

LAKE SHORELINES

July 5, 2006

“Believer’s Baptism”

Think documentary. Think your favorite baptismal hymns. Think talking with people you know. Put these things together and you’ll have *Believer’s Baptism*, an engaging video that Andy Powell, one of the YAC leaders, created. He developed the film for the Young Adults in the Church group. Mike Sciretti says, “Andy spent lots of time and effort weaving different elements — songs, film clips, scripture, interviews — to capture the attention of youth. The film leads viewers on a journey of discovery about what baptism has historically meant and what it means for us here at Lake Shore.” It presents various views and perspectives on baptism as Chris Brennan Homiak, Erin Cline, Ashley Thornton, Becca Sharpless, and David Tatum share their faith journeys with Andy.

We will view *Believer’s Baptism* in preparation for the baptisms of Emily Smallwood and Becca Mosley. It is sure to spark good conversation about what baptism has meant in Christianity and in our own lives. Join us on this baptismal journey.

Thanks to Amy Butler’s blog, talkwiththepreacher.blogspot.com, for the baptism image.



Worship at Lake Shore July Sermon Series

King David: The Early Years

It’s no secret that despite our thinking of Biblical heroes as having flawless characters and enviable lives, many of them made enormous mistakes, had great flaws, and did not always “walk in the way of the Lord.” Perhaps King David is one of the most colorful among these. In years past we have focused on some of the stories that clearly pointed out David’s struggles and mistakes.

For this month, however, we’re going to revisit how David’s story began, his battle with Goliath, his dancing before the ark. We’re doing so not just to re-familiarize ourselves with his story, but to try to see what God saw in David’s heart to make him king and what qualities we see in David’s best and most carefree moments that we might cultivate in our own lives.

July 9

“The Heart of a Champion”

Dorisanne Cooper

1 Samuel 17.1a, 4-11, 19-23, 2-49

Sending Service for

Derek and Sarah Hatch

July 16

“The Heart that Dances”

Dorisanne Cooper

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

The Baptism of Emily Smallwood

July 23

“The Well-Intentioned Heart”

Dorisanne Cooper

2 Samuel 7.1-14a

The Baptism of Becca Mosley

YAC Garage Sale

Saturday, July 15, at the Allens’ home
2211 Colcord

Did you miss the opportunity to participate in the church garage sale? Here is another chance. If you have items that you would like to contribute to the “Young Adults in the Church” Garage Sale to benefit their pilgrimage, call and we will come and pick things up. Call Todd Francis 666-4295 or 644-3330. We will take everything except clothing.

Thanks for your help,
Hannah, Todd, Tom, Emily, Brad, Haley, Susan

God of the morning . . .

You are with us in the darkness before first light.
Your presence echoes in the steady hum of crickets chirping,
in the lone bird who bravely practices
her meandering tune before the others,
in the rustling thuds of a frog leaping through the wet grass
until his feet slap onto the damp pavement.
As the sky turns to deep navy blue along the horizon, you hear
the prayers spoken beneath the morning stars,
the same stars that shine over Bangladesh, where the victims of
violence and political unrest search for a solution;
the same stars that shine over Gaza City, where shrapnel
wounds from missile fire heighten
the desperation of Israelis and Palestinians.
Long before our eyes open, you know the fears and worries
that fail to subside with sleep.
As we pray for an end to all of the pain, You offer us comfort,
for You are the God of the Silent Dewfall,
dwelling with us in the silence of the sleepy, restless prayers of
our hearts, offering us the promise of morning.

God of the Morning, You are with us at first light.
Your presence echoes in the reticent first sprays of sprinklers
on the lawn, in the shadows that peel back as the flowers open,
in the gentle coos of pigeons accompanied
by an orchestra of morning birdsongs.
As the sky melts from navy into powder blue, you hear the
prayers spoken on the heavy morning air,
the same air that blows in a mighty seabreeze across the
coast of Louisiana and Mississippi,
where the grating sound of utility knives cutting
through slabs of sheetrock mark the dawning of
another day filled with rebuilding,
the same breeze that blows across the shores of Seattle, where
the staff of the Gates Foundation decides how to best use new
donations to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and
guinea-worm disease.
Long before our alarm clocks shatter our sleep, you know our
thankfulness for volunteers, generous hearts, and organizations
that help us to help each other.
As we pray for wisdom and courage for those who know first-
hand that there are no easy answers,
You offer us hope, for You are the
God of the Cool Morning Air,
dwelling with us in the waking prayers of our hearts,
offering us the promise of morning.

