



# The Link

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## CONGRATULATIONS NEW DEACONS!

Congratulations to our newly elected Deacons: Alan Clements, Bill Hoyle, Lori Joyner, Ginger Maynard, and Matt Paszek. Deacon ordination and installation will be held on January 21, 2024.



## UPDATE FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

The Pulpit Committee has been busy since we last reported to you in late September. We meet regularly and have posted our Senior Minister position with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in North Carolina and CBF Global in Atlanta, with the Alliance of Baptists and with the seminaries/divinity schools at Wake Forest, Campbell, Duke, Princeton, Mercer, Baylor, SMU, Emory, and Union Presbyterian. We continue to receive responses and recommendations from the individuals we contacted initially for references, and we have received resumes from as far away as Alabama and Texas and as close as Wilson County. We have developed an Application and Statement of Interest form we are requesting each interested candidate to complete and submit in order to be considered and have created an interview questionnaire for our interviews with candidates. Because of the information available online through the internet, we are able to see many of the candidates in their worship services and they can view our website and view our worship services and learn of our missions and activities. Candidates have given us very positive feedback on the information we have provided and what they have seen on our website. We are beginning to receive completed Applications and Statements of interest from candidates and are making plans to begin actual interviews soon. Our goal is to have our new Senior Minister begin on May 1, 2024 following a three-month interim period during which our pulpit will be filled by Rev. Edwards and guest speakers. We remain very committed to our task and appreciate your confidence. We will be grateful for your continued prayers for our Church, our Committee, and our search.

Sam Johnson, Pulpit Committee Chairman



## 2024 GIVING PLAN CARDS

On Sunday, we unanimously approved our 2024 Ministry Plan to fund our ministries next year. With that vote comes a commitment to support our ministry financially. You will receive a letter and Giving Plan Card which you are to fill out and bring with you this Sunday for worship. These cards indicate your engagement in our ministry. Please place your cards in the offering plate as an act of worship.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Duke Medical Center, Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710**

**David Morris**

**At Home:**

**Chuck Daniel** (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

**Stan Ford**, 1103 Belvins Trace Drive, Durham, NC 27703

**Michele Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother), 2957 Tillinghast Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613

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

**Cassie Parker**, 13512 Fifth Avenue NE, Bradenton, FL 34212

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

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

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

**Joe Warner**, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

**Bill Watts**, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

**Robert Woods**, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

**Our Members-at-Home**

**Elwood Berry**, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 206

**Ann Bishop**, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

**Margaret Carpenter**, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

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

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Marty Kincheloe who died on November 19. She was a member of Lakeside for nineteen years. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, at Lakeside.

## 'TIS THE SEASON

The First Sunday of Advent is December 3 and preparations for this meaningful time in our faith will soon begin. The Chrismon Tree committee will meet on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. to put the tree up. Anyone interested in helping can contact Carol Lucas at (252) 904-7486.

We also need helpers to cut greenery on Monday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. and to make wreaths on Tuesday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Robbins Hall.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families" by December 10. These funds will be offered to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

## LAKESIDE COFFEEHOUSE WRITERS

Join us on Tuesday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Lakeside's Parlor as we explore ideas, share stories, offer suggestions, and find encouragement in Anne Lamott's *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

You may reserve dates for altar and narthex floral arrangements by signing up on the 2024 Flower Calendar in the office hallway or by calling the church office.

## YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to the youth and parents who helped out at TRAC's Jingle Mingle on Saturday. It was a fun event and a great time of reaching out to our community to share hospitality and spread holiday cheer. We will not have youth and children's activities this Sunday evening. Enjoy your holiday celebrations with your families.

On Sunday, December 3, all youth and children will meet from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Children will meet at church. Youth will meet at The Landings at Rocky Mount Mills to share a Christmas party with the residents there. Be sure to mark your calendar to help with gift wrapping on December 9 and our holiday lock-in on December 29. A complete schedule of December activities was sent out earlier in the week. Happy Thanksgiving! Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

A reminder that there will be no rehearsals this Wednesday for Chancel Choir and Handbells due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, with no youth activities on Sunday the Children's Choir will not be rehearsing. We will resume regular activities the following week as we prepare for Advent. Please check the website for all of our wonderful Advent offerings and make plans to be in attendance. Jake

## AT THE TABLE

We continue "Praying the Psalms" through faith and the arts when we meet next on Wednesday, December 13 at Benvenue Country Club from 10:30 a.m. - noon for a time of study, reflection, and prayer. All who are able can join us afterward for lunch and fellowship. We hope to see you at the table!

### THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Trevor Lane and Kathy Manning

Ushers - Group II - Wayne Cotton, Captain

Acolyte - Mary Douglas Robillard

*Worship is live on our homepage and YouTube channel at 11:00 a.m., but we love having you with us in the sanctuary!*

**November 26, 2023 ♦ Christ the King Sunday**

Lessons: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: "Don't Forget"

Anthems:

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" - Darwal

"Psalm 100" - OLD HUNDREDTH ✚ "At the Name of Jesus" - Waters

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$507,891	\$539,632
Through November 19	\$5,184	\$412,775	\$404,935
Variance	-\$5,622	-\$95,116	-\$134,697

*Let us all support our ministries with joyful hearts and generous gifts!*

### LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

Elizabeth Edwards  
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Jody Wright  
Senior Minister

Liz Broomell  
Administrative Assistant

Susan Skinner  
Senior Adult Director

James Mauk  
Minister of Music

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24

Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

### Sunday, November 26

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

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, November 27

10:00 a.m. Cutting Greenery for Wreaths, 503 Evergreen Road

### Tuesday, November 28

10:00 a.m. Wreath Making, Robbins Hall

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 29

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet next on Tuesday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Skinner, 604 Chad Street. We will discuss *Letters from Father Christmas* by J.R.R. Tolkien. Please join us!

## YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING

Our youth will hold a gift wrapping fund raiser on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in in the Lecture Room. You can drop gifts off for later pick up. Each package includes a beautiful, handmade bow. We will receive donations for the Youth Trip Fund.