

# LAKE SHORELINES

September 27, 2006



## World Communion Sunday October 1

*As the earth keeps turning, hurtling through space, and night falls and day breaks from land to land, let us remember people—waking, sleeping, being born, and dying—of one world and one humanity.*

World Communion Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday in October, has taken on new relevance and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice — and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of

Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve — a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

## Worship at Lake Shore

**The Twenty-second  
Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2006**

**The Scripture**  
*Mark 9.38-50*

**The Sermon**  
*"Picking and Choosing for Jesus"*  
Dorisanne Cooper

*World Communion Sunday*

## Planning a Committee Meeting? How About Wednesday?

After supper next Wednesday, October 4, committees will have the opportunity to meet. It's getting to be budget-discussion time; Advent is right around the corner; fall (and the associated ragweed) is in the air. There are items to fill any committee meeting agenda.

This is your opportunity to do some pre-planning. Committee chairs, if you would like to have a meeting next Wednesday, please contact the members of your committee and the church office so that we will have a room assigned to you.

## The Gathering

Last Thursday, we helped seventeen families, representing about 75 people, with food from our pantry. The number of people who come to Lake Shore for food assistance has increased steadily over the past two years; so has our need for food to stock the pantry.

Please remember to bring non-perishable, easily prepared food items for the pantry this Sunday: peanut butter, pastas & sauces, beans & rice, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, and canned meats. We also have need for bottled water and bottled or boxed juices.

We can also use volunteers in our food pantry. If you're interested, contact Annette Brister or Catherine Davenport. Look for an update on community ministries from our Missions Committee next week.



## "The Greatest of These"

*To love is to think, speak, and act according to the spiritual knowledge that we are infinitely loved by God and called to make that love visible in this world.*

— *Henri Nouwen*

**women's retreat day**  
Cedarbrake Renewal Center  
near Belton, Texas

Saturday, October 7  
beginning with a light breakfast  
from 8-9 a.m. and ending  
at 6:30 after supper  
\$20/person

*Please make your reservations  
in the church office by  
Sunday, October 1*

## From Our Associate Pastor . . .

*"Be the living expression of God's kindness,  
kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,  
kindness in your smile,  
kindness in your warm greeting."*  
Mother Teresa

One of my favorite stories is about the everyday servant of God who spent his days fixing broken things at First Presbyterian Church in a small southern town. Mr. Walenczky had reached the age when most of his time was spare, so he was at First Church often. He replaced worn-out electrical switches. He fixed leaky faucets. He built playground equipment and puppet stages. He reglued Sunday School chairs and repainted preschool rooms. All the people at First Church loved Mr. Walenczky.

One day, as a surprise to everyone, Mr. Walenczky showed up with a much-needed new sign to go in front of the church. It was truly a work of art that probably took him months to plan and build. Its design blended perfectly with the church architecture. Each letter was flawlessly cut from fine wood and fastened onto an elegant background. The times of the services were tastefully arranged near the bottom. The sign was encased in glass and effectively but discreetly lighted as Presbyterians liked their signs lit. In short, the sign Mr. Walenczky crafted was the work of a professional, and it saved the church thousands of dollars.

There was, however, one problem. Mr. Walenczky misspelled "Presbyterian." He wrote the word exactly the way he pronounced it: "Presbyteran." To anyone who asked, he said proudly, "We're Presbyterans, don't you know?"

Since he didn't say the "I," he didn't include the "i." But as long as Mr. Walenczky lived, nobody at church ever told him about his error! It was as though the whole congregation rose up and, without a formal plan

at all, became the servant of the servant and proclaimed the beauty of their sign. For years the Presbyterians endured the ridicule of their neighbors who met them in drugstores and grocery stores and said, "Hey, what's the matter with you 'Presbyterans'? Can't you spell?" Still, no one breathed a word about the misspelling to Mr. Walenczky.

