

April 5, 2006

## The Journey to Easter 2006 Holy Week Services

We remember the last week of Jesus' life in the hope of growing in our gratitude for God's forgiveness and our understanding of life in God's grace.

### Palm Sunday

We begin our journey to the cross as children lead us in waving palm branches to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Our worship will center on a Palm Sunday meditation (*Mark 11.1-11*) and *Folk Psalms* by James Ritchie, a musical presented by the Lake Shore Children's Choir, under the direction of Rachel Sciretti.

The annual Soup Supper is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening.



### Maundy Thursday

We gather at 7:00 p.m. to remember the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin *Dies Mandati*, the day of commandment, referring to Jesus' commandment that the disciples love one another. In the music, scripture, readings, and sharing of the bread and cup of Christian communion, we will remember and give thanks.



### Good Friday

Through hymns, silence, and confession, we will commemorate the death of Jesus. This 7:00 p.m. service of darkness echoes the ancient tradition of *Tenebrae*, the extinguishing of candles as the passion story is read. Easter happens most fully for those who have taken seriously the suffering of God.



### Easter

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Resurrection Sunday is the most joyful occasion for worship in the entire year. We celebrate with praise and "alleluias," words and music, soul and spirit. Before Sunday School at 9:30, bring flowers to fill the empty cross in front of the church. Worship begins at 10:45.



## *From Our Associate Pastor . . .*

I posted a note to myself on hot pink paper on my office door. "Pick up palms." If I forget, we're in trouble. I can't run by H.E.B. early Sunday morning and say, "I need two hundred palms." On my weekend to-do list for Holy Week, this task comes first.

Last year I walked into Reed's Florist just before noon on Friday. While waiting for help, I looked in the cooler, uncharacteristically bereft of flowers but brimming with greenery. Rows of black plastic buckets held enough palm branches to line the streets of Jerusalem!

When I looked more closely, I saw a hand-lettered card on each container of palms: Sacred Heart, First Presbyterian, Central United Methodist. I noticed other congregations still needed to pick up their palms: St. Paul's, Seventh and James, First Baptist, Tolliver Chapel, and Mighty Wind Worship Center. I found Lake Shore's palms squeezed between those for Church Under the Bridge and St. Jerome's.

I looked at the thousands of palms in the tight, cool space. I imagined them in church refrigerators throughout the city on Saturday and someone in each congregation giving them a good shake outside to dry them the next morning. I pictured churches full of people waving them in worship. I thought about how we are linked

by \$.20 palms and Christian tradition.

Until just a few years ago, we ordered palms only for children. We wondered whether adults would wave them. Were they worth it? Don't you need to practice palm waving so that it doesn't interfere with someone else's waving space? Are we too grown up for palms?

Waving palms links us to the great crowd following Jesus today and those along the parade route in Jerusalem who saw him as the Messiah and true king coming to claim his throne.

After the parade, Jesus overturned the money changers' tables in the temple, a sure sign that his kingdom would not be one of wealth and status. If the people needed yet another sign, Jesus healed the blind and the lame right there in the temple.

All the while, the children kept up the chorus "Hosanna! Hosanna!" They didn't know you weren't supposed to sing and praise and heal and laugh inside the temple. They didn't know -- or maybe they did -- that Jesus wanted people to let go of their place and privilege and profit. He opened himself to the weak and marginalized and poor -- literally, the children of his kingdom.

During Holy Week we will walk the hard path behind Jesus to the

cross. But on Sunday morning, I will imagine people across Waco in one great procession, waving palms, abandoning themselves to the pure joy of singing "All glory, laud, and honor," and acting for a few moments like . . . well, children.

That should be worth \$.20 a palm.

*Shalanda*

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### *Prayer Concerns*

Lewis Swingler continues to recover at Regent Care Center.

Ron Rouse has a CT scan on Wednesday to check on the progress of his chemotherapy.

Pattie Herbert received difficult news from medical tests on her esophagus. She is exploring treatment options.

Zachariah Packard, two-year-old son of LSBCC teacher Amanda Packard, is undergoing a series of medical tests.

Ashley Klaus, LSBCC teacher, is undergoing tests medical tests.

Prayers for the LSBCC teacher Carol Salcedo family and her family.

Sally Browder's father, John Craig Browder, who lived in Coldspring, TX, died Sunday night. Services are Wednesday. Sally is a former member who lives in Batesville, AR.

Debbi Ucci's father, Robert Swanton, died Tuesday. Services will be Saturday at Lake Shore.

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## **FolkPsalms**

### **A musical story based on the Psalms**

The Lake Shore children's choir will lead us in worship this Sunday through the telling of a story based on the book of Psalms. The children will explore for us what it means to be honest with God about our feelings, whether those feelings are doubtful, lonely, angry, or joyful.

Director, Rachel Sciretti, says, "This musical is very appropriate for Palm Sunday as we sing songs of joy but then it gives us a glimpse of what is to come as Holy Week progresses." She continues, "The children have been diligently working and are very excited to share their song, dance, and drama with the congregation."

