

LAKE SHORELINES

May 31, 2006



"The Coming of the Holy Spirit," Bertrand Bahuet, 1995-96

If there is anything
that the Holy Spirit is
it's the surprise of God.
You and I know that first hand.
We've seen it, felt it, heard it,
almost tasted it right here.
That Spirit is most present
in the unpredictable,
in the place of risk
and in those areas
over which we have no control.

— Nicholas Long

Worship at Lake Shore

Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, 2006

The Communion Meditation

"Wind, Sighs, and Truth"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Acts 2.1-21

Romans 8.22-27

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Communion Sunday

The Gathering

*Please wear Pentecost colors
red, orange, yellow*



It's the end of the month, and we are very low on food in our food pantry. Our ministry of helping families in our community and surrounding communities continues to grow. Members of the Missions Committee stay busy on Thursday mornings—this month we helped thirty families.

Please bring non-perishable food items on Sunday to help restock the pantry. Items especially needed are canned meats, pastas and sauces, bottled water, peanut butter, canned fruits, and cereal. Place your offering in the baskets outside the sanctuary before worship. Thanks.

From Our Pastor . . .

David and I spent much of the day Monday moving some things around at our house. We're clearing out what has been an office to make a nursery and are subsequently turning our guest room into a joint guest room and office. Normally this task of sorting through things and trying to pare down some of our possessions would inspire me more in theory than in actuality, but this time there was an unexpected bonus. David had just finished building some new bookshelves for this room and it was my "special" job to transfer the books from their cramped space in the old office to the spacious new shelves!

What joy! I must admit that this is something David doesn't usually like for me to do unsupervised (which also happens to be a rule my mother tries to enforce on my father). They tell us because it tends to take us a little, uh, *longer* when one of us is alone at this, something about stopping to read too much. I'm not sure I understand this exactly. They are books after all. They are meant to be read. And how in the world am I supposed to pick out some to give away or know how to organize them if I don't carefully consider the decision? But I digress.

Needless to say, left to myself for the afternoon while David checked on some Habitat houses, I delighted in what I found. First up were books with which I'm becoming quite familiar these days—pregnancy and baby books. These, of course, all went in the keep pile and up on the new shelves. People have been very generous to loan us many of these and so far we've only added one or two ourselves (including *The Baby Whisperer*, I just couldn't resist that one. After all, "The Dog Whisperer" is my favorite National Geographic show, and though I think I've gotten some good techniques from that show, I'm guessing there are a few differences between dogs and babies).

Next came various health books and way more books than I care to admit on clearing up clutter. You know it's a problem when the books on clearing clutter actually contribute

to the problem. But that's another column.

I moved some novels and some of those books I call "meditation" books – those that I like to pick up now and then for inspiration. These are my books by Anne Lamott, Frederick Buechner, Henri Nouwen, Barbara Brown Taylor, Kathleen Norris and others. These are the staples in my book pantry. As basic to me as flour and water I gave these a prominent place on the eye-level shelf where I can reach them at a moment's notice. It was just when I had arranged those books that I came across a wonderful surprise. Tucked in the corner was a small box of books that I had purchased and then (*oh, the horror*) forgotten about somehow. I remember realizing that I didn't have room for them on my shelves and planning to bring them up to the church, but somehow in the hustle and bustle of the last few months, they simply were (*gasp*) overlooked.

Until now. I began delightedly pulling them out one by one, imagining the time when I might sit down and pour through them. Of course, I'm not envisioning any great lengths of leisure time to read in the near (or distant) future, and with David out of the house, I was perhaps a little more free with my "perusal" time. It's amazing how no, "How's it going in there?" being shouted from another room disturbing the quiet really frees one up to sit and read!