I like that story. Roger Paynter says Mr. Walenczky's gift reminds him of the saying of the old monk, "God writes best with a crooked stick."

Love overlooks the flaws that don't make a difference in the grand scheme of things and concentrates on the preciousness of those that matter. "Love is kind," Paul writes to the Corinthians. Love spells kindness with the heart, not with the mind.

The beautiful and rich Hebrew word *hesed* powerfully describes the lovingkindness of God. "How precious is your lovingkindness (*hesed*), O God!" says Jeremiah. Jonah's God is "abundant in lovingkindness (*hesed*)." God's lovingkindness is abounding, surrounding, and everlasting. "*Hesed* is God's steadfast love; that love will never leave us," Bill Bellinger says. "God's lovingkindness to us is a model for how we ought to live as a community."

As a stickler for correct spelling who thinks about calling convenience stores (and churches!) when they have misspelled messages on their signs, I think it would have been hard for me to overlook the missing "i" in "Presbyterian." But then, if someone in the congregation had said, "Hey, this isn't about the 'i'; this is about Mr. Walenczky," I hope I would have remembered what mattered most.

Church isn't about correctness; it's about community. It's about trusting "crooked sticks" to write compassionate words. It's about loving . . . about kindness. About lovingkindness that will last forever.

*Sharlande*

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## Teachers, Mentors, Friends, and Guides

No matter what you name them — "teachers," "friends," "mentors," or "guides" — the people who help us along the way are invaluable gifts.

The teachers in the Children's Center work hard, like so many at Lake Shore. One of their biggest needs is one we all have -- someone to listen. Teachers who are in the room with children all day long need adults to visit with them. Often they need people to listen to their stories on a deeper level and to encourage them in their roles as teachers and caregivers at school and home.

Seven Lake Shore women have committed to a season of "mentoring" one teacher from our Children's Center from October-January. After the first meeting, each connection between teacher and Lake Shore member will take its own shape through conversations, meals, and quick visits to the Center. Beyond the gift to the teachers and mentors, the relationships will be a visible, living way that Lake Shore can live out its mission to the Children's Center.

As soon as whavemore people in order for each teacher to have a mentor, we will meet together. If you can help, please call or e-mail [SharlandeS@aol.com](mailto:SharlandeS@aol.com) to find out more.

**Lake Shore**

**Baptist**

**Children's**

**Center**

2001, 2002, 2003  
Wrens, Titmice, Flickers  
2004, 2005, 2006



## A Long-range Look at Lake Shore

Dear Lake Shore:

Our committee has been asked by the deacons to look at the existing state of our church building and grounds, and to organize a long-range plan for maintenance and improvement. We do this recognizing that Bruce Neatherlin and his Buildings Committee do “above and beyond” work on our building and that the Grounds Committee works tirelessly to keep the yard and grounds in good repair. What both committees admit is that their energies are consumed with care of immediate needs and both have little time to look at long-range needs.

Our biggest financial assets are the building and the two lots, one on which the church sits, and one immediately behind the Peace Garden. Such investments require maintenance and general sprucing up from time to time. Recently, the roof and the boiler have been replaced. In addition, repair work on the sprinkler system is underway to ensure that the lawn and trees remain viable during this extended dry season.

At a minimum, our building and grounds need to be safe and healthy. We would also hope that they are inviting, comfortable, accessible, and – where appropriate – inspirational. We have a wonderful, modern kitchen, glorious windows and a lovely worship area, and an inviting meditation room. The last complete redecorating and remodeling of the church was in 1991. At that time the existing carpet and wall coverings were installed, and they have witnessed good years of playing, learning, exercising, working, and praying as our heavily-used building provides space for all that we hope to be and do at Lake Shore Baptist Church.

We now seek your input on how best to approach immediate and future needs for the building and grounds. We need fresh eyes to see the spaces and suggest repairs and improvements. We need your input on the best use of our limited financial resources as we continue our focus on missions and remain good stewards of our investments. Beginning Sunday, October 1, a box will be available for your suggestions and observations. We also welcome your comments to any on the committee.

