

LAKE SHORELINES

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Celebrating the Ordination of Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.



It is our privilege to ordain two remarkable young adults, Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak. Their ordinations come with the recommendation of individual ordination councils and the blessing of our church.

When Chris and Katie joined Lake Shore in December 2003, they started helping with youth, worship, and missions. Katie was our social

work intern the spring 2004. As a valuable member of the missions committee, she led Bread for the World letter-writing campaigns, made us aware of needs in South Africa and China, and designed a new method for community ministries. Chris has shared a lament-psalms art gallery, helped plan and lead in worship, led J2A with and the hurricane relief committee with Katie. Their gifts of the spoken and written word, visual art, and dance always draw us toward the worship of God.

Growing up as the daughter of a youth minister in Independence, Missouri, Katie said, "Since I was a child, I felt called to serve God and God's people." At the age of 5, she recognized Jesus' presence in her life; she was baptized by her father when she was 8. At a young age she felt a call to missions. In college her faith was nurtured in the Christian community. She pursued a pre-med emphasis until her senior year when she decided that she wanted to help people more holistically than the field of medicine might allow. She began taking theology classes at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and she

and Chris moved to Waco so that Katie could enroll in the dual-degree program at the School of Social Work and Truett Seminary.

Her studies at the school of social work opened her eyes to the deep suffering of the world: the working poor, the homeless, the abused, the immigrants and refugees, and the trafficked. Katie's developing vocation continues to evolve and build on her earlier calls to missions and service. She graduated last May with her MSW and will graduate this May with her MDiv.

Chris grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, attending First United Methodist Church. He was baptized as an infant and confirmed when he was twelve. Through youth group leadership, he began to feel a call to ministry. A mission trip to rural Alabama awakened an awareness of the kingdom of God amongst the poor, calling him to work for justice and create community. Chris was involved in theatre in high school, nurturing his creative gifts. At William Jewell, he was embraced by Christian community and stretched academically and theologically by the religion department. "At Jewell, my faith was integrated in a whole new way; being a Christian wasn't just a one-day-a-week kind of thing anymore, and I had a whole new set of questions," he writes. He started leading Bible studies, creative worship, and service projects. Chris was baptized by immersion his first year of college, an event he considers a faith-journey marker embracing Christ's call on his life. He met Katie while they were co-leading the Fine Arts ministry team. They also ministered to youth together at Leawood Baptist before moving to Waco and getting married in January 2004.

Katie's social work education, her internship in 2003 at the Family Abuse Center, and Chris' job at MCYC, coordinating an after-school arts program for at-risk youth, have also nurtured their shared calling. "These last two and a half years have both affirmed and evoked ministry gifts, blessing and stretching a call to creative,

Remembering Allison Bucy

The glory of God is a human being fully alive. — *Iranens*

On Christmas Eve 1990 we lit the Christ candles in the center of our Advent wreath at Lake Shore. During the next few weeks, the Christ Light became our Epiphany Light for all the world. It was still shining on our communion table when the first Gulf War began on January 17, 1991, and we could not bear to put it out.

One Sunday during that season of shock and fear, I saw eight-year-old Allison standing in front of the communion table after worship, looking intently at the candle. I watched as people brushed past her, hurrying away from church, but Allie didn't move. The organ postlude swelled around her, but she didn't seem to hear. I sat on the edge of the small pew by the organ and looked at Allie's eyes. Nothing interfered with her intense focus on the candle. I walked down the steps and stood beside her a moment, trying to see what she saw but found myself distracted by people who wanted to talk and hurried to take off my robe.

A little while later Allie told me, "When you stood by me at the table, you probably thought I was thinking about the candle. But I was really thinking about God." May we pray:

Good and compassionate God,

This morning we are here to think about Allison, and we are here to think about you.

We are here to bless Allison's life, the whole of it and the wholeness of it

for every moment and fiber of her being was radiantly, fully, exuberantly alive. She came into this world "trailing clouds of glory," wrapped in a mantle of meaning, an "old soul" cast in the shape of a precious and precocious girl, and she left this earth leaning forward into the new day and new dreams.