The cast includes Maya Davis, Mikhayla Evans, Dakota McDurham, Zane McDurham, Becca Mosley, Matthew Reynolds, Sarah Rosenbaum, John Salvesson, April Scales, Laura York, and Deb Vardiman, with stage

*The community of Lake Shore Baptist Church invites you to share their joy in the ordination service for*

*Katherine and Christopher  
Brennan Homiak*

*on Saturday, April 29  
at four o'clock in the afternoon with  
reception following*

*5801 Bishop Drive  
Waco, TX 76710*

*For friends unable to attend, we invite you to participate by composing a blessing or prayer and sending it to the church.*

# A Palm Sunday Soup Supper

April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Call the church office for reservations

This Sunday night we will honor our neighbors in Tibet in the communion of a shared meal. Each year we dedicate an hour and half of our Palm Sunday to remember a group of God's children in a different part of the world. We make the hour holy by setting it a part to pray on behalf of that group, to sing its songs, to taste its food . . . to give out of our abundance so that others may eat.

Today there are over 15 million orphans in China. Many will be adopted by families from the United States and other countries. Others will grow up in orphanages, like Dickyi, in Lhasa, Tibet, where the caregivers are dependent on the tea and soup they sell and the donations of caring people. With the money the caregivers get they make noodle soup, sometimes with vegetables or tofu, for 80 children every day.

In the best of all possible worlds, each orphan in China would know that her face is dearly beloved by one or two adults, that her needs matter, that she has a never-ending supply of hugs she can claim at any time for warmth, or consolation, or happiness.

In the best of all possible worlds, the caregivers at Dickyi would not have to wonder where the next day's meal is coming from. The pot would never run out of soup. The children's diet would contain an ample supply of protein.

In the best of all possible worlds, we could invite the children to eat with us in Sunday night. They could pour tea at the tables, show us how to manage soup with chopsticks, and teach us their songs.

The closest we'll get to Tibet this week is through our prayers and our money to help the children of Dickyi Orphanage. Those gifts matter tremendously; they make a difference in the lives of the orphans and in the lives of those of us who give. You can taste bowl three kinds of soup made by recipes the cooks at Dickyi know by heart. And, for \$10 you can take your soup bowl home with you to remember the meal, the orphans of China, the gift of food day by day, the community we share.



## Children's Corner

### FolkPsalms

The shirts have been reduced to \$7. See you at Saturday's rehearsal from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.! Children need to be at church by 9:30 Sunday morning for warm-ups. Remember, dress in the choir shirt and jeans or khaki slacks.

### Palm Sunday

Children, be sure to come to Sunday school; we'll leave a little early to practice processing with palms for worship.

### 3rd-6th Grade Spring Retreat:

Friday, April 28-29, Three Mountain Retreat Center, Clifton, Texas.

### SWBCCA Summer Camp:

3rd-6th grade, July 24-28, Camp Copass. We need a \$50 deposit for each camper by May 14.

## Good News

Noley Bice, former General Counsel at Baylor, has been named 2006 Baylor Lawyer of the Year. He will be honored at a banquet on Saturday night.

Dr. Thelma Cooper, Retired Baylor School of Music faculty member and former director of its piano pedagogy program—and Dorisanne's mother—will be honored by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and inducted into the Walter Gilewicz Hall of Fame as its 29th *Distinguished Musician*. UMHB President Jerry Bawcom will present the award, Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Presser-Hughes Recital Hall on the UMHB campus.



## Easter Joy

Every year at Easter, you have the opportunity to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love. This year, we will adorn the front of the sanctuary with a variety of colors of hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. Please order by Palm Sunday.

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I have included \$12 by \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ cash.

### Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director  
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor  
 Aaron Garcia, Organist  
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian  
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### MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### *Saturday, April 8*

9:00-Children's Choir Practice  
 9:30-Soup Cooking for Sunday

#### *Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday*

9:30-Sunday School  
 10:45-Worship  
 5:00-Deacons' Meeting  
 6:30-Palm Sunday Soup Supper

#### *Monday, April 10*

5:30-Beginner Yoga

#### *Tuesday, April 11*

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

#### *Wednesday, April 12*

2:00-Staff Meeting

#### *Thursday, April 13*

10:00-Food Pantry Open  
 7:00-Maundy Thursday Service

#### *Friday, April 14*

7:00-Good Friday Service

#### Looking Ahead

April 22-Dinner for hurricane  
 evacuees

### Wednesday Night Supper April 12

Holy Week  
 No Wednesday  
 Night Activities

#### Community Notes

The Islamic Center(2725 Benton Drive) and the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference of Waco present an interfaith lecture:

"Oppression of Women  
 through the World,"

on Saturday, April 8, at 7p.m. To RSVP by April 6 or for information, call 723-6556 or 752-7770.

### Youth News

#### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast:  
 Sunday School: Karen Matkin

#### Sunday Night:

No Youth Activities. Please plan to attend the Palm Sunday Soup Supper. \$10-be sure to sign up.

#### Coming Up:

Holy Week services  
 Maundy Thursday-4/13, 7pm  
 Good Friday-4/14, 7pm  
 Easter Sunday-4/16  
 April 23 – Journey to Adulthood

### Extended Care Sunday, April 9

*Infants & Toddlers:* Lou Clark  
*Preschoolers* will attend worship with their families.

### 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 \$8,496.00.

Year to date needs  
 \$ 110,112.42

Year to date received  
 \$ 89,745.42

Difference  
 (\$ 20,367.00)