

# LAKE SHORELINES

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## *Mission Trip to Lake Charles March 12-16*

Sunday morning seven Lake Shore members leave for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, to help with clean-up work that is coordinated by the Carey Baptist Association. Annette Brister, Margaret Kimbell, Karen Matkin, Louise Powell, Rebecca Sharpless, Sharlande Sledge, and Lynn Williams will pack boots and work gloves for three days of helping residents of Lake Charles and/or surrounding communities in the long and slow recovery from Hurricane Rita. Lynn's taking her dad's truck; Sharlande's taking her camera; and Karen's taking her chain saw.

We hope this will be the first of several trips to the Gulf Coast in 2006. Please keep the group in your prayers as they travel and work.



### *Missions Bike-A-Thon for Lerato Love Home Orphanage Johannesburg, South Africa*

Bikes, tricycles, scooters, roller blades, and even feet were the modes of transportation for this year's Missions Bike-a-thon. From left to right in the picture above are this year's participants: (front row) Chandler Evans, Molly Hepp, Koby Compton, and Killian McNeil; (second row) Ryan (friend of the Mosley-Vardiman family), Becca Mosley, Leah (friend of the Mosley-Vardiman family), Zane McDurham, Maya Davis, Mackenzie Love, Matthew Reynolds, and Mikhayla Evans; (back row) Dakota McDurham, John Salvesson, and Laura York.

Children and preschoolers circled the back parking lot and the lot behind the church a total of 279 times at Sunday's bike-a-thon. Funds raised from the event will go to the Lerato Love Home Orphanage in Johannesburg, South Africa, through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

If you were a "pledger" to the bike-a-thon, don't forget to give your "pledgee" the funds. Thank you to all the participants, coordinators, and parents who helped this year—Magi & David Davis, Bruce Evans, Doug McDurham, George & Jerri Love, Karyn Miller, Caryl Miller-Reynolds, and

## *Worship at Lake Shore Lenten Sermon Series "Are You One of the Crowd?"*

*The Second Sunday of Lent  
March 12*

*The Scripture  
Mark 3.31-35*

*The Sermon  
"New Family Values"  
Dorisanne Cooper*

## *From Our Associate Pastor*

“You must be filled with expectancy.  
You must be awash in hope.  
You must wonder who will love you,  
whom you will love next.”  
-- “the old doll”

in *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

In addition to the Gospel of Mark that guides our worship this year and the C. S. Lewis devotional booklet, compliments of Lake Shore, may I suggest one more book for your Lenten reading: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo.

How can you resist a book that begins like this?

“Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a rabbit who was made almost entirely of china. He had china arms and china legs, china paws and a china head, a china torso and a china nose. His arms and legs were jointed and joined by wire so that his china elbows and china knees could be bent, giving him much freedom of movement.

“His ears were made of real rabbit fur, and beneath the fur, there were strong, bendable wires, which allowed the ears to be arranged into poses that reflected the rabbit’s mood – jaunty, tired, full of ennui. His tail, too, was made of real rabbit fur and was fluffy and soft and well shaped. . . .

“In all, Edward Tulane felt himself to be an exceptional specimen. . . . He possessed an extraordinary wardrobe of custom shoes and handmade silk suits and pajamas and a wide array of hats designed to fit over his ears.

“Edward’s mistress was a ten-year-old, dark-haired girl named Abilene Tulane, who thought almost as highly of Edward as Edward thought of himself. . . . the rabbit most preferred winter, for the sun set early then and the dining-room windows became dark and Edward could see his own reflection in the glass. And what a reflection it was! What an elegant figure he cut! Edward never ceased to be amazed at his own fineness.”

In spite of Edward’s narcissism, Abilene loves Edward fiercely. Every day she winds his gold pocket watch and assures him: “Now Edward . . . when the big hand is on the twelve and the little hand is on the three, I will come home to you.” Unfortunately for Edward, he doesn’t return Abilene’s love, and the journey he must take to get his heart cracked open is by turns, humiliating, life-threatening, fearful, confusing, painful, and ultimately transforming.