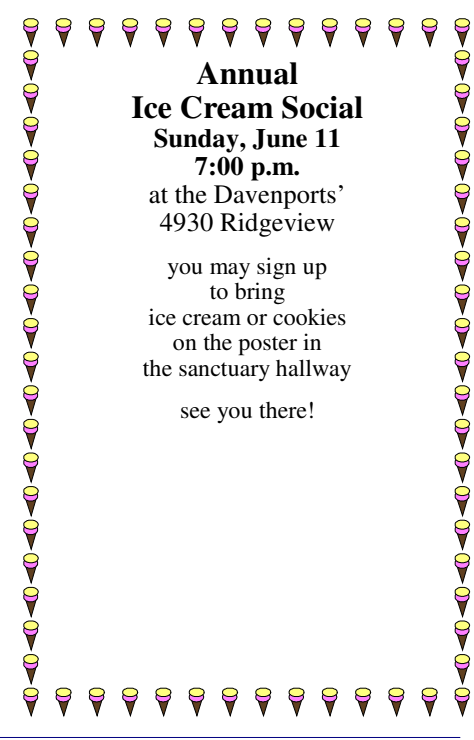
In any case, in the coming weeks and months as I sort through baby clothes and diapers, as I look bleary eyed at my computer screen trying not to think about how little sleep there is going into this week's sermon, I'm looking forward to peering longingly at my shelves with the promise they will hold of stolen moments here and there to read from some of my treasures (I can dream can't I?). My excuse, of course, will be that I need to read them for professional development. And so perhaps this coming year (or more realistically in the next five to come) you might see themes in our worship and Wednesday

nights on Walter Brueggemann's *Deep Memory, Exuberant Hope: Contested Truth in a Post-Christian World*; Henry F. Knight's *Celebrating Holy Week in a Post Holocaust World*; the Brookings Institute's *One Electorate under God? A Dialogue on Religion and American Politics*; Harriet Harris' *Faith Without Hostages: The Cross and Resurrection in our Lives Today*; or J. Ellsworth Kalas' *Grace in a Tree Stump: Old Testament Stories of God's Love*. For now I've gone ahead and started *When Bad Christians Happen to Good People*. I'm weaving it in and through *What to Expect the First Year*, also on my current reading list.

It's hard to explain exactly why I have such joy in the presence of books, but it's a pleasure I'm hoping to pass on to the next generation.

That's why yesterday I also set up a cozy little bookshelf that already has a few children's favorites on it. Next to it, I put a rocker that we have from when I was a child. It may be a while before our son can sit in the rocker thumbing through a book, but we'll start the propaganda from the day he is born. As of last night, David and I both agreed—our son won't know this extra room as the guest room/office. We're just going to call it the library!

— Dorisanne



Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 11
7:00 p.m.

at the Davenport's
4930 Ridgeview

you may sign up
to bring
ice cream or cookies
on the poster in
the sanctuary hallway

see you there!



GOT STUFF?

Do you have “treasures” that are piling up the closets? Have you been meaning to clean out that storage shed? Well, here’s your chance to clean out your stuff for a good cause. **On Saturday, June 10**, the youth will hold their annual garage sale. Beginning **Monday, June 5**, you may bring your items to the “Blue Room” during regular church office hours (8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.).

Wednesday night, June 7, the youth will begin transforming the sanctuary into their garage. Contact Pam Allen (753-5537) to arrange for **pick up of large items June 7-9**. Call Mike, Pam, or Elizabeth Dell (776-6928) for

Prayer Concerns

Continued prayers for Ron & Hope Rouse.

Traveling mercies to Chris & Katie Brennan Homiak as they travel to Jubilee Partners in Comer, GA. Their address:

PO Box 68

Comer, GA 30629

Their blog:

www.2atjubilee.blogspot.com

Good News

Van & Ibby Jones, welcome grandbaby Ainsley Elizabeth Gibson to the world. She was born to Kevin, Tiffany, and brother Max on Wednesday.

Welcome home, Tom Hanks who returned last week from sabbatical.

Thomas Hanks is engaged! He and Stephanie Spitzer will wed in November.

