

# LAKE SHORELINES

June 14, 2006

## Focusing on South Africa

Memory Box Art Workshop

Sunday, June 25

3:00 p.m. — \$10 per person

On Sunday, June 25, Scott Houser will be our guest proclaimer in worship. Scott and his wife Ana Marie are CBF missionaries in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is coming to Waco after leading a workshop at the CBF HIV/AIDS Summit, "Breaking the Silence: Compassion for an HIV Positive World" next week in Atlanta.

One of the Housers' ministries is their work with the Memory Box Workshop. The idea between this concept that is used in therapeutic, educational, and spiritual settings is that after a child loses a home when parents die of AIDS, they lose the source of their stories. Memory boxes help children build an identity and strengthen their emotional capacity to understand the past and be less afraid of the future. Often children paint wooden boxes to hold small treasures, including a cassette tape of the child's history and sometimes the rare gift of their parents' voices. As the family members collect photos and souvenirs, draw a family tree, and write about their lives, they grow closer.

Our experience, of course, is far from that of the children of South Africa. Yet, like them, our lives are stories. We have treasures, too, that we want to keep in a safe place, tangible remembrances of the important moments and people in our lives.

Join us to create a box for yourself or a child you love. Call by next Wednesday, June 21, to reserve a box and a spot.

## Worship at Lake Shore

The Second Sunday  
after Pentecost

Sunday, June 18, 2006

The Sermon  
"Sow What?"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture  
Mark 4.26-34

## Bill and Tom's Excellent Adventures

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, June 21

Bill Bellinger & Tom Hanks have recently returned from their sabbaticals at Mercer University in Atlanta and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, respectively. Join us Wednesday as they share their spring semesters with us.

"Fun with Old Testament  
Theology and the Psalms"

Bill Bellinger

"The Chronicles of Kalamazoo"  
Tom Hanks



## Ice Cream Delight

A look around the Davenports' house Sunday evening revealed conversations, volleyball, trampoline jumping, and swinging. There were countless flavors of ice cream: butter pecan, orange cream, almond peach, mint chocolate chip, strawberry, and jamocha, just to name a few.

Thanks to all who made ice cream and cookies. A special thanks to the Davenports for opening their home to us again this year.

## Bread for the World 2006

### Offering of Letters

Lake Shore completed its 21st year of participation in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters Campaign with our Dedication of Letters on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who wrote letters to our members of Congress. We faxed and delivered a record 103 letters this year. Thank you Katie Brennan Homiak and Derek Hatch who led the campaign this year.



ONE SPIRIT  
ONE WILL  
ZERO  
POVERTY

## *From Our Minister to Youth . . .*

Not only did Rachel and I finally go on a date last Thursday (for my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday), but we also finally experienced *The Da Vinci Code*. Earlier in the day I told my father-in-law about our plans to go see the movie and he joked with me about whether I thought it would shake my faith. I think I said something to the effect that it was historical fiction, with an emphasis on the *fiction*. Nevertheless, as many of you know, it is a riveting story. I especially liked the parts where they discussed the other early Christian gospels that didn't make it into the canon. Not that it was anything new to me, it's just that I find the diversity of early Christianity fascinating.

But I guess that's why I'm a good Baptist. The early Baptists wanted to get back to primitive Christianity and become like the early followers of Jesus. They wanted to become New Testament Christians and be a part of New Testament churches. Of course they had no idea about the complexity of such an endeavor. Now because of modern scholarship, we know about the diversity of Christian belief that has always been part of early Christianity.

