

LAKE SHORELINES

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Practicing Our Faith "Advocacy"

Jon Singletary

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, May 17

*This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:
releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke;
setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry,
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not
turning your back on your own. — Isaiah 58-6-7*



**ONE SPIRIT
ONE WILL
ZERO
POVERTY**

Jon Singletary will be with us on May 17 to present the theme of the 2007 Bread for the World (BFW) Offering of Letters: "One Spirit, One Will, Zero Poverty." This year, BFW is asking us to urge our nation's leaders to increase poverty-focused development assistance. Currently, the United States appropriates about 0.4% of the federal budget to provide development assistance to poor countries. By increasing this amount to one percent, the U.S. will be able to join other nations in helping achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Jon will provide more details on the theme and an opportunity to write letters to Congressional leaders.

Jon is the Director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries and Assistant Professor in the Baylor School of Social Work. He has been a member of Bread for the World for almost ten years. He has led Offering of Letters Workshops and organized letter-writing campaigns for groups in Waco each year he has been here. With BFW, he participated in a delegation to the G-8 Summit in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2005, where global leaders were addressing debt, aid, and trade in Africa. Recently, he led a teleconference on faith-based advocacy focusing on the work of BFW for the North American Association of Christians in Social Work. Rather than making trips to the G-8 or Africa this summer, Jon, Wendi, Haden and Harper will be welcoming twins to the family! Their due date is about the same as Dorisanne's!

Worship at Lake Shore

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 14, 2006**

The Sermon

"The Spirit Made Me Do It"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Acts 8.26-40

A Note of Thanks

From Chris & Katie

Dear Lake Shore Family,

Thank you for surrounding us with God's kind of love. Thank you for week after week gracefully weaving together pain, joy, doubt, and hope. We have been shaped by your hospitality, on both local and global levels.

You have affirmed and evoked gifts, blessings and stretching our call to creative, holistic ministry amongst the poor. We're so grateful to have been ordained by you, a community in which we feel so at home.

Thank you for the beautiful communion set and the autographed poem by Jan Richardson; both of these will remind us of Lake Shore throughout our ministry journey. We will miss you greatly but have joy in going with your words and gestures of blessing.

Chris & Katie Brennan Homiak

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

It all started with the new carpet.

This morning I turned around to get my copy of *The Chalice Hymnal*, but it wasn't where I've kept it for years. When the phone rang, I automatically reached to the left of my make-shift desk to answer. The phone, too, was playing hide-and-seek with me. When I pushed "print" on my computer, I heard the sound of paper emerging from behind me, not beside me where the printer's normally close proximity makes it a helpful office assistant. I looked down and instead of a worn blue carpet, I saw a new floor -- fresh, clean, and purplish. I reached for an envelope, and the desk drawer where I keep church stationery wasn't there, much less an envelope or our staff's stash of chocolate.

Was this still my office?

I recognized the world map, the bird feeders outside the window, the cartoon on the wall of the man at the computer asking "I wrote another five hundred words. Can I have another cookie?" My AOL password still works. Yes, this is home base. But things have changed.

I read last week that in a well-organized office, everything one needs to do efficient work is no more than two feet beyond arm's reach -- scissors, stapler, pens, working files, addresses, copy paper, phone. For the past three weeks few things in the church offices have been in their expected places. In

fact, many of the resources we normally depend on for our work are temporarily housed in a Sunday school room down the hall.

A few days after Donovan McNeil and Gin Courtney pried the bookcases from my office so that carpet could be installed wall-to-wall, Libby Bellinger tore down the wallpaper. Since then a steady stream of Lake Shore redecorating experts, like the designers on the HGTV show *This Small Space*, have stopped by with suggestions on paint colors, shelving, seating arrangements, lighting, and the credenza. The common phrase running through all their observations of my office *sans* bookcases has been, "I didn't know this office was so big!"

In the grand scheme of things, 11 feet by 13 feet really isn't so big. But at the moment, without the collection of books, file folders, worship bulletins, newsletters, children's drawings, photographs, and treasures I've collected over the past twenty years, I'm astounded by its size. In many parts of the world, whole families live in spaces not much larger than this. Still, I don't see how each small piece of furniture I've housed in here, each book I've added to my library, each treasure I love can possibly squeeze back into its familiar niche. I think their volume increased exponentially when they got some breathing room.