God of the Morning, You are with us at daybreak.
Your presence echoes in the sun's rays as they filter through

the curtains, in the cool floor against the soles of our bare feet,
in the beads of water that greet our fingertips when we grasp the
plastic sleeve on the newspaper.
As the sky bursts into a wash of white tinged with light peaches
and pinks along the horizon, you let us hear the prayers of our
brothers and sisters in the images we see in the news.

As morning dawns in Iraq, we hear the fearful, fevered prayers of
young soldiers in the 4th ID, and of young insurgents.
We hear the prayers of an expectant mother in Baghdad
and an expectant mother in Waco,
both feeling the movement in their bellies, both knowing their
child will be born into a world that needs more loving hands,
and both praying for a child who will bring new ideas and hopes
for peace and reconciliation.
Long before we read of more roadside bombs,
you know our worries about the world
our children and grandchildren will live in.
As we pray for tolerance and understanding,
You offer us the opportunities of education, travel,
and open conversation with those of different beliefs and
perspectives, for You are the God of the Sunrise
dwelling with us in the hurried prayers of our hearts;
offering us the promise of morning.

God of the Morning, You are with us in our hunger.
Your presence echoes in a hot cup of tea and the
tartness of oranges,
in the breaking of bread and the filling of a cup,
in the invitation to the table—The Breaker of Fasts.
As the sunlight spreads across the food before us, you remind us
that we choose what to consume, what to fill ourselves with, what
to take into ourselves as a part of our lives,
and that the food we have is to be shared with
many different people—at the food pantry,
in restaurants, in soup kitchens, at Wednesday night suppers,
through Meals on Wheels, on street corners, and in our homes.
Long before our morning hunger arrives,
you know our worries about whether or not we are good enough,
whether or not we are becoming the people we want to be.

As we pray for your guidance on this journey,
You remind us that we are never alone at the table,
for You are the God of Communion,
dwelling with us at the breakfast table and bringing guests
for us to dine with, through the Silent Dewfall,
in the Cool Morning Air, to see the Sunrise,
offering us the promise of morning.

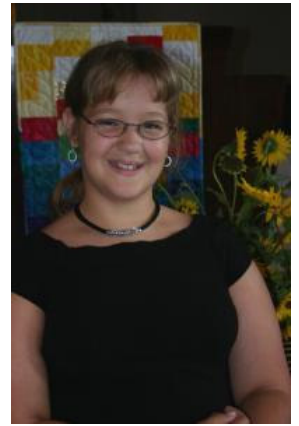
*Morning prayer offered by
Erin Cline in worship July 2, 2006.*

Prayer Concerns

Harold Osborne's brother-in-law R. B. Vernon died June 29th at a nursing home in Dripping Springs, Texas.
June and Harold will attend the service in Norphlet, Arkansas, on Friday, July 7.
Flynn Bucy's mother, June Patterson Bucy, died Wednesday, June 28, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. A leader in the
Presbyterian Church (USA), she spent her life working on behalf of abused, troubled, and homeless youth.
Jan Williams' brother, Earl Newland, is home after a second stay in the hospital following an automobile accident.
Sharon Wynn is awaiting test results.
Ron Rouse is in hospice care. We continue to remember Ron and Hope in prayer.
Fran Porter is in hospice care. We continue to remember Fran and Nathan in prayer.

Welcome, Becca Mosley!

If you've been around Lake Shore very long, you've almost surely been the recipient of a hug from Becca Mosley. We delight in Becca's joyful spirit every day, but especially now as she presents herself as a candidate for baptism. She is well known as an enthusiastic passer of visitors' cards, as a member of the children's choir, and for dispensing great wisdom, such as her sabbatical admonition to Dorisanne: "Don't do anything stupid." Becca will be thirteen in October and will be in the seventh grade at Connally Middle School in the fall. She and her parents, Deb Vardiman and David Mosley, are active members of Lake Shore. Becca Sharpless is Becca's "faithful friend." They live in the unique home on the Brazos River which Becca refers to as "the mushroom." Becca enjoys playing her saxophone, is beginning to practice on the keyboard, and is interested in forming an all-girl band. She has set aside writing her novel for the time being. She is also a licensed baby sitter. Becca has a loving extended family, including her grandparents Boyce and Jane Vardiman, her Uncle Don Mosley in Georgia, her dog, Velvet, and two cats ("one evil and one not"). She keeps in touch with her greater public via her new cell phone.



