



Dear Church Family,

This year, we have begun our ministry journey together, and I couldn't be more grateful. As I have learned more about Lakeside, I've become keenly aware that Lakeside is an open and welcoming group of faithful believers who *make room for everyone to belong*.

We have served in ministry together in many ways. We have had the opportunity to worship together through all the seasons of the church year, marveling anew together at what the Scriptures have to say to us. We have enjoyed excellence in music as our Minister of Music, Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars, Organist, and Lakeside Ringers lead us in song.

Our youth and adult education and spiritual formation programs have enriched the lives of our people of all ages. Our Growing Together Small Groups, Sunday School Classes, and Topnotchers Senior Adult programs have helped us to learn and fellowship, to *belong* as we grow closer to one another and to God.

We have grown our ministry staff to bring expertise and leadership, hiring Lisa Meadows to oversee our growing children's ministry, where we affirm that our kids and their families *belong* to God and to this church. We have seen the growth of our preschool ministry, serving our wider community.

Lakeside stands at a precipice as we celebrate 70 wonderful years of ministry here in Rocky Mount, and as we continue to imagine and create with God in our 71st year. We need everyone who loves Lakeside to join with us and God's Spirit in generously giving of our resources in order to live into our shared mission and ministry that invite our church family and our community to *belong here*.

The 2026 church ministry plan will be presented for approval by the church at the annual church conference on November 16, 2025. In this brochure, we share our 2026 Ministry Plan in a way that shows how the line items in our budget translate into tangible ministry. How do your financial gifts make a difference in our mission? Open this brochure to find out!

Your Board of Finance and I ask that when you receive your 2026 Giving Plan Card on November 16, that you take time to look over the giving step chart that is being prepared by our Financial Secretary. Prayerfully, we ask you: *Can you take one or more steps up to support your church's ability to continue in expanded ministry this year? Can you pledge to give of your time and talent in specific ways/ministries?*

The best way to help us plan well is to fill out a Giving Plan Card to let us know you've joined in as a committed giver in 2026. By filling out this pledge card, you help us know what to expect in your giving for the coming year. But whether you pledge or not, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your giving for the 2026 ministry year at Lakeside.

Thank you in advance for your cheerful giving to God's ministry among us in 2026!

In Christ,
Libby

2026 MINISTRY PLAN

Lakeside Church has a 70-year legacy of faithful and committed church members listening to God's Spirit and taking action. This year, we want to build on that legacy with creativity and generosity to reach our community and our world.

Music & Worship—Approximately 24% of the Annual Budget

Worship is the primary gathering point for our congregation. We value the worship of God as the main function of a church.

A deeply important part of our worship of God is music. Lakeside has a long history of making beautiful music for all ages in worship. Your gifts help to encourage musical excellence in our worship services, as well as the teaching of music to the next generation.

I will sing to the Lord all my life; as long as I live I will sing praises to my God.” Psalm 104:33



Congregational Care & Fellowship—Approximately 18% of the Annual Budget



As a church, we care for one another through the ministries of visitation, wedding and funeral services, hospital visits, deacon care, and prayer ministries.

We also care for one another during our gatherings of fellowship and fun, from shared meals to special receptions.

Your gifts support these endeavors to love one another as church family.

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10

Care for our Facilities—Approximately 18% of the Annual Budget

Our physical spaces for worship, study, service, fellowship, and our Preschool, are gifts we maintain for ministry uses both for our church family as well as our community.

We seek to be good stewards of the space we have, and in recent months have been exploring how we might best be good neighbors in Rocky Mount through the sharing of our facilities.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



Missions & Outreach—Approximately 23% of the Annual Budget



Lakeside is committed to reaching our neighbors with the love of Christ. We believe Christ called us to love our neighbors through both word and action. We support our mission partners locally, statewide, nationally, and around the world.

We also separately raise funds for mission opportunities annually through non-budgeted programs like Backpack Buddies, CBF Offering for Global Missions, and more.

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15

Adult Education & Spiritual Formation—Approximately 5% of the Annual Budget

Spiritual growth, or growing as followers of Jesus, is the foundation of our faith journey. Asking questions, reading the Scriptures, praying, and learning about our faith in community: these are all part of how we learn to love God and love our neighbors most successfully.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom. Colossians 3:16



Children & Youth Education & Spiritual Formation—Approximately 12% of the Annual Budget

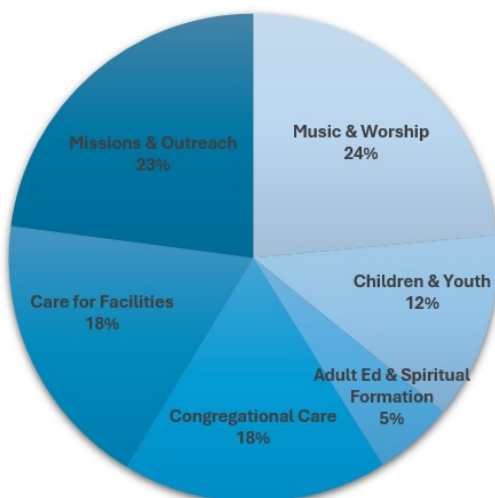


We not only learn for our own spiritual growth, though. We also teach the stories and lesson of the Bible to our children, a holy responsibility of sharing how God in Christ has changed us for the better, so to better the world for generations to come. Your gifts support our staff and lay leaders to share these stories with young and old.



"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:7

2026 Ministry Priorities



2026 Budget Summary

Lakeside Church

Projected Expenses \$628,136

Income from Preschool Reimbursement: \$9,000

Income from Corbi Bulluck Children's Legacy

Fund: \$19,402

Projected Pledges/Offerings: \$599,734

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A Message from Your 2025 Board of Finance

We thank you for your commitment to Lakeside Church. We believe that our church family is called to belong—to Christ, to this church, to God's Kingdom. With joyful hearts, we are pledging our own support of this 2026 Ministry Plan and church budget, and we hope you will do the same.

While a ministry plan and budget are only predictions, we believe that this plan is one that represents our congregation's commitment to giving generously. You are also receiving a detailed copy of the 2026 church ministry plan budget and nominating committee report as part of your annual church conference materials.

May God continue to bless the ways we all belong together and welcome others to the table. We are committed to stepping out in faith as we continue our ministries and become the disciples, we are called to be in 2026!

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Wayne Cotton, Property

Commitment Sunday is November 23, 2025

Turn in your Giving Plan card to the offering plate, send to the church office by mail or in-person, or email your pledge to Liz Broomell.

May we commit ourselves to generous support of our ministries in the coming year!