We bless Allison – the toddler with big brown eyes who reached out to your world with all her senses and hugged it close and give it away over and over to each person she met.

We bless Allison– the little girl with a hot pink cast on her leg, riding in a little red wagon, who with spunk and determination showed us that nothing would slow her down, who despite what others might call limitations, jumped passionately into life.

We bless Allison – the beautiful, spontaneous young woman who knew that the world is wildly alive in all directions, extravagant and bright, who dreamed of a vocation that ushered in God's kingdom of justice and peace for every person on this earth.

Blessed be Allison – daughter of God, child of joy, generous spirit, holy gift of our Creator. Blessed be her life. She lived not the length of it but the width and depth of it as well.

O God, from the moment of her birth, Allison lived as one of your wounded healers who found energy and life in the midst of it all, who admitted her vulnerability and showed us how to live with illness and grace.

Bless Allison, O God, and bless those who loved her throughout her life and will love her forever – for these are the ones who today know the searing pain of loss, whose grief is raw or tender or numb; for all who have a huge Allison-shaped hole in their lives.

Lord, have mercy on all whose hearts are breaking. When they cry to you and it seems that morning will never come, and the ache and pain seem unbearable, hear their lamentation. We call upon your healing power to be their consolation and their comfort, their refuge and their strength, a very present help in trouble. Catch their tears in your hands and attend to their sorrow. Care for them as they reshape their lives in the context of grief and try to make sense of the chaos of feelings. Bless the cleansing release of tears. Bless them as storytellers as they create a scrapbook of memories in their hearts.

Hear our trust and our hope, for we believe that your faithfulness is great and your promises are sure.

We trust in the community of friends to care and be present, even when we cannot fully understand the family's loss, for we believe in God's power to offer strength in the midst of suffering. We believe in the mystery of prayer that has drawn us closer to you and to each other as we have prayed for Allison and her family.

Our hope is in you, the living God, the Christ of resurrection, to live what we have learned from Allison and what we continue to learn from you—that life is gift and you are the Giver . . . and that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sharlande (Allie was here from 1986-1993 while I was Associate Pastor &

Children's Corner

3rd-6th Grade Spring Retreat:

Meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. on Friday. We will eat dinner when we get to Three Mountain Retreat. Cost is \$35. Plan to pick up your children at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Children's Ministry Appreciate Day, Sunday May 7

Show your appreciate to those who teach and care for your children at church. Write them a note to say thanks. The Children's Education Committee is sponsoring a lunch for these people who are involved in the lives and development of our children.

SWBCCA Summer Camp:

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

Children's Choir:

We are beginning work on a new musical. Choir is back to starting at 6:15 and ending at 6:45 p.m. Come join the fun!

Worship at Lake Shore

The Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 2006

The Sermon
"Disbelieving Joy"
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Luke 24.36b-48

Chris & Katie, from p.1

holistic, communal ministry amongst the poor. We have been profoundly shaped by Lake Shore's hospitality and compassion, both on local and global levels," they say.

Last summer, Chris and Katie decided to move in with Mike and Rachel Sciretti to experiment with living in intentional community. They discerned four major shared values that guide their personal and corporate practices: Sabbath, sharing, simplicity, and service. It has been quite an adventurous learning experience! Come hear Chris share in a seminar about community in a few weeks.

This semester, Chris interned with Marsha Martie at CrossTies Ecumenical Fellowship, volunteering at the Gospel Café and engaging the Kate Ross community. This summer, Katie and Chris will volunteer with Jubilee Partners, a communal refugee ministry started by Don Mosley. After Jubilee, Chris will finish his seminary education in Kansas City at Central Seminary.

Chris and Katie's path beyond that remains full of possibilities; they are open to CBF missions opportunities, inner-city ministry, and church planting. They have blessed the lives of many at Lake Shore. Children, youth, and adults, come Saturday and offer your blessings to Chris and Katie at this significant time in their ministry.

Good News

Derek Hatch has been accepted into the PhD program at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. He and Sarah will move there after graduation.