Sincerely,

Loeen Irons, Chair      Ben Becker      Van Jones  
Karen Matkin          Glenda Ramsower  
*Ad Hoc Committee on Building and Grounds*

## “The wheels on the bus . . .”

After looking at this picture of children loading the bus at Shalom Children’s Center, Tom Charlton writes, “I count fifteen uniformed children boarding the SCC van, and that does not include those inside the vehicle whose faces are in shadows. What a joyful scene this is in Ghana, and what a joy it is for us to be able to see Christiana’s school in operation!”



*New bus for Shalom Children’s Center, Twifu-Hman, Ghana, purchased with help from Lake Shore.*

## Children’s Corner

Welcome to Libby Sullivan, our new infant & preschool caregiver!

### Children’s Choir:

Thank you to all the children, parents, and supporters who made “Masterpiece” such a special experience. In children’s choir for the duration of the fall we will prepare for Children’s Sabbath, Thanksgiving, Advent, & Christmas. In January we will begin working on a new musical.

### October at a glance . . .

Blessing of the Animals: Oct. 8  
Peace Camp: Oct. 13-14  
Children’s Sabbath: Oct. 22  
Operation Christmas Child begins: Oct. 25  
Trunk or Treat: Oct. 31

## Prayer Concerns

Sharon Wynn received results from an MRI which revealed that her cancer is more intense than originally anticipated. She is working on five campuses of Waco ISD and plans a hot air ballooning trip in October.

After several weeks recuperating in Santa Fe, Richard and Judith Aslanian returned to Houston last weekend for a check up at MD Anderson.

Tom McPeak is at Scott & White recovering from one surgery, while awaiting another, after a 4-wheeler accident two weeks ago.

## Good News

Thank you children’s choir, Aaron, Deb, Mike, Rachel, Terri, and all the parents who brought children to extra practices, for your work in Sunday’s delightful, inspired worship of God, “Masterpiece.”

Brody Paul Kimbell-Jack was born to Kristie Kimbell and Paul Jack in August. Proud family members include mom, dad, big sister Rachel, and grandmother Margaret.

## 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  
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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## MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, October 1

9:30-Sunday school

10:45-Worship

Communion Sunday

### Monday, October 2

5:30-Yoga

### Tuesday, October 3

5:30-Yoga

### Wednesday, October 4

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, October 7

8:00-7:00-Women's Day

Retreat, Cedarbrake, Belton

### Looking Ahead:

Blessing of the Animals-

October 8

## Wednesday Night Supper

October 4



Joan's Spaghetti

Green Salad

French Bread

Dessert

## New Publication

Mike Frisch has written a new book on happiness and how to get it, *Quality of Life Therapy*. The book is for therapists or executive coaches but is easily understood by layfolks.

## Staff Update

Rachel Sciretti will travel to Thomasville, North Carolina, next week (October 5-7) for part one of her final class in the certification program for Preschool & Children's Ministries from Campbell University Divinity School.

Dorisanne's first Sunday back from maternity leave is this Sunday. For the month of October, she will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## Youth News

### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Francis

Sunday School: The Tower of Babel

### Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood: 4:30-7:00

Dinner by Rosenbaum/Reynolds

### Wednesday Night (4th):

Intersection: After C&C youth will finish painting and sealing their stools.

### Coming Up:

October 8 - GGS

October 14 - Fall Retreat

October 15 - J2A

October 22 - Fellowship Night

October 29 - Halloween

Scavenger Hunt

## Extended Care

### Sunday, October 1

Infants: Genie Dyer

Toddlers: Gin Courtney

Preschoolers: Jerri

& Mackenzie Love

## 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 \$ 2,252.00.

Year to date needs

\$ 306,741.75

Year to date received

\$ 249,491.29

Difference

(\$ 57,250.46)