LAKE SHORELINES

June 7, 2006

Bread for the World's 2006 Offering of Letters

This year's theme:
One Spirit. One Will. Zero Poverty.

ONE SPIRIT
ONE WILL
ZERO
POVERTY

Lake Shore's Goal: 100
Current total: 75
Last Year: 85

In September 2000, the United States joined 188 other countries in agreeing to accomplish eight "Millennium Development Goals" by 2015. These were specific and achievable targets that made substantial steps toward ending the misery of global poverty and hunger. While these goals are great promises, there is still much to be done; genuine justice in the world requires better efforts toward equity in resources.

We need to urge Senators Cornyn and Hutchison, as well as Representative Edwards, to fulfill the United States' promises to the rest of the world. Our voices, united with countless others, can ignite real change for the most impoverished people in the world. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with the Bread for the World letter-writing campaign.

If you have not yet written letters to our U.S. senators and representative, there are still a few more days for you to add your voice to the chorus from our congregation. This Sunday, June 11, is the day for Lake Shore's dedication of our letters. — *Derek Hatch, Missions Committee*

It's Garage Sale Time

Saturday, June 10
7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
5801 Bishop Drive

Furniture
Toys
Clothing
Appliances
Electronics

Tell Your Friends!
Truckloads of Items
Reasonable Prices

Worship at Lake Shore

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 11, 2006

The Sermon
"Loving God Back"
Sharlande Sledge

The Scripture
1 Corinthians 12.12-27
Luke 4 16-19

Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 11
7:00 p.m.
at the Davenports'
4930 Ridgeview

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

see you there!

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

"Drive in beauty." *Arizona highway signs*

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." —*Marcel Proust*

"Daylilies →" read the hand-lettered cardboard poster staked beside the access road. The sign would have been easy to miss had there been lots of others nearby. But along the stretch of interstate 20 between Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Meridian, Mississippi, only the occasional McDonald's, Wendy's, or gas station logo punctuated the highway. In one word the bold "daylilies" sign advertised something better than burgers. It offered more extravagance than anything in the chain stores that virtually link Atlanta and Birmingham.

Relieved to be out of urban sprawl, I crossed the bridge over I-20 and followed the road south toward Eutaw, Alabama. In less than a mile, my mother and I saw a yard blazing with rows of day lilies in a hundred shades of yellow, peach, orange, and pink. I pulled in, trying to steer clear of any lilies leaning into the driveway.

A truck pulled in behind me. "Louise isn't diggin' today," said the driver. She's got a wedding and a funeral to tend to." We were disappointed. Two years ago Louise dug up two clumps of daylilies that are now growing in Mother's backyard in Louisiana. We were hoping for 2006 vintage lilies to plant beside them. "I'll watch you back up and turn around," said the man, who must have been Louise's husband, and who was protecting both her flowers and her time.

As we were leaving, Louise, who must be about eighty, came out of the house and waved us down. Scooping up the bottom of her sleeveless purple t-shirt to wipe her face, she called out, "I'm sorry I can't dig today! I've got a funeral at 11:00." She pointed to the flour on her shirt, "I've been in the kitchen all morning. My grandson's getting married tomorrow. His dad died two years ago. We're trying to help all we can with the wedding. I've made twelve dozen croissants and rolls this morning. Just got to put ham and cheese in them later."

"I haven't even gotten to water them this morning," said Louise, looking at the flock she tends. "When I water them, that's when I get to see each one and call it by name.

"I can't dig today. I'm sorry. . . but you're welcome to look," she called back to us. "Just be sure to keep between the rows."

For ten minutes or so we walked between rows of lilies, reading their names from the markers beside them: Tangerine Dreams, Royal Sunsets, Orange Triumph, Permanent Wave, Purple Simplicity. We feasted on the extravagant colors of May.

And then we were back on I-20 heading west, nothing extra in our hands but richer for the rest stop, the Alabama earth beneath our feet, a conversation with Louise, and the early morning sun highlighting the beauty of the lilies.

The naturalist John Muir wrote, "Never lose an opportunity for seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting – a wayside sacrament." Through travel, I've learned that the opportunities for seeing are endless; through birding, that off the main roads, beauty and wonder are around every curve, if we only take time to look.

The day after Pentecost marks the stretch of days we call "ordinary" time when we keep our eyes attuned for signs of the sacred. Rarely are the signs pointing to the loveliness in the world written in human hand, like "Daylilies →" on the side of the interstate in Alabama or "Purple-hull peas →" at the farmer's market.

