robbins Hall. Hear from our staff and small group leaders about our ministries and find ways to be a part of Lakeside. Sign up online at our website's Event Registration Page or contact the church office.

SIGN UP NOW: FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Lakeside women, join us on October 17-18 at Boseman Farm for a time of Bible study, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Sign up now! There is a \$25 registration fee, which can be dropped off at the church office.