DiCamillo said her inspiration for *Edward Tulane* came from a gift from a friend – a 2-foot-tall “very finely attired,” hard-plastic rabbit. The obtrusive rabbit sat on DiCamillo’s sofa for a few days until she had an image of it “face down on the ocean floor, stripped of all its finery.” She sat down to write, and the tale “just unspooled.”

Edward, who dwells in privilege in a 1920s New England home filled with linens and crystal, does indeed end up on the ocean floor. He’s snatched from Abilene en route to London on the *Queen Mary*, by two rough-housing boys who begin a game of catch.

Edward is eventually tossed up from the depths of the sea and thereafter finds himself on a journey of increasingly close-calls and heart-tugging relationships. DiCamillo lovingly guides Edward from vanity to redemption, carefully chronicling his incremental growth from self-absorbed rabbit (he does not like to be called “a bunny”) to a creature fully captured by love. At one point, “Edward’s ears became soggy and he did not care. His sweater had almost completely unraveled and it didn’t bother him. He was hugged half to death and it felt good.”

When Edward’s rescuers tenderly tell him the names of their children back home, “Edward knew what it was like to say over and over again the names of those you had left behind. He knew what it was like to miss someone. And so he listened. And in his listening, his heart opened wide and then wider still.”

Poet Stanley Kunitz writes:

The heart breaks and breaks  
and lives by breaking.  
It is necessary to go  
through dark and deeper dark  
and not to turn.

Like Edward, at Lent we go from dark to deeper dark. Could we, like him, be stripped of all our finery and still go on? Can we bear the breaking of our hearts for love’s sake?

After each encounter with a different owner, the question becomes not “Can Edward love?” but “Can Edward love again after the depth of his heartbreak?”

“If you have no intention of loving or being loved,” the old doll says to Edward, “then the whole journey is pointless.”

And then, with the wisdom borne of age, and the cracked and broken places that make her beautiful, the old doll tells Edward, “You must be filled with expectancy. You must be awash in hope. You must wonder who will love you, whom you will love next.”

Love, Edward might tell us, is the point of his achingly beautiful story – and of *our* miraculous journey.



## An Update from the Hurricane Relief Coordinating Team

Last year, Lake Shore chose to assist a family that was displaced by Hurricane Katrina with long-term resettlement needs. Through the "Noah Project," a program developed by the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference, we "adopted" Angel Kelly and her children Bre and Brian. The family is doing well, although a number of challenges remain. Chris Brennan Homiak, a member of the Hurricane Relief Coordinating Team, provides the following update on our family:

Angel continues to work for Atmos Energy and has found a supportive community there. Martie Sauter has been helping Angel navigate the FEMA system, but unfortunately Angel has yet to receive the funds expected to help pay for rent and resettling.

Angel's two children, Bre (16) and Brian (12) are both in Midway schools. Brian, who loves animals and is very outgoing, is excited about shadowing a zookeeper this summer. If you would like to help sponsor this experience for Brian, contact Annette Brister, who helped arrange this opportunity.

Bre, the more quiet and studious of the two, is still adjusting to a much larger school and is really in need of some friends. This is the biggest need at present, and a great way for the larger Lake Shore family to demonstrate how we have "adopted" the Kellys. Carrie Powell Ingoldsby is coordinating weekend outings (a movie, ice cream, Waco landmarks, an afternoon at the park); please contact her at Carrie\_Powell@baylor.edu if you can help.

Finally, Angel expressed a desire to connect with other evacuee families; Katie Brennan Homiak and Emily Smallwood are coordinating a dinner that will be held on April 22 for Waco-area Evacuee Families.

If you can help with any of these specific needs for our adopted family, please contact Chris or other members of the team: Katie Brennan Homiak, Annette Brister, Carrie Powell Ingoldsby, Martie Sauter, or Vern Sauter.

### Children's Corner

No choir practice Spring Break.  
Practice at home with your tapes.

#### 3rd-6th Grade

#### Spring Retreat:

Friday, April 28-29, Three Mountain Retreat Center, Clifton, Texas. Bunk beds, hay ride, friends, horseback riding, hiking, s'mores, and more! \$35 per person. Parents friends are welcome!

