

The Wakeministry

Wakeminster Baptist Church

*"To Know Him
and
To Make HIM
Known."*

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Dear Friends,

We were all shocked and saddened by the senseless death of Larry and Jean Elliott. In our church family, there are those who knew them intimately and those, like me, who knew them only briefly. I met them when they were here for Homecoming in 2001. During the brief time of meeting and chatting before the worship service that morning, something transpired that happens only now and then: I came to feel in that fifteen minutes that I had known them for a lifetime. They were that kind of people.

After lunch that day, as Larry and Jean were getting ready to leave, I ran to the car with a couple of boxes of donuts to offer them. Jean said, laughing, "I don't need them but I'll take them." I've thought about that little statement in the days since their murder in a drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, on March 15. From my earthly perspective I've thought, sometimes with anger, they didn't NEED to be killed trying to help other people, but they took it. The Elliott's, in their dedication and commitment to service for the Lord and His creation, took what came.

After the news reports, the articles in the newspapers, and the sharing of stories among those who knew them, one story will always stand out for me. At their funeral, there was a man sitting near Ted and Carol Keith who told them that he didn't know the Elliott's. He had only followed the story in the media, but he felt compelled to attend their funeral in awe of such people who would give their very lives to help others. Even in death, Larry and Jean Elliott's lives continued to draw people to the Lord.

Think about that.

*Love,
Merle*

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Building Fund Memorials

- Brenda Barbee in honor of Charlie Ray's Birthday
- Robert Benfield in honor of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Holman & Bryan Benfield
- Ben & Kelly Singleton in memory of George Berry
- Ruth Ray in memory of George Berry
- Barbara Sweat in memory of James Sweat
- Carlton & Minnie Ross in honor of Larry Estes Birthday

Vacation Bible School *The Fall Festival of Marriage*

VBS will begin Sunday, July 25th and will end Friday, July 30th. Planning is currently underway and Stephanie and Amanda are looking for teachers and teacher's assistants. If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, in any capacity, please let one of them know.

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The Fall Festival of Marriage is a Christ-centered enrichment weekend in a special getaway location (Ridgecrest Conference Center - NC), designed to help a husband and wife grow in their relationship with each other and in their relationship with God. It is a weekend retreat in which you will learn ways to strengthen your marriage, laugh with your spouse, and richly love God and your spouse more than ever before.

The Fall Festival of Marriage weekend we will be attending is being held the weekend of October 22-24, 2004. The early/discounted deposit of \$180 is due by May 31.

For more information about this retreat, please contact Dale Austin.

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Prayer Concerns

- Steve Ackerman
- Margaret Allen
- Carrie Arnold
- Geraldine Elliott
- Jimmy Goldston
- Rachel Goldston
- Greg Harrison
- Violet Johnson
- Grant Lilford
- Brenda Potter & Family
- Coit & Helen Ray
- Jesse Ray
- Ola Ray
- Ruth Ray
- George Schmitt
- Helen Woodlief
- The Elliott Family



- Youth - Disciple Now
- Weekend
- The Elliott Project
- The Benevolent Fund Program
- Building Committee & Program
- Our Nation

Announcing the Dorcas Ministry

A wide-range of members from our congregation, including several of our youth, have come together to form the Dorcas Ministry. The group is named for a biblical woman known for doing good deeds. The Dorcas Ministry will minister to the valued seniors of Wakeminster Baptist Church. It is intended to identify needs and meet them with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

"At Jappa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did." -- Acts 9:36

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Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement that you would like put in the Sunday bulletin, please notify Stephanie Hayden at stephanie.hayden@sabrenetworks.com or via office phone 329-1511, by Friday.

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Altar Flowers

We still need flower arrangements for the church. There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the back hall. You may also donate a silk arrangement or make a donation for the purchase of a silk arrangement. See or call Terry Ray, 848-3239 with questions or concerns.

Children's
Worship
Service



- 4/4 Terry Marsh
- 4/11 Jennie, Beth & Ashley
- 4/18 Dale & Perry
- 4/25 Stephanie & Tony
- 5/2 Diane & Gary

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Nursery
Attendants



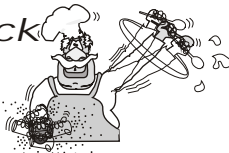
- 4/4 Terry & Ashley
- 4/11 Truett & Cindy
- 4/18 Stephanie & Tony
- 4/25 Bill & Sandra
- 5/2 Ben & Kelly

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If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

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Youth Snack
Supper



- 4/4 Beth Anne
- 4/11 Corey Marsh
- 4/18 Jeffrey & Jennie
- 4/25 Beth & Steven
- 5/2

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Youth - Upcoming
Events

April 16-18: "Disciple Now" (for all youth from 6th grade - 12th grade). Sign-up will continue through Tuesday, April 6th.

New Members

John & Chris Gray - joined by transfer of letter from Wake Forest Baptist Church. John, Chris, and their two daughters, Logan & Lauren, live on Mount Vernon Church Road.

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To Our Church Family

I would like to thank our Church family for their prayers and support on the death of my father, Jim Harris. Words can't express how we appreciated the visits, cards, and food.

Love,

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The Elliotts' Mission Continues

Larry and Jean Elliott were long time IMB missionaries to Honduras who were tragically killed this past week in Iraq. Friends of Larry and Jean Elliott have established an endowment to remember honor them. This endowment has been established at the NC Baptist Foundation. This endowment is called the Larry and Jean Elliott International Hunger and Disaster Relief Endowment.

Larry and Jean Elliott spent their lives meeting the physical and spiritual needs of people in Honduras and Iraq in Jesus' name. The use of the income from the Larry and Jean Elliott endowment is to be designated for providing assistance on an international basis for hunger and disaster relief mission efforts. Because of the Elliott's dedication to providing wells for clean water, this is to be an important consideration when determining the actual use of the income. NC Baptist Men's office, of the Baptist State Convention will be responsible to administer this endowment.

If you would like to contribute to this endowment please send your check to:
NC Baptist Foundation
201 Convention Drive
Cary, NC 27511

Designate your check for the Larry and Jean Elliott International Hunger and Disaster Relief Endowment.

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The Raleigh Baptist Association has announced an Urgent Mission Opportunity,

"The Elliott Project - Family Health Kits for Iraq".

The details are available at the Church and the Raleigh Baptist Association Resource Center (231-3995).

May Newsletter Deadline
April 21st

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April Birthdays



Claybon Ray	4
Stephanie Hayden	5
Steven Schmitt	7
Terry Marsh	7
Perry Ray, S	12
Mittie Moore	13
Elizabeth Musgrove	13
Jesse Ray	20
Lauren Gray	25
James Ray	27
Dale Austin	28
Matthew Ray	29
Robert Tarpley	30



April Anniversaries

Dean & Elizabeth Foland	2
Jimmy & Louise Goldston	10
John & Chris Gray	12
Bobby & Mittie Moore	20
Rusty & LeeAnn Kelley	23

Weekly Services

Sunday

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth - Turning Point
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Chimes
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir

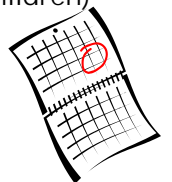
Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Youth - Turning Point

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service
- 7:00 p.m. Dale Night (Children)

Mark Your Calendar



- Apr. 11 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
- Apr. 13 Family Night Supper
- Apr. 16-18 Youth Disciple Now weekend
- May 23 Dinner followed by a Gospel Soloist Concert

If I there are anniversaries or birthdays not listed here, please let me know so that they can be added to my list.

Thanks,
Renee