

LAKE SHORELINES

September 6, 2006

Remembering the Fifth Anniversary
of September 11, 2001

“At some ideas you stand perplexed,
especially at the sight of human sin,
uncertain whether to combat it by force or by humble love.

Always decide, ‘I will combat it with humble love.’

If you make up your mind about that once and for all,
you can conquer the whole world.

Loving humility is a terrible force;

it is the strongest of all things and there is nothing like it.”

—Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamozov*

Worship at Lake Shore

The Nineteenth
Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 10, 2006

The Sermon

*“The Grace to Doubt
The Courage to Believe”*

Bob Baird

The Scripture

*Hebrews 11.1
A Litany from the Psalms*

*Remembering the Fifth Anniversary
of September 11*

eleven for eleven

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Saturday, September 16

Anniversaries move us in ways we do not always understand. May this year's remembrance call us to a deeper healing from the events of 9/11. In the past five years, our congregation has embraced the chance to bring peace to the world, starting in our community.

This year members of three other faith communities—Calvary, Seventh & James, and Truett Seminary—will join us as we work at various sites:

Advocacy Center

Habitat Waco

Friends for Life

Habitat Restore

World Hunger Farm

Waco Community Development Corp.

Caritas

Freeman Center

Central Texas Senior Ministry

Talitha Koum

Community Building

Sarah Becker and Jo Pendleton are coordinating Lake Shore's involvement in this year's 11 for 11 projects. If you haven't signed up yet or if you have questions about how to sign up, whom to contact, or what jobs are available, please be in touch with them. Sarah's e-mail is sarah_t_becker@baylor.edu; Jo's is jopendleton@yahoo.com.

“A Conversation About the Middle East”

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30

In the five years since 9/11, there has been a profusion of news and questions about Islam and the geopolitical situation the Middle East.

Lake Shore is fortunate to have Coke Held in our congregation. He is a geographer who worked for the U.S. State Department in the Middle East and Diplomat in Residence at Baylor. Bob Baird will guide the discussion.

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

Every day is a lifetime mirroring all life itself.

The rain came Monday like an old and dear friend who had been away for too long. We picked up right where we left off. I pattered with the pots and plants while the Labor Day afternoon rain gave us all a good sprinkling. The rain watered the Desert Rose, the caladiums, and the herbs while it washed the dirt off my Jeep -- good gifts for my small corner of the world (how many more "showers of blessings" it brought to the fields and farms). But just opening the door and taking in the sweet smell of rain would have been blessing enough.

In her poem "The Art of Blessing the Day," Marge Piercy writes:

*This is the blessing after drought:
Come down, wash the air so it shimmers,
A perfumed shawl of lavender chiffon.
Let the parched leaves suckle and smell. . . .
In the morning the world is peeled to shining.*

To "bless the day" is to recognize the unrepeatable gift of the span of twenty-four hours. Whether a day of rain or shine, labor or leisure, health or heartache this is the day that we have to honor and bless.

A few Wednesday mornings ago Ron Rouse's condition quickly changed, and his whole family gathered around his bed to say "good-bye." Everyone, including his nurse, waited with him for several hours before we left. Through the night we expected to receive calls that he had died.

The next morning when I drove down 66th Street to the Rouses' home, I saw the sprinkler watering the front yard and the front door open. Hope greeted me with the words: "God has blessed us with another day." Ron lived six more days, and Hope said she lived each one "with a grateful heart."

Like God who imagined the rain and blessed it on one day of creation and fashioned us and blessed us on another, we have the chance to be artists of blessing. All blessings arise from a source of love, whether the human heart or the heart of creation.

This week between the anniversaries of Hurricane Katrina and September 11, the news is full of reminders of lost days and lost lives. Behind the headlines for the last five years, we've heard the voices of people telling us again and again "If we'd just had a chance to talk one more time." "If I had just said 'I love you.'" In ten thousand ways, those still living on the earth keep up the refrain: "Life is precious." "Life is precious." "Life is precious."

The devastating images from New Orleans and New York are seared into our memories. We can't look at them without remembering terror, vulnerability, and fear. We can't watch the TV footage of the World Trade Center towers or sit in a service with evacuees from the Gulf Coast and not enter the grief of those who suffered loss directly.

But this season also has the capacity to remind us of the holiness of each moment. If we haven't been the ones to encounter the fragile edge of life and say "Life is precious," one day we will. At some time, most of us have felt this day is the only one we are assured of when we can see the sunrise and the sunset, when we can feel the rain, when we have the chance to call a loved one and say "I love you," when we have the power to bless someone who needs our blessing.

A blessing does not change the whole world, but it changes us and the one we bless immensely. And by our blessing, this day is blessed.

Sharon

Thank you . . .

In speaking of jazz, Stevie Wonder once said, "You've gotta leave a little space between the notes for God to walk through." Last Wednesday night at our service for Hurricane Katrina evacuees, God walked between the notes of the saxophone and the piano, played by Richard and Linda Thomas of Victory in Praise Church, where Linda is pastor. Thanks, Steve Gardner, for inviting them.

Shannon McDermitt, who works for Karen Matkin, helped us, too, last week by taking lots of the pictures for the slide show Sunday morning. God also walked through the pictures!

A Canterbury Dinner

Friday, September 22, 2006

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dinner music provided by

harpist, Martha Gay, and cellist, Max Dyer of Cantiga

Mark your calendars for an evening in Canterbury. The YAC (Young Adults in the Church) group is hosting a dinner to help raise funds for its pilgrimage to Canterbury, England, next June.