One early Christian gospel that did not make it into the canon was the Gospel of Thomas. I must admit that I like a lot of what's in this book. As each gospel presents a certain picture of Jesus, the Gospel of Thomas presents Jesus as a Wisdom Teacher, which he obviously was. Filled with parables and sayings of great depth and spiritual insight, this gospel was written to spur its readers to become like Christ, or what the author calls Jesus' twin (the meaning of the name "Thomas"). I stumbled upon a book a year or so ago that was a commentary on this gospel. In imitation of the Apostle's Creed, at the beginning of the book the author recorded what a Thomas faith looks like. This struck me, too, as a very Baptist thing to do. The early Baptists not only wanted to become New Testament Christians, they also wanted to express their personal faith through "confessions of faith." So this inspired me to write my own (evolving) confession of faith. Like Jeffrey SoRelle said at the end of his senior meditation on Youth Sunday, this is where I am at this point in my life. So here it is:

I abandon myself to the one God, a Holy, Loving Mystery,  
Beyond all definition and rational understanding,  
The Source and End of all things,  
The true Lover of our souls,  
The deepest Desire of our hearts.

I abandon myself to Jesus, Holy Epiphany of God's love,  
Incarnation of God's Word, Teacher of God's Wisdom,  
Prophet of God's passion, Bringer of God's healing,  
Guide to the heart of God,

Who by his baptism reveals we are Beloved,  
By his ministry reveals the way to God,  
By his death reveals the love of God,  
By his resurrection reveals the faithfulness of God.

I abandon myself to the Holy Spirit,  
The Breath of God moving in our being,  
The Fire of God purifying our passions,  
The Wisdom of God dispelling our illusions,  
The Light of God revealing our true self.

I abandon myself to becoming another Christ,  
An epiphany of God's care and concern,  
A source of God's wisdom and truth,  
An instrument of God's justice and peace.

I abandon myself to the community  
of the Holy Epiphany,  
The seekers of God who follow the way of Jesus,  
Worshipping God together in spirit and truth,  
Serving others together in love and humility,  
Becoming the eyes, mouth, hands, and feet  
of Christ in this world.

I abandon myself to God's reign that is here and now,  
Within us and stretched out all around us  
For those with eyes to see it, hearts to receive it,  
And hands to make it happen.

I abandon myself to the coming reign of God,  
A future on this earth when all will be God-centered  
Where all will be God-conscious,  
When all will learn to live in love and peace,  
In the fellowship of brothers and sisters.

I abandon myself to the reality of my mortality,  
Trusting that in death, life is transformed,  
Not taken away, and that we will return to the Mystery,  
The Source and End of all things,  
Who receives us into the life, love,  
And glory of God for all eternity.  
Amen.

— Mike

### **Children's Corner**

Lil' Helping Hands

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

This week we will talk about what it means to be poor and learn about Lake Shore's Food Pantry. Bring a sack of groceries to stock the shelves.

### **Outdoor Family Movie Night**

"The Little Rascals"

Friday, June 23

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

On the front lawn of the church

Bring lawn chairs and blankets!

Bring your friends!

Bring your family!

Free refreshments available



## Welcome, Channa Gray

You may see Channa Gray upstairs at church, or you may see her downstairs in the Children's Center. She's our newest member at Lake Shore, but she's been teaching at LSBCC for three years. Channa received her CDA (Child Development Associate certificate) from MCC, where Gerri Carey was one of her teachers. She is now working on an associate degree in Child Development. She plans to complete a Bachelor's degree in elementary education.



Channa lived in Odessa, Texas, until she was in the sixth grade, the year her family moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Her sister now lived in Corsicana, and her parents in Granbury. When Channa moved to Texas she wanted to choose a small city that she liked to make her home. We're glad she decided on Waco! Channa says, "The teachers at the Children's Center have been my family here."

She was the Canine Education Director at Petco and taught dog training classes. As a matter of fact, Channa trains dogs on the side, through her business, "Best Paw Forward."

One of her dreams is to go to Kenya in December to work with one of Buckner Children's Homes trips. Buckner is launching its eighth year of giving new shoes to children worldwide through its annual Shoes for Orphan Souls. Volunteers, who have collected hundreds of pairs of new shoes, get the chance to fit the shoes on the boys and girls in the countries where Buckner travels. They also plan Vacation Bible Schools for the children. Channa feels called to be a part of this ministry that last year collected more than 215,000 new pairs of shoes through nationwide shoe drives.

One day Channa wants to work for an organization that provides better care for orphans. "I want to offer them hope," Channa says, "to let them know that people really do care."

