

LAKE SHORELINES

September 13, 2006

eleven for eleven

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Saturday, September 16

7:30-breakfast

8:20-leave for work

8:00-prayers for peace

12:00-return to church for lunch

Since 2004, Lake Shore has commemorated the anniversary of September 11, 2001, by spending a day working in our community. We will gather at the labyrinth for breakfast and prayer before teams leave for their work sites:

- ✦ **Caritas**-Stock Food
- ✦ **Waco Habitat for Humanity**-Construction
- ✦ **Friends for Life**-Light House Repairs
- ✦ **Mission Waco**-Work in Jubilee Park
- ✦ **Habitat Restore**-Organize Building Supplies
- ✦ **Waco Community Development Center**-Clear Brush
- ✦ **World Hunger Farm**-Farm and Maintenance Work
- ✦ **Central Texas Senior Ministries**-Pack Emergency Meals
- ✦ **Advocacy Center**-Clean the Storage Shed
- ✦ **Talitha Koum**-Work at a Garage Sale Fund Raiser

E-mail Sarah Becker sarah_t_becker@baylor.edu or Jo Pendleton jopendleton@yahoo.com for information. Childcare is available by **reservation** for the morning from 7:30 until lunch. Please call or e-mail Rachel to reserve a spot for your child (772-2910; Sciretti@hotmail.com).

Worship at Lake Shore

The Twentieth
Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 17, 2006

The Sermon
"Sweeter Than Honey"
Bill Bellinger

The Scripture
Psalm 19
Ephesians 2.1-10

"The Wisdom of Mma Ramotswe"

with Stuart Rosenbaum
Wednesday, September 20, 6:30

Precious Ramotswe, daughter of Obed ("The Daddy") is the heroine of Alexander McCall Smith's seven novel series that begins with *The #1 Ladies' Detective Agency* that so many at Lake Shore have enjoyed.

Mma Ramotswe is a heroine of genuine virtue; she exemplifies wisdom, courage, temperance, and justice, the classical virtues that come to mind whenever we talk about good character. McCall Smith's novels, in addition to being "good reads", have philosophical significance as well.

Stuart Rosenbaum, Professor of Philosophy at Baylor and American philosophy maven, will lead our discussion Wednesday about these books and their philosophical and moral significance.

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

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 donation of \$5/person. Sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

She came in the middle of the night . . . Texas time, that is. When I checked Lela Wallis' blog, at 9:30 p.m. Monday, it was already 10:30 a.m. the next morning in Nanchang, China -- just six hours before Lela and Jason would see their new daughter for the first time.

When I looked at my e-mail Tuesday morning, there was Xinshi in the arms of her new parents. According to the tickertape at the top of the Wallises' blog, little "Shi Shi" is 8 months, 1 week, and 3 days old.

I looked back at Lela's words the day her family received Xinshi's referral from China: "One paragraph keeps me buoyant! 'Shi Shi is a pretty little sweetie. She has a head of thick, black hair and a radiant smile. When she smiles, it's such a sweet, cheerful sight. . . . Shi Shi is a lovable little girl!'"

"I loved her the minute they told me I had a daughter!" Lela said. "I recognized her face an hour later when her first photo materialized on our computer. It really felt like this is the child our family had been waiting for. Lindsay couldn't wait to have her little sister's picture printed, framed and hung in her room. She wanted it low enough so she could see it (and I keep catching her kissing it!)"

The family's love for Xinshi makes me think of nine years ago while Amy Butler was visiting Lake Shore. She got a phone call from New Orleans that the little girl she and Mark were waiting for was ready to be adopted. After Wednesday night supper, Judy Prather and I sped through east Texas toward the Louisiana line to take Amy to meet Mark, so they could pick up their new child the next day. Amy could not get to her daughter fast enough! I am so proud of my young friends and what they teach me about love.

Today in China, Xinshi officially became Lyvia Xinshi Wallis. The Jiangxi officials asked Lela and Jason about their occupations, why they want to adopt from China, and what their plans are for her Lyvia's education. "Then they gave us a gift of porcelain and we signed on to take care of her forever." Then they went out to eat dumplings!

Lela and Jason made promises in Nanchang, China, like Amy and Mark made in the New Orleans District Court: "Now you know," said the judge, "by agreeing to become adoptive parents to this child you are giving up any and all possibility of giving her back. You cannot come back to this court in 13 years and ask to trade her in. With the signing of this paper, her birth certificate is reprinted with your names as her birth parents; she becomes totally and legally your child; you are responsible for her and as a member of your family, she is responsible for you."

In a sermon at her church in Washington, D.C., Amy said, "It seems more and more, as we grow together and learn to love and care for each other,

that there never was a day in our lives when Hannah was not our child. Sure, she was not born naturally to us, but in a unique and wonderful way, she was carefully chosen, specially placed, uniquely loved into our family, and because she is adopted she need never wonder if she was wanted. We wanted her so much that we gave up whatever we had to find her and to make her ours. When we look into her face she is for us a symbol of utter grace."

"Just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world . . . God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ . . . " (*Ephesians 1:3-4*) We were all chosen to be members of God's family, adopted as true children of God, lavished with the riches of God's grace. We are recipients of an inheritance suitable for a child of God.

When I look at the picture of "Miss Lyvia Xinshi Wallis" on Lela's blog today, I think of Hannah Butler — and Jonathan and April, Maggie and Ruby and Steven, and all the other children who are lavished with the generous and extravagant love of their families. How like God's love it is!

