

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Breckenridge Retirement Center, 2500 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Sheila Whitley, Room 156

Kitty Askins Hospice Center, 107 Handley Park Ct., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Joyce Cuthrell (JC Cuthrell's mother)

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

Wilson Medical Center, 1705 Tarboro Street, Wilson, NC 27893

Lois Creech (Doug Edwards' aunt), Room 407

At Home

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

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

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

Barbara Valentine, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

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)

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Drive (04)

YOUTH CANDY GRAM FUNDRAISER

For this year's Holiday Fundraiser, our youth are offering Candy Grams! For a donation to our Summer Trip Fund, we will mail a card and sweet treat to someone you would like to honor, either with your name or anonymously. Please complete the form on the youth page of the website or contact the church office by December 12.

70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

These make great commemorative gifts for family and friends this holiday season! NEW SALE PRICES: Tumbler: \$15 or 2 for \$25; Mug: \$8 or 2 for \$15; Bag: \$5; OR Bundle (Bag, Mug, & Tumbler) Price: \$25. Or buy updated giclee prints of Marion Weathers' artwork, the "Lehman Benediction." Costs are: \$75 for 16x20, \$50 for 11x14, and \$35 for 8x10, or 8 Notecards for \$15. You can order these items online using the Give page of our website or in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth will be needed to assist with lighting candles at Sunday evening's Service of Lessons & Carols. Please meet in the Narthex at 5:30 p.m. to practice. Best wishes to everyone finishing exams this week. Enjoy a wonderful break from school, and continue to watch texts and emails for information about upcoming events. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to all of the musicians who helped bring the Vivaldi *Magnificat* to life on Sunday! We have another day of music and worship lined up for the Third Sunday of Advent, with our annual Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols. We invite you to come and join this tradition, hearing the familiar Christmas lessons paired with beautiful music by our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Lakeside Ringers, Choral Scholars, and Organist. Jake

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Upcoming events: Christmas party at Dick & Nancy Berry's home (1412 Jeremy Lane) on Sunday, December 14, after the Candlelight Service, and a visit to the Dunn Center to view the Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit on the afternoon of January 6, 2026. Sue

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Matt Paszek and Nancy Berry

Ushers – Jerry Hamrick, Carol Barker, and Ronnie Tripp

Acolyte – Deacon Stinson

December 14, 2025 ♦ The Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: "Making Room for Joy"

Anthems: "Creator of the Stars of Night"- Plainsong

"O Magnum Mysterium" - Antognini

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$554,213	\$528,687
Through December 7	\$22,408	\$496,196	\$444,831
Variance	+\$11,098	-\$58,017	-\$83,856

YEAR-END GIVING

We depend on your generous giving! As of December 10, we have collected \$504,296 in support of our 2025 ministries. We will need to receive \$83,848 by the end of the year to meet all of our ministry plan goals. Please make sure to meet (or exceed!) your giving goals by December 31 so that we might end the year well financially. *If you have directed stock sales or distributions to the church for any offering, please let us know as soon as possible.*



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT LAKESIDE – “MAKING ROOM”

“Let every heart prepare Him room...”

This year’s theme for Advent and Christmas is “Making Room.” Advent is the season that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. We must *make room* for Christ’s life and message in our lives as we hear these stories of hope, peace, joy, and love once more.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, December 14 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Advent Worship

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 21 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Advent Worship

6:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship & Communion

Sunday, December 28 ♦ First Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

This year we will host the Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance and renewal, on the longest night of the year: Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. This service will provide a space of prayer and support for anyone coping with loss, grief, depression, or those who simply need some quiet time for reflection during the stressful holiday season. Participants from several area churches as well as chaplains in our community will join us. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend.

MERRY & BRIGHT

Join us for these opportunities for fun and fellowship this Sunday night following the Candlelight Service:

TOPNOTCHER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Home of Dick & Nancy Berry, 1412 Jeremy Lane

CHANCEL CHOIR & LAKESIDE RINGERS PARTY

Home of Terry & Rob Martin, 300 Wildwood Avenue

LAKESIDE PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

You may notice a crew working on our playground this week. Our preschool has received a grant, raised money, and provided funding to resurface the playground, including grading and new turf. The work should be complete within the week so our preschool and children’s programs can enjoy this updated space!

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 11

12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 14

- 9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Children’s Church, Children’s Classroom
- 4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:15 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Rehearsal, Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Topnotcher Christmas Party, 1412 Jeremy Lane
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Lakeside Ringers Party, 300 Wildwood Avenue

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

If you have not yet completed your giving plan card, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office this month. We *BELONG* together!