The group will prepare and serve an authentic English meal for a minimum donation of \$5/person. Reservations may be made on the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Afterward, plan to enjoy or participate in a Lake Shore Talent Show. Look for participant sign-up sheet in the sanctuary hallway.

Welcome, Capucine Morin



Bright smiles were all around as Capucine Morin came forward to make public her faith on Sunday. She has been a cheerful and charitable presence in our midst since she and her family began attending Lake Shore. She moved with her family from Paris, France, to the United States six years ago and has lived for the past five years in Waco. It is through Dianna Vitanza and Alec Warren that the Morins became acquainted with Lake Shore.

Capucine is in the ninth grade at Midway High School where she takes advanced classes in English, Biology and, of course, French. She is on the Midway Tennis Team and in the school choir. Reading, hanging out at church and with school friends, and "movie nights" with her family are favorite pastimes.

Passport camp leaders — Tammy (her Bible study leader from Virginia) Kathy Gardner, Ashley and Craig Thornton — and Mike Sciretti have all had an instrumental part in leading Capucine to this place in her life. These relationships have been especially meaningful to her.

Capucine, we rejoice with you in this decision and look forward to our journey together as we share being family to one another.

Suzii Paynter Named CLC Director

Lake Shore celebrates with Suzii Paynter, who was named director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission effective August 15. She is the first woman to serve as CLC director. Prior to this appointment, Suzii was the CLC citizenship and public policy director. The CLC is the ethics and religious liberty arm of the BGCT. She follows in the footsteps of her mentor, long-time CLC Director, Phil Strickland, who died earlier this year.

Suzii is married to former Lake Shore pastor, Roger Paynter. They were at Lake Shore from 1982-1989. They have two children Mary Katherine and Grayson. Suzii earned a bachelor's degree from Baylor and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin and the University of Louisville. She taught at Baylor and worked in the area of literacy education for many years.



Children's Corner

Children's Choir – Wednesdays from 6-6:40 p.m. We will also rehearse this Sunday, Sept. 10, following worship until 1:30 p.m. We will have lunch. All songs, solos, and speaking parts should be memorized by Sept. 17. The musical is Sunday, Sept. 24.

Toaster Oven Needed:

Do you have a toaster oven that you never use? The Preschool & Children's Ministry could use it for their cooking activities in missions and Sunday School. Contact Rachel Sciretti if you have one to spare.

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Henderson moved to Quality Care on Wednesday to recuperate after a fall last weekend.

Alice Baird broke her ankle Friday.

Francis Fox is in rehab at Hillcrest after breaking her hip.

Beth Miller's mother, Marty Stone, has been placed in hospice care at Wesley Woods.

Earl Newland, Jan Williams' brother and Lynn Williams' uncle, had brain surgery Wednesday.

Jap Barrett, friend of many at Lake Shore, is undergoing medical tests.

New Addresses

Derek & Sarah Hatch and Chris & Katie Brennan Homiak have sent new contact information:

Hatch: 247 Perrine St., Dayton, OH, 45410; 937/654-1040 (Sarah); 937/654-1140 (Derek).

Brennan Homiak: 2824 Booth Street, Apt. 8, Kansas City, KS, 6103; 816/718-6060 (Katie); 816/718-6199 (Chris).

Women of the Church

Bible Study Resumes

The Women of the Church will resume their monthly Bible study Tuesday, September 12. A member of the pastoral staff will lead the study beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Koinonia classroom.

Bereshith *Sunday School Class* *Luncheon*

**Sunday, September 10,
following worship**

At the home of
Kerry and Loen Irons
2712 Cresthill Circle
776-5042

Chicken and drinks provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Directions to the Irons' home: From the church, take Bishop Drive to Valley Mills Drive. Turn Right. Take Ridgewood Drive (left) to Cresthill Circle.

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
 Aaron Garcia, Organist
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian
 Caryl Miller-Compton, 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, September 10

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship

Monday, September 11

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, September 12

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, September 13

8:30-Staff Meeting
 5:30-Supper
 6:10-Children's Activities
 6:15-Youth Activities
 6:30-Adult Seminar
 7:30-Choir Practice

Saturday, September 16

7:30-Eleven for Eleven

Looking Ahead

YAC Canterbury Dinner-9/22

Wednesday Night Supper

September 13

Chicken Tetrazinni
 English Peas
 Jell-o Salad
 Dessert



Community Notes

Bill Bellinger, Chair of the Department of Religion at Baylor and Lake Shore member, will present "A Shape for Old Testament Theology: A Lost Cause?" on Thursday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m. in Miller Chapel on the Baylor campus. He will explore these questions: What does the Old Testament say about God? Where can we begin to discover that? How can we organize that? What have readers who have come before us said about these questions? A reception follows the lecture.



Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Allen
 Sunday School: Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

Sunday Night:

God's Gift of Sexuality: Sunday we begin our sexuality emphasis. Junior and Senior High youth will have separate leaders: Rachel Sciretti, younger youth and Mike & Beth Raymond, older youth.

Wednesday Night (13th):

Intersection: After C&C youth will continue learning how to resist prejudice. Our focus during September is the Romany people. With our remaining time we will do some group-building activities.

Coming Up:

September 9 – Amigo Dinner for 5 (sign-up)
 September 17 – J2A
 September 22 – YAC Dinner
 September 24 – Fellowship Night

Extended Care

Sunday, September 10

Infants:

Toddlers:

Deb Vardiman

& Rebecca Mosley

Preschool:

The McDurham Family

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 \$ 7,883.00.

Year to date needs
 \$ 283,146.23

Year to date received
 \$ 236,472.29

Difference
 (\$ 46,673.94)