Today, awaiting paint choices and bookshelf dimensions, this little room seems grandly spacious and a little bit empty.

Sometimes change is unwelcome and unexpected, prompted by something outside our control -- the roar of a tornado in the middle of the night, the heartache of a sudden death, an abrupt shift in caregiving roles. The things in the room we called "normal" are suddenly totally displaced, far out of soul's reach.

But even when change is invited, it involves more than choosing between shades of blue paint. It may mean stripping down and emptying out -- clearing shelves, carrying heavy boxes, deciding what will come back into a room, leaving a little space for the new.

You know me. Soon my office will be full to overflowing again with books, bowls, chairs, and people. Meanwhile, stop by and cast your vote for "gossamer wings" or "Alaskan glacier." Besides being beautiful pale blues, they really do make the room look bigger!



Prayer Concerns

Bruce Neatherlin is home recovering from knee surgery.

Robert Goldsmith is at home recovering from surgery.

Children's Corner

SWBCCA Summer Camp—3rd-6th grade, July 24-28, Camp Copass, Denton

We need a \$50 deposit for each camper by May 14 -- this Sunday. Camp is a great time for building stronger friendships with others and with God. At camp we worship, study the Bible, learn about a certain mission effort in the world, swim, play crazy games, choose from an array of special interest groups such as stamping, cooking, and crazy science, make crafts, and enjoy nightly parties such as an outdoor movie and carnival.

Bridge Builders—4th-6th grade: Monday – Wednesday, June 5-7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15 which includes two lunches and a t-shirt. Our theme this year is ministries having to do with food. Bring a favorite family recipe. Sign up begins Sunday!

Helping Hands—1st-3rd Grade: Monday – Wednesday, June 12-14, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15 which includes two lunches and a t-shirt. Our theme this year is ministries having to do with food. Bring a favorite family recipe. Sign up begins Sunday!

Welcome, Roy, Pam, & Emily Smallwood

They've been here for years—now they're official. The Smallwoods joined Lake Shore on Sunday.

Roy was reared in the Navy, on both coasts and in Hawaii. He grew up as an Episcopalian. Pam was reared in Waco and grew up at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Roy and Pam met at Trinity University in San Antonio, married in 1974 and moved to Waco in 1979 to help Pam's mother with her father who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. They have been in Waco ever since.

This month Roy is retiring from a twenty-six-year career as a high school chemistry and physics teacher. His first love and area of study in school was ornithology. After retirement he plans to start an online business, Kingbirdfeeders.com. Pam has been with Planned Parenthood for 26 years and will be there "til they throw me out," she writes.

Roy & Pam have two daughters, Kate and Emily. Kate was born in 1984 and Emily in 1989. Kate will graduate next week from UT Austin and is employed in the fundraising/events department at Capitol Area Food Bank. Emily will graduate from Waco High next spring and is looking at schools with an emphasis in Marine Biology. Both girls were baptized as infants at Central Presbyterian, where Roy and Pam were active members and ordained elders. They first came to Lake Shore in 1992. The girls were in LSBC Children's Center where the family became acquainted with Sharlande and her amazing philosophy related to the world community and her unmatched ability to teach that philosophy to children. "We were hooked," says Pam. It also helped that Emily and Hannah Allen were crib mates!

Roy and Pam like to tell folks they were both baptized and confirmed as Episcopalians, married by a Methodist, ordained as elders in the Presbyterian church and finally landed at a Baptist church! We are glad that they landed here.

The Smallwoods have a wide variety of interests. Emily's hobbies include ballet/jazz dance, tennis, Waco HS Show Choir, math/science, and scrapbooking. Obviously, Roy's hobby is birding. He also enjoys golf, tennis and basketball in Skip Londos' "geezer" league. Pam enjoys her flower garden, music (piano) and anything outdoors. They all love camping. It is with great pleasure that we officially welcome the Smallwoods to Lake Shore.