Lending a Hand

Lake Shore’s J2A group did yard work for Melba Yates on Monday. The group coordinated the effort through Friends for Life. Pictured are David Miller, Capucine Morin, Louise Marie Morin, Andrew Reynolds, and Laura Smajstrla, with sponsors Katie & Chris Brennan Homiak and Kathy Gardner.



Bread for the World’s 2006 Offering of Letters

This Year’s Theme:

One Spirit. One Will. Zero Poverty.

We already have 70 letters of our goal of 100 written for this year’s Bread for the World Offering of Letters Campaign.

For twenty years Lake Shore has participated in BFW’s letter-writing campaign. If you’ve not written your letter to our members of Congress, you still have time to join the voices of thousands of BFW members and other concerned people of faith in urging U.S. leaders to fulfill their promises to the world’s impoverished people and help meet the Millennium Development Goals. Sunday, June 11, is Lake Shore’s dedication day for the letters.



**ONE SPIRIT
ONE WILL
ZERO
POVERTY**

Children’s Corner

Sunday is Pentecost!

Wear red, orange, or yellow!

6th & 7th Grade

Leadership Meeting:

This Sunday, June 4, following the worship service, the 6th and 7th grade children are invited to stay for a pizza lunch and planning time. Parents can pick up their children at 1:30 p.m.

Bridge Builders: 4th - 6th gr.

Mon. – Wed., June 5-7,

9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Wear shorts or jeans and your sneakers. We’ll pass out t-shirts on Monday. Remember \$15.

Li'l Helping Hands

Summer Family Missions

Experiences for

Preschoolers & their Parents

Each Wednesday night of summer
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This week we’ll meet for music and a story, then deliver bags of fruit to folks in our congregation.

Helping Hands: 1st–3rd gr.

Mon. – Wed., June 12-14

9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

\$15 for lunches & t-shirt

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 4

9:30-Sunday School
10:45-Worship

Monday, June 5

9:00-Bridge Builders
5:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, June 6

9:00-Bridge Builders
5:30-Intermediate Yoga

Wednesday, June 7

8:30-Staff Meeting
9:00-Bridge Builders
5:30-Supper
6:30-Garage Sale Prep.

Looking Ahead:

6/10-Youth Garage Sale
6/11-BFW Offering of Letters
6/11-Ice Cream Social
6/12-6/14-Helping Hands

Wednesday Night Supper June 7



**Baked Potatoes
& Trimmings
Dessert**

Hosted by the Mockingbird
Care Group

Electronic *Lake Shorelines*

What about it; would you prefer to receive the newsletter electronically? Thank you to the thirty families who have requested that we send *Lake Shorelines* to them via e-mail. If you're interested in receiving the newsletter exclusively in this manner, send your e-mail address to the church:

lbaptistchurch@hotmail.com.

Otherwise we will keep you on the reduced-in-size snail mail newsletter list. Either way, you'll still get the weekly Lake Shore news.

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: Hannah Allen
Sunday School: Bob Baird will be with us and will lead us in a discussion on the problem of evil.

Sunday Night:

Paths to Prayer: Discovering Your Prayer Type & Project PRIME 2 Begins: We will all discover what our "prayer type" is. After this activity, we will then begin imagining what we want the living room of the Teen House to look like and planning how to make it happen.

Dinner: Haley Warren

Wednesday Night:

Garage Sale preparation

Coming Up:

June 7-9 – Garage Sale Prep.
June 10 – Garage Sale
June 11 – Ice Cream Social
June 14 – PP2
June 16 – Tubing on the Guadalupe River

Extended Care Sunday, June 4

Infants: Genie Dyer
Louise Clark
Toddlers: Ryan & Arnisa Ramsower
Preschoolers: Rick Allen
Terri & Mikhayla Evans

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 \$4,059.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 173,033.81	\$ 146,586.82	(\$ 26,446.99)