I didn't see a handwritten sign in my sister's front yard in Atlanta that said "Towhee under tree →" Nor did I see one on Lake Shore Drive last week with an arrow pointing to "Red-tailed Hawk flying across road →" No sign at home this morning pointed to the miracle in a big clay pot: "White ranunculus bulb planted in February sprouting! →" How easily I could have missed the beauty in each of these!

I understand that on a reservation in northeastern Arizona, highway travelers see a wonderful blending of cultures. On turquoise road signs, the traditional Navajo saying "Travel in beauty" is translated into a blessing for the journey for those who might otherwise miss nature's gifts. "Drive in beauty," the signs read.

This summer, make time for the "wayside sacraments." Enjoy the back roads. "Drive in beauty." And come home safe and sound.

Sharon

Blueberry Trip

Have you seen blueberry bushes weighted with berries ready to pick? Here's your chance to see a beautiful summer sight and taste them right off the bush.

Join us on Thursday, June 22, as we travel to Edom, Texas, west of Tyler to pick blueberries. We'll leave *very* early from the church. After picking blueberries, we'll stop at a nursery that Billie Post raves about and then eat lunch at The Shed.

If you're interested in going (and/or driving) call or e-mail Sharlande: 772-2910, sharlandes@aol.com.

Packing Food at Caritas:
Dakota McDurham (above) and Clare Losey (right) package food at Caritas on Monday.

Bridge Builders 4th-6th Grade Mission Day Camp

We're having a great week! Monday we went to Caritas to repackage bread and donuts. We also put together snack packs for the Meyer Center. Tuesday we learned about Lake Shore's food ministries, like the food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Care Groups then we delivered special meals we made to some members. Wednesday we will go to the World Hunger Relief Farm in Elm Mott to learn and work the land. We will celebrate with a picnic!

Good News

Willie & Barbara Hobbs celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend.

John DeVries and Delia Binz are engaged and plan to be married in September.

June 1 marked Sharlande's 21st anniversary at Lake Shore!

Prayer Concerns

Former member Gilbert Horn died Thursday evening after a lengthy battle with cancer. Services were Monday at Calvary Assembly of God. His wife, Honor, is a member of the Philia Sunday school class.

Sylvia Maddox's father, Ed Hutcherson, died in Winnsboro, Texas, last week. Sylvia, who lives in San Antonio, is a dear friend of Lake Shore and has led several of our women's retreats.

New Pentecost Banners

Thank you to Joyce McKee for making the new Pentecost banners and to all of you who wore red, yellow, and orange to church to celebrate Pentecost last week.

Traveling and Travel Sizes

If you have extra shampoo and lotion bottles or bars of soap from hotels during your travels this summer, please bring them to the food pantry. We often get requests for toiletries from our pantry visitors.

Children's Corner

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 will be learning about flower arranging with Joyce McKee then deliver our arrangements.

Helping Hands: 1st—3rd grade

Mon. – Wed., June 12-14
9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
$15 for lunches & t-shirt

Monday: bring peanut butter for the food pantry.
Tuesday: bring macaroni & cheese for Caritas
Wednesday: bring a pot or pan to send to Jubilee Partners Georgia.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 11
9:30-Sunday School
10:45-Worship

Monday, June 12
9:00-Helping Hands
5:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, June 13
9:00-Helping Hands
5:30-Intermediate Yoga

Wednesday, June 14
8:30-Staff Meeting
9:00-Bridge Builders
5:30-Supper

Thursday, June 15
6:30-Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead:
Memory box workshop-6/25
Package food for Meyer Center-6/28

Wednesday Night Supper
June 14

Joan's Spaghetti
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Hosted by the Partridge Care Group

Womenspeak 2007

March 9-11, 2007
San Antonio Convention Center

Keynote speakers include some of Lake Shore's favorites:
Dr. Rachel Remen
Joyce Rupp
Paula D'Arcy

Cost: $120

A Lake Shore contingency?

If you're interested, e-mail Sharlande

Youth News

Sunday Morning:
Breakfast: Eric Clark
Sunday School: Bob Baird will be with us again and we will finish our discussion on the problem of suffering and pain.

Sunday Night:
Ice Cream Social: No youth activities. Meet at the Davenports' home.

Wednesday Night:
Project PRIME 2: we'll start preparing the living room for painting.

Friday:
Tubing on the Guadalupe

Coming Up:
June 21 – We'll start Africa emphasis and work on PP2
June 25 – We'll begin learning more about the AIDS crisis in Africa and start making "memory boxes" like those made in South Africa.
June 28 – Night with our Amigos

Extended Care
Sunday, June 11

Infants:	Libby Bellinger Louise Clark
Toddlers:	Bill Bellinger
Preschoolers:	Judy & Buddy Prather

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 $ 7,790.00.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
$ 180,898.98	$ 154,376.82	($ 26,522.16)