Graduation News

Lake Shore celebrates with college graduates their commencement into new journeys:

- ✦ Missy Bice who graduates with her BS a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies in Education. She hopes to work in fund raising, development, or for a non-profit organization.
- ✦ Erin Cline who graduates with her PhD in Philosophy. She & Michael have accepted positions at the University of Oregon.
- ✦ Virginia Courtney who graduates from Truett Seminary with her MDiv and will pursue her ministry at Waco Habitat for Humanity
- ✦ Lauren Fontaine who graduates from the University of Texas with her MSW and is looking for a job in the Fort Worth area.
- ✦ Lindsey Ervi who graduates with a BFA from the University of Texas at Austin
- ✦ Katie Brennan Homiak who completes her MDiv/MSW dual degree program at Baylor and will journey with Chris to Jubilee Partners in Georgia before moving to Missouri for Chris to complete his MDiv
- ✦ Derek Hatch who graduates from Truett with his MDiv with a concentration in theology and will pursue his PhD at the University of Dayton in Ohio
- ✦ Carrie Powell Ingoldsby who graduates from Baylor with her MS in Higher Education Administration and will move to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where she has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Student Activities at Bucknell University
- ✦ Leslie Fontaine Rosencranz who completes her MDiv at Truett and will continue as the Minister of Congregational Life at Seventh & James.
- ✦ Kate Smallwood who graduates from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in American Studies and will continue working at Capital Area Food Bank in Austin.

Good News

On April 19, 2006, Tom Hanks was presented with a festschrift of eighteen articles in his honor. The festschrift appeared as a special issue of *Arthuriana*, the journal of the North American Branch of the International Arthurian Society (vol. 16.2, summer 2006).

Beth Miller will be recognized as an Outstanding Professor on Saturday at Baylor's graduation ceremony. Beth began teaching at the Baylor Law School in 1991. She teaches, publishes, and provides leadership in the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association on topics related to corporate, partnership, and limited liability company law.

Daniel Edwards-Wynn, grandson of Sharon Wynn, has returned from Iraq and will be at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for six months.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 14

9:30-Sunday School
10:45-Worship
5:00-Deacons' Meeting

Monday, May 15

5:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, May 16

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

Wednesday, May 17

8:30-Staff Meeting
5:30-Supper
6:10-Children & Youth
Activities
7:30-Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

5:30-Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead:

Summer activities are on the way!

Wednesday Night Supper May 17



Cranberry Chicken
Dressing
Sweet Potatoes
Pumpkin Pie

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: Losey
Sunday School: Craig Thornton –
The Book of Jonah

Sunday Night:

Mothers' Day-No Activities

Wednesday Night:

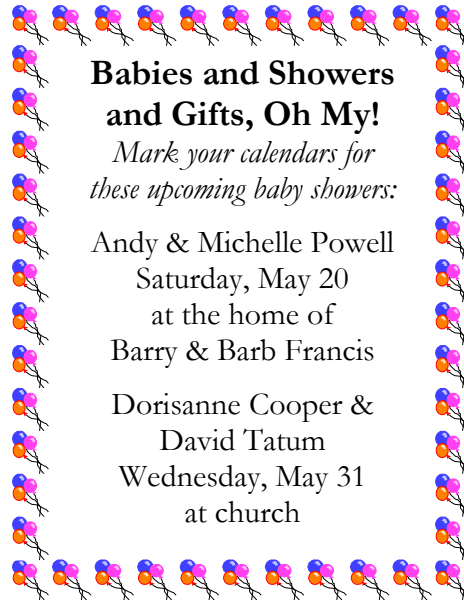
Youth Sunday Planning and Jon
Singletary to discuss Bread for
the World

Coming Up:

May 21 – Journey to Adulthood
& Amigos!
May 24 – Youth Sunday Planning
May 28 – Youth Sunday and End
of School Party

Texas Monthly

Have you seen a copy of this month's *Texas Monthly*? William Martin "reviews" places of worship in Texas, and this month's church is First Baptist Church of Austin, where former Lake Shore pastor, Roger Paynter, is now pastor.



Babies and Showers and Gifts, Oh My!

*Mark your calendars for
these upcoming baby showers:*

Andy & Michelle Powell
Saturday, May 20
at the home of
Barry & Barb Francis

Dorisanne Cooper &
David Tatum
Wednesday, May 31
at church

Extended Care Sunday, May 14

Infants: Pam Allen
Louise Clark
Toddlers Barb Francis
Preschoolers: Anne & Laura
Smajstrla
Prudencia Tonghou

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 \$18,073.25.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 149,438.29	\$ 133,538.82	(\$ 15,899.47)