Shalanda

Right: Lela Wallis of Austin, Texas, in Nanchang, China, with her new daughter, Lyvia.

Below: Amy Butler at home in Washington, D.C., with her three children, Hayden, Hannah, and Sam. Lela and her husband, Jason, and Amy and her husband, Mark, were members of Lake Shore.



Welcome, Thomas Miller

Lake Shore welcomes Thomas Miller's sharing his profession of faith and desire to be baptized Sunday. Thomas was born into this congregation and was dedicated as a baby here. His parents, Gary and Beth Miller, have been faithful members since 1985, so Thomas has been a familiar face in church all of his life. Thomas has been a devoted helper with the children in Helping Hands and Bridge Builders and a junior counselor at children's camp.



Did you know that he locks the church on weekday evenings, programs the chimes with hymns, and helps with computer glitches? His computer prowess is widely known; many of our members call on him to help with their home computers. Thomas is in the YAC group (Young Adults in the Church) and enjoys Passport Camps in the summer. He also completed his Eagle Scout project when he coordinated with Bruce Neatherlin to repaint the stripes on the back parking lot.

Thomas is a senior at Waco High and enjoys technical theatre (stage design, lighting and sound) and studying calculus (yes, he loves math). A four-year varsity tennis team member, Thomas is also involved in National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and International Club.

Thomas receives much support from his extended family; his aunts (Karen and Caryl), cousins (Andrew, Matthew, and Molly), and grandparents have all moved to Waco and Lake Shore in the last few years. Thomas is pleased that his younger brother, David, is a part of the youth group.

Thomas, this is a joyous occasion for our church and one in which we join with you and your family in celebrating. We are thankful for your presence and your ministries to us. May we continue to grow together in God's love.

— Kristi SoRelle

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Henderson is recovering nicely at Quality Care after she suffered a fall. Plans for her care when she returns home are being worked out.

Earl Newland, Jan Williams' brother and Lynn Williams' uncle, is home after brain surgery. He will require 24-hour care for a month.

Jap Barrett is recovering from out-patient surgery on Tuesday.

Francis Fox continues to recover from hip surgery.



"Masterpiece":

A Musical

Join us in worship, Sunday, September 24, for a musical brought to you by the children's choir. The musical, "Masterpiece," takes place as the children arrive at camp and the honest conversations they have with one another. "Masterpiece" explores how "fearfully and wonderfully made" we are and what to do when we don't feel that way.

The cast includes Jonathan Pendleton, Zane McDurham, Mikhayla Evans, Crystal Jones, Chelsea Pruitt, April Scales, Maya Davis, Mathew Reynolds, Cassie Pruitt, John Salvesson, Rebecca Mosley, Dakota McDurham, Laura York, Mike Sciretti, and Deb Vardiman.

Children's Corner

Children's Choir Rehearsal schedule

Wednesdays from 6-6:40 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 17—after worship
until 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23—9:30–11:30 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24—The musical

Thanks from

Dorisanne & David

Lake Shore family,

Where do we begin to express our gratitude for the abundance of blessings you've showered upon us these last six weeks? Delicious meals delivered to our doorstep, gifts and cards sent, messages left on our machine, time and space to adjust to parenthood and to begin to get to know our son.

Adam certainly is blessed to have arrived into the Lake Shore community! We look forward to introducing him more officially soon, but couldn't wait any longer to say "thank you" to you, our wonderful family of faith. Your generosity blesses us again and again.

Grace and peace,
Dorisanne and David

Shalom Uniforms

You still have time to purchase a school uniform for a child at Shalom Children's Center in Ghana. For only \$4, a child can get the fabric needed for a school uniform. In Ghana, each school is required to choose a fabric for its official school uniform, and every child needs at least one uniform.

Your gift of \$4 can buy a uniform for a child to wear fall/winter/spring/summer of the 2006-2007 school year. If you have already "adopted" a child from Shalom, you have provided a uniform for that child.

See the display in the sanctuary hallway for pictures of some of Shalom's students. You may pick up a donation envelope there, as well.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 17

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship
 4:00-Deacon's Meeting

Monday, September 18

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, September 19

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, September 20

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 22

6:30-Canterbury Dinner

Wednesday Night Supper

September 20



Ham with
 pineapple slices
 Sweet potatoes
 Curried Fruit
 Dessert

New Addresses

Erin Cline & Michael Slater have sent their new contact information:
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 Eugene, OR 97405
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 Jeff SoRelle also sends his college address:
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Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Chapline
 Sunday School: Cain & Abel

Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood: 4:30-7:00.
 Dinner: SoRelle/Smajstrla

Wednesday Night (20th):

Intersection: After C&C youth will talk more about resisting prejudice and learn more about the Romany people.

Friday (22nd):

YAC Canterbury Dinner: 6:30

Saturday (23rd):

Teen House Clean-Up: Parents and youth, meet at the Teen House at 9:00 a.m. We will put the Teen House in order after the summer of Project PRIME 2.

Coming Up:

September 24 – Fellowship Night
 October 1 – J2A
 October 8 – GGS
 October 14 – Fall Retreat
 October 29 – Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Extended Care

Sunday, September 17

Infants: Don SoRelle
 Toddlers: Kristi SoRelle
 Preschool: Deb Vardiman
 Becca Mosley
 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 \$ 6,371.00.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 291,001.40	\$ 242,843.29	(\$ 48,168.11)