

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

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), Greenville, SC

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

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Jim and Sheila Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

George Witt (Kate Barnes' brother)

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 Robert and Janet Sykes, Justin and Bridget Sykes, and their family upon the death of Robert's mother, Jean Smith, who died on October 8. Jean was a member of Lakeside for 24 years. A service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, October 24, at 1:00 p.m. at Lakeside, with family visitation to follow in Sugg Foyer.

Thank you so much Lakeside Family and Circle 10 for the tremendous outpouring of love, cards, food, and prayers during the past few months. Jim is still at home receiving Hospice care but has improved in many ways. My recovery from knee surgery is going well, and I am back at work and working hard at Physical Therapy. We love our church and are excited about all the wonderful things that are happening. May God continue to bless each of you and the work that you are doing to make Lakeside such a special place. Sheila Martin

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 18, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m., in Robbins Hall. Sign up to give the gift of life by scanning the QR code or contacting the church office.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Helping visitors and members to feel welcome at Lakeside is a vital part of our ministries. The ministry of hospitality is never more important than when we worship together. We are in need of a few new volunteers for our Usher Ministry and would love to have you as part of the team. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

We have a wonderful opportunity this Sunday night, as we welcome Artist Noel Butler to Youth Fellowship to lead a pottery demonstration and clay project with our youth. As our Sunday night Bible studies and discussions focus on ways we can look for God at work in our lives, we will consider the scriptures that compare us to clay in the Potter's hands. We are grateful to a generous donor in our congregation who has made this experience possible. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 7, as the Chancel Choir will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat* in worship, featuring guest musicians from ECU and solos by our talented Choral Scholars! The Chancel Choir is hard at work on this beautiful music, and we're looking forward to presenting it as our annual Second Sunday of Advent Oratorio. Jake



CANDY DONATIONS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

We are in need of individually wrapped candy donations for our Community Fall Festival on October 26. Please drop off donations to the church office by October 22.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Sheila Martin and Alan Clements

Ushers – Bill Marshburn, Dick Berry, and Keith Ballentine

Acolyte – Eleanor Haley

October 19, 2025 ♦ The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: John 8:34-36; Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "Religious Freedom: Uncoerced Faith"

Anthems: "We Praise Thee, O God" – Barnby

"These are They which Follow the Lamb" – Goss

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$463,729	\$442,371
Through October 12	\$11,400	\$384,406	\$367,180
Variance	+\$90	-\$79,323	-\$75,191

*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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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, October 16

12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Friday, October 17 – Saturday, October 18

Women's Retreat, Boseman Farm

Sunday, October 19

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. Diaconate, Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music & Youth Building

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, Zoom

Wednesday, October 22

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

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.

LAST CALL: FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Lakeside women, join us on Friday evening and Saturday morning, 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 to cover the cost of meals. Thank you to Carol and Chuck Taylor for opening their home for this event.

FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

The entire church family is invited to join us for our Community Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We'll have games, crafts, and activities for the young and young at heart. We would love to have a great crowd to help us welcome friends and neighbors from our community as well. You are encouraged to come in costume, but nothing bloody or scary, please!

LAKESIDE INVOLVED – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

This year, we will be assisting the City of Rocky Mount with a beautification project at Sunset Park, gathering at 8:30 a.m. in Robbins Hall for coffee and donuts and starting work at 9:00 a.m. Other teams will remain at the church to pack school supplies for the migrant worker families and snack bags for Meals on Wheels.

Our Topnotchers ministry will also need volunteers to deliver homemade soup to homebound members at a date and time to be determined.

Additionally, you can donate items for United Community Ministries, My Sister's House, and our migrant worker families. Full lists of needed items can be found in your email, on the church website, or in the church office.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Here are some reminders for our Topnotchers! Our next outing will be to Howell Farms in Zebulon on Wednesday, October 29. You may be familiar with their booth at the farmer's market. They boast an assortment of canned goods, casseroles, and other homey goods. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to head to McLean's Ole Style Cafe for lunch, and then head to Howell Farms. Sign up on the website or call the church office.

November's *Continue the Communion* will be at El Tapatio (21 Progress Dr.). Sign up in the church office, but come whether you do or don't!

Upcoming for December and January:

- 1) Topnotcher Christmas Party after the Lessons & Carols Service at Dick & Nancy Berry's home (1412 Jeremy Lane) on Sunday, December 14.
- 2) The Mims and Gravely galleries at Wesleyan University to see *The Life & Art of Charles Schultz*, a heartwarming exhibition celebrating the beloved creator of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the entire Peanuts gang! Date and time TBA.

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