## Prayer Concerns

JoLeen Eiklenborg is recovering from surgery.

Continued prayers for Ron and Hope Rouse and for Nathan and Fran Porter.

## Good News

Congratulations to Andy and Michelle Powell on the birth of their daughter. Madelyn Hazel Powell came into the world on June 9, weighing in at 7 lbs. 6oz. Everyone is fine, including proud grandparents Buddy & Louise Powell.

Carolyn Plaa welcomed a new grandson on May 21, Ty Jarvis, born to mother, Katie, and father, Brent.

Daniel Gardner has accepted a position teaching fundamentals at Herron School of Art. Herron is a part of Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis.

## Thank you, Lake Shore

To the Fellowship Committee and our wonderful Lake Shore family,

Where do we begin to say "thank you" for the wonderful baby shower celebration? We were absolutely overwhelmed with your creativity and generosity. We feel as though we understand the term "embarrassment of riches" in a whole new way. Little "Leviticus Shawn" (thank you Rick Allen for your winning submission to the name game) will never want for an example of a community of faith that knows how to bless and love.

We are forever grateful,  
Dorisanne and David

## Blueberries, Anyone?

Join us next Thursday, June 22, as we travel to Edom, Texas, to pick blueberries.



We'll leave *very* early from the church. Afterwards, we'll stop at a nursery that Billie Post raves about and eat lunch at The Shed.

If you're interested in going (and/or driving) call or e-mail Sharlande by Friday, June 16.



## Helping Hands 1st-3rd Grade Missions Camp

Zane McDurham chops strawberries, Mikhayla Evans tosses salad, and Stephen Burt enjoys brownie batter while they prepare a meal for Andy and Michelle Powell on Monday during Helping Hands. They will repackage food for Caritas and snack packs for the Meyer Center. They also will learn about sustainable agriculture at the World Hunger Farm, too. Thanks to Magi Davis, Maya Davis, Matthew Reynolds, and Laura York for their help.

### 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, June 18

9:30-Sunday School  
 10:45-Worship

#### Monday, June 19

5:30-Beginner Yoga

#### Tuesday, June 20

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

#### Wednesday, June 21

8:30-Staff Meeting  
 5:30-Supper  
 6:30-Adult, Youth, Children Activities  
 7:30-Choir Rehearsal

### New Ordinary Time Banners

Thank you again, Joyce McKee, for banners that adorn the sanctuary. They were made in honor of Fran Porter. We won't have new banners every week, but we do have new, summery banners in the sanctuary for our worship during Ordinary Time.

### Extended Care Sunday, June 18

Infants: Alice Baird  
 Louise Clarké  
 Toddlers: Martie Sauter  
 Preschoolers: Jeff & Judy Davies

### Wednesday Night Supper June 21



Brauts & Hot Dogs  
 Black Bean & Corn Salad  
 Chips  
 Watermelon  
*Hosted by the Eagle Care Group*

### Garage Sale Success and Thanks from Our Youth

It was an exhilarated but tired crew who cleaned up after Saturday's garage sale. We raised over \$2,100 to help fund youth camp this year.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the sale; it would not have been a sale without you. Thanks also go to everyone who set up, worked, and cleaned up. We are especially grateful to Pam Allen and Elizabeth Dell, this year's sale organizers. — *Lake Shore Youth*

### Youth News

#### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: P.J. Kelly  
 Sunday School: Karen Matkin

#### Sunday Night:

No activities – Father's Day

#### Wednesday Night:

Project PRIME 2

#### Coming Up:

June 23—Movie night on the lawn  
 June 25—The AIDS crisis in Africa and "memory boxes"  
 June 28 – Night with our Amigos  
 July 17-22—Passport New Orleans

### Staff Update

Mike and Rachel will be out of the office June 19-25 attending the CBF meeting in Atlanta. Mike is a member of the Spiritual Formation Network Steering Committee and Rachel will meet with the Children's Ministry Network to learn about new CBF missions curriculum.

### 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 \$ 10,581.93 .

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 188,764.15	\$ 164,958.75	(\$23,805.40)