#### Save the dates!

Bridge Builders: Week of June 5  
Helping Hands: Week of June 12  
Camp for 3-6 grades: July 24-28

#### Parents' Dinner Party Meeting

Friday, March 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Parents of preschoolers and school-age children are invited to gather for an evening of delicious food, great conversation, and information concerning being a child and parent at Lake Shore. Childcare RSVP in the hall, call the office, or e-mail Rachel.

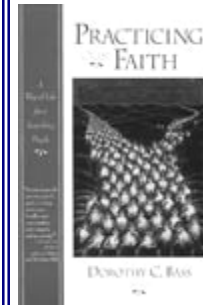
## Lenten Art Workshop

Mosaic Mirrors  
Saturday, March 11  
9:30-11:00 a.m.

call the church or  
e-mail Sharlande to reserve a spot

*I will carefully rehearse,  
again this year,  
the passion of my Jesus—  
with courage,  
with clarity  
and faith;  
for this is the mirror  
of dangerous grace, purging  
more purely  
than any other . . . .  
This mirror is not made  
of glass and silver. . . .  
This one is not passive;  
it is active,  
creating new things to be.*  
- Walter Wangerin

## Practicing Our Faith



"Practices of faith are ordinary activities that grow out of everyday life in response to and in the light of God's active presence in the world. All of them, woven together, suggest the patterns of a faithful Christian way of life for our time." (Dorothy Bass, *Practicing Our Faith*).

On March 8, seven Lake Shore members—Buddy Prather, Dorothy Lynn, Jo Pendleton, Judy Davies, Van Jones, Kathy Gardner, and David Tonghou—responded to the questions: "What things do you intentionally do that help center you spiritually?" and "What things (practices) do you think are important in living a faithful life?" They helped us begin our Lenten journeys, reminding us of the variety of ways we seek and know God.

### Prayer Concerns

Barbara Hobbs is recovering at home after back surgery last week.

Pattie Herbert is undergoing medical tests.

Traveling mercies to those going on the mission trip.

### Good News

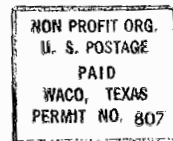
Jeff SoRelle and four other classmates have advanced to the national level of the National Forum for Public Debate. The event will be held in June in Dallas.

### Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director  
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor  
 Aaron Garcia, Organist  
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian  
 Caryl Miller-Reynolds, Administrative Secretary  
 Heather Robards, Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center  
 Mike Sciretti, Minister to Youth  
 Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children  
 Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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## MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, March 12

Leave for mission trip  
 9:30-Sunday School  
 10:45-Worship

### Monday, March 13

5:30-Beginner Yoga

### Tuesday, March 14

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

### Wednesday, March 15

2:00-Staff Meeting  
 No Wednesday Night Activities

### Thursday, March 16

Return from mission trip  
 10:00-Food Pantry Open

### Looking Ahead

Care Group Luncheon-3/26  
 Palm Sunday Soup Supper-4/8

## Spring Break March 16

No Wednesday Night Supper

### A Case Against Hunger

Lake Shore's annual food drive to help restock the shelves at Caritas ended Sunday. Preliminary figures indicate that over \$6,000 was raised. Thank you to everyone who gave.

### Women's Bible Study

Dorisanne will lead Bible study on Tuesday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. The scripture is Mark 3.31-35.

## Youth News

### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: SoRelles  
 Sunday School: Mike Sciretti

### Sunday Night:

Destination Unknown – Be at the Teen House at 4:30! We will leave at that time. The event that we are going to starts at 5:00. We will return for dinner by 6:40. Dinner brought to you by the Pearsons.

### Wednesday Night:

We will continue our Lenten series "Becoming a Disciple."

### Coming Up:

March 10 –  
 Dinner for 5 (*sign up*)  
 March 19 –  
 Journey to Adulthood  
 March 24-26 –  
 Spring Retreat  
 at Three Mountain  
 March 31 –  
 Dinner for 5 (*sign up*)

## Extended Care Sunday, March 12

Infants: Alice Baird  
 Toddler: Deb Vardiman  
 & Becca Mosley  
 Preschool: Jeff & Judy Davies

## Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions to our budget help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for 2006 are \$7,865.17. Receipts last week were \$10,569.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 78,651.73	\$ 63,375.42	(\$ 15,276.31)