Congratulations

Caryl Miller-Compton and Kevin Compton were married Friday at Lake Shore. After the wedding Caryl & Kevin and their five boys—Andrew, Kyle, Ross, Matthew, and Koby—traveled to New Braunfels and San Antonio for a vacamoon. Best wishes to Caryl and Kevin and their new family.



Report from New Orleans: Katrina Relief & Rebuilding

Last week Steve Fontaine traveled to New Orleans with Richard Groves, former Lake Shore pastor, and members of Wake Forest Baptist Church. When we asked Steve about his trip, he said:

"Rebuilding New Orleans is not a job that volunteers can do alone, but it is a job that cannot be fully done without volunteers. The person-to-person delivery of services involves a dimension that is simply not present with services delivered by a government contractor. The enormity of the situation can be paralyzing, but we did not have to solve all of the problems in order to help. We, along with the volunteers who came before us and those who will follow, helped Estelle Smith get closer to returning home. We helped to solve her problem. That was a very good use of the week. And we had a lot of fun."

Children's Corner

Lil' Helping Hands 6:00 p.m.

July 12 — Choir practice & news on Channa Gray's upcoming mission trip to Kenya with Shoes for Orphan Souls

July 19 — Car Wash to raise money for Channa's trip

Wednesday Night for School-Age Children 6-7:30 p.m.:

July 12 – Learn about Channa's mission trip to Kenya; choir practice

July 19 – Car Wash to raise money for Channa's trip

July 26 – Choir practice & Mountainview Splash Park!

Movie Night: Friday, July 14, 8:15-10:00 p.m., on the front lawn of the church. Bring chairs & blankets! Bring friends! Free refreshments!

Bake Sale for Children's Camp: Sunday morning, July 16. Children going to camp, please bring an attractively packaged baked good to church on that Sunday morning by 9:15 a.m. so we can sell it for the camp fund.

Children's Camp Meeting: Sunday, July 16, following the morning worship service (11:50 a.m.) in the "blue room." It is a requirement that all campers and their parents attend this meeting to receive all the information they need for the camp experience to go smoothly.

You are invited

to join in a celebratory
engagement party for

Thomas Hanks & Stephanie Spitzer

5804 Westlawn

7:00 pm

Saturday, 15 July

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
 Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 9

9:30-Sunday School
 10:45-Worship
 8:00-Deacons' Meeting

Monday, July 10

6:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, July 11

10:30-Bible Study
 6:30-Yoga

Wednesday, July 12

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

Friday, July 14

8:15-Movie Night

Extended Care Sunday, July 9

Infants: Kay Neugebauer
 Toddlers: Gin Courtney
 Preschool: Gary & Thomas Miller
 David Tatum

Missing a newsletter?

We, too, are puzzled about the June 27 newsletter that we mailed. Call us when you don't receive a newsletter, and we'll send you another one.

Wednesday Night Supper

July 12

Mexican Stack-Up
 Chili Con Queso
 Dessert



Dinner brought to you by the Sparrows

July Office Schedule

While Caryl is out much of July completing her teaching certification course work, Leslie Rosencrans and Jeff SoRelle will help in the office. **Please note the special office hours for this month:**

- ✦ *Monday-Thursday:* 9-12 and 1-5
- ✦ *Friday: 9-1* Caryl will be in the office on Fridays (and Saturdays) to work on church finances.

Leslie will work Monday-Thursday mornings and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Jeff will be here Monday and Wednesday, afternoons, starting July 5. **The office will be closed from 12-1.** We appreciate your patience and good humor!

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: Morins
 Sunday School: Karen Matkin
 Youth Camp Meeting for Youth and Parents immediately after Sunday morning worship service. You'll get all the information and forms you need.

Sunday Night:

Project PRIME 2: After a prayer experience, we'll have a lesson on the AIDS crisis in Africa and then begin painting what will become our new dining room. We'll start at 5:00. Dinner: SoRelles

Wednesday Night:

Project PRIME 2: We'll continue working on the Teen House, learning about AIDS in Africa, and experimenting with different types of prayer.

Coming Up:

July 13, August 8, 10 – Dinner for 5 Amigo nights!
 July 14 – Church-wide movie night on the lawn
 July 17-22 – Passport Youth Camp to New Orleans

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 \$ 2,571.00.

Year to date needs
 \$ 212,359.67.50

Year to date received
 \$ 182,572.75

Difference
 (\$ 29,742.96)