Lenore Meredith Pratt was born to Kris and Tara at 1:35 a.m. on Friday, April 14 (a very good Friday for the Pratt family). All are doing well.

Prayer Concerns

Bob Kendrick's father, Jack Kendrick, died unexpectedly Sunday morning. A graveside service was held Tuesday at Waco Memorial Park. Jack's health had been in decline over the last two years.

Dorothy and Bruce Neatherlin's brother-in-law, Roy D. Wauson, died Sunday morning after a lengthy illness. A memorial service is scheduled at 2:00 Saturday at Oakcrest funeral home. Bruce will offer the eulogy.

Allison Bucy, died Friday from complications due to Type IV Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. She and her brothers Jason and Cole were active in our children's ministry from 1986-1993. Their mother was our Youth Minister.

Gail Kamm had knee surgery on Monday at Scott & White. She is in room 294 at Scott & White and says she would appreciate a card.

Sharon Wynn fell and broke her arm Monday evening.

Former member Andrew Murad writes that his mother, Mary, has been hospitalized in Ruston, Louisiana, and is undergoing multiple medical tests.

Dr. Grady Gordon, a surgeon in Waco for 37 years, died Sunday at his home after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. A memorial service will be held at Lake Shore on Thursday.

LSBCC teacher, Rolanda Brooks, ask for prayers for her father, Jerry Waits, who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing testing and her mother-in-law, Helen Simons, who had a brain aneurism and will have surgery on Monday.

Monica McNeil's sister's brother-in-law, Keith Mays of Fort Worth, died Saturday from a heart attack. He leaves behind a wife, Gracie, and two grown children.

*The community of Lake Shore Baptist Church
invites you to share in a
Service of Ordination to Christian Ministry
for*

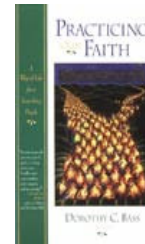
*Katherine and Christopher
Brennan Homiak*

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

*5801 Bishop Drive
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*For friends unable to attend, we invite you to
participate by composing a blessing or prayer and
sending it to the church.*

Practicing Our Faith **"Dying Well"** Libby Bellinger Adult Seminar Wednesday, May 3



*Take my hand,
precious Lord,
lead me home.*
—Thomas A. Dorsey

Death is an inevitable part of life. This prospect is frightening for many of us, though, as the presence of death destroys any illusion that we are in control of our lives. How is it that some can face the death of a loved one with the assurance that love is stronger than death or face their own death with the assurance that death is not the final word?

Explore these questions and the Christian approach to their answers on Wednesday, as Libby Bellinger guides us through Chapter 12 of *Practicing Our Faith*, "Dying Well." You may want to read the chapter before Wednesday evening.

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Aaron Garcia, Organist
Pattie Herbert, Custodian
Caryl Miller-Reynolds, Administrative Secretary
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 29

4:00-Ordination Ceremony and reception for Chris & Katie Brennan Homiak

Sunday, April 30

9:30-Sunday School
10:45-Worship

Monday, May 1

Office still in disarray but open
5:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, May 2

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

Wednesday, May 3

2:00-Staff Meeting
5:30-Supper
6:10-Children & Youth Activities
7:30-Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Night Supper May 3



Jambalaya
Rice
Green Salad
Dessert

Addresses for Allison Bucy's Family

Carolyn & Jim Meyer 856 Sundown Drive, Waco, 76712
Flynn & Lorraine Bucy 2100 L Street N.W., Washington, DC, 20037

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: SoRelle
Sunday School: Craig Thornton

Sunday Night:

5:00 C&C followed by a conversation with Dorisanne & Sharlande about worship
Dinner: Cook

Wednesday Night:

We will have C&C, sing, and then begin planning for Youth Sunday

Coming Up:

May 7 & 21: Journey to Adulthood
May 28: Youth Sunday & End of School Party

Extended Care Sunday, April 30

Infants: Alice Baird
Lou Clark
Toddlers: Kristi SoRelle
Preschoolers: Donovan & Monica McNeil

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 \$6804.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 133,707.94	\$ 108,914.42	(\$ 24,793.52)