

LAKE SHORELINES

October 4, 2006



Step Outside!

As we walk side-by-side with children, we enter their world of play, learning, and family. Each step we take to provide for their safety, health, education, and spiritual nurture makes a difference.

On Children's Sabbath, October 22, we will worship with faith communities across the country as we focus on the needs of children in our city and around the world. Through missions and education we will step outside our comfort zones to learn ways we can advocate on behalf of children. When the weather turns cool, we'll step onto Lake Shore's playground and talk about how all children learn through play. As part of our "Step Outside" missions emphasis, we will collect shoes and sweaters for children for Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls project.

Sweaters

Buckner has asked Lake Shore to provide sweaters for the orphaned children in a primary school and a prep school outside Nairobi. Channa Gray will take these in December. Look on the wall outside the office for a list of sizes and colors, and sign up for the size you would like to bring. The primary school needs *dark red sweaters*: 5 each in size 3T-5T. The elementary school needs *dark green sweaters*: 15 each in children's small, medium, and large.

Shoes

Bring any size sturdy children's shoes, not lace-up, but Velcro. These will go to some of the one million children served through Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls each year.



Worship at Lake Shore

Fall Sermon Series: *"The Faces of Faith"*

Dorisanne Cooper

Despairing, posturing, hopeful, grieving, generous, loyal—these may or may not be words you use to describe your faith, but they can be used to describe the faith of many people in the Bible. In the coming weeks we'll explore how faith is lived out in Biblical characters and where it intersects, guides, and opens up our faith as well.

October 8
"James & John"
Mark 10. 35-45

October 15
"Job"
Job 23.1-9, 16-17

October 22-Children's Sabbath
"Step Outside"
Isaiah 52
Rachel Sciretti

October 29
"Bartimaeus"
Mark 10.46-52

November 5
"Ruth"
Ruth 1.1-18
All Saints Sunday

November 12
"The Poor Widow"
Mark 13.38-44

November 19
"Hannah"
I Samuel 1.4-2.10

Blessing of the Animals *Sunday, October 8, 4:00 p.m.* *Peace Garden*

In celebration of St. Francis' Feast Day and in thanksgiving to God for the special four-legged, finned, or feathered companions in our lives, we will gather with our pets for a short service of blessing.

"The Greatest of These"

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

Saturday, October 7
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
\$20/person

Call the office to reserve a spot

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

If I kept a journal, these entries would be in mine for last week:

Thursday, September 28

I'm still pinching myself. My cousin Sam from Dallas took me to see Carol Burnett in Fort Worth tonight as part of her tour to promote the Carrie Hamilton Theatre in memory of her daughter. I couldn't believe the magnificence of Bass Hall. I couldn't believe we had third-row seats – fifty yard line! I couldn't believe I was sitting less than twenty feet from her, listening to the Tarzan yell and seeing her tug on her ear for us like she'd done for her grandmother at the end of every show. Bass Hall turned into a huge family living room as we watched clips of Tim Conway and Harvey Korman and "Went with the Wind" and Mrs. Wiggins trying to walk in her pencil-thin skirt, just as we'd done in hundreds of living rooms across the country twenty-five years ago.

I couldn't believe that after the show, an official Bass Hall person escorted the first three rows of people to the third floor to meet Carol Burnett! "No cameras! No autographs!" I couldn't believe that she was as short as she was when she showed up in the room where we were waiting, already changed out of her navy dress with sparkles into a black velour jacket and charcoal gray pants, a tiny gold cross on a chain around her neck. I couldn't believe how much time she took listening to each person. (What would I say to her?) I couldn't believe that the man from Southlake standing next to me took a picture of his wife with Carol Burnett and then asked me, "Do you want me to take your picture, too?"

So it shouldn't have come as any surprise to me that when Carol Burnett made her way around the circle, I threw my arms around her and said, "I can't believe it!"

She gave me a minute to come to my senses, and then I said, "I loved what I read in the program about your daughter Carrie spending so much time with homeless people and saying to each one, 'I'll give you \$5 if you tell me your story.'"

She looked at me and smiled. "It's all about stories," she said. (I couldn't believe this was Carol Burnett talking to me, saying what we say so often at church.)

"Thank you for being part of my story," I said. I hugged her again. Maybe I should ask her if she wanted to go out for breakfast tomorrow?

I couldn't believe it when I got back and checked my e-mail. The guy from Southlake had already sent a picture of me with Carol Burnett. I'm still pinching myself.

Sunday, October, 1

World Communion Sunday. When Jan Williams reached the front of the line to receive the bread and cup, she looked at the plate I was holding and grinned. I'll never forget what she said: "Wow! Three kinds of bread! God is so good!"

Monday, October 2

Went to see Fran Porter about noon. Her "persistent downward gaze" is characteristic of supranuclear palsy, so I got on my knees and looked up. Since she can't speak or respond, maybe our eyes can connect. I told her I wished she were leading the women's retreat on 1 Corinthians 13, and I tried to say it from memory (I'm sure she was correcting me in her mind!). We sang "*Down in da meadow in da iddy biddy pool*" like we did last year when she was just starting to lose her voice. I told her how centered I've always felt on these visits . . . even the times when I needed to put all my energy into listening to hear her voice . . . even as it faded away . . . and, finally, to be content with silence. And there I was talking and singing too much again. I told Fran how alive she is, how much bigger her spirit is becoming now, how much I love her, what a role model in ministry she's been to me, how I will miss her. When Nathan finished his lunch, he gave me the Portuguese words to a song on a Brazilian CD he picked up in Dallas and played at full volume all the way back to Waco

*"Diexa nada p'na depois . . .
Ainda e' tempo p'ra viver feliz;"*

"Leave nothing for later . . .
There is time to live with joy."



Separation of Church and State in France

Adult Seminar Wednesday, October 11

As part of this year's series of conversations about religion and culture in our global community, David Longfellow, associate professor of history at Baylor with a specialization in French history, will lead our seminar next Wednesday night. He will discuss the different ways France and the United States approach church and state questions in a multicultural society.

Women's Bible Study

October 17, 10:00 a.m.

The Women of the Church will meet on the *third* Tuesday of this month, rather than the second Tuesday.

Please mark your calendars for October 17. There will be a brief meeting at 10:00. Sharlande will lead the Bible study at 10:30.

Children's Peace Camp

First-Sixth Grade Students

Friday, Oct. 13, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

\$5/child

Robin McDurham and Middle school students from Lake Waco Montessori School will lead the group in fun, interactive activities. We will "travel" in country groups to different workshops including: drama, cooperative games, art and crafts (tie-dye shirts), and UN programs for kids.

The Food Pantry: Q&A

It was obvious from the number of youth required to carry food from the gathering to the front of the sanctuary Sunday morning that the response was tremendous. A big thanks to all of you who contributed. You know that the food we collect the first Sunday of the month from The Gathering goes in the Food Pantry, but what else do you know about this important Lake Shore mission?

Who uses the Food Pantry? The Food Pantry is open each Thursday morning when 10 to 20 individuals representing 50-100 persons come to the church, sit in chairs in the hallway until it's their turn to go into the small "office made pantry" and help us select items they need to feed their families. Depending on the size of the family, they each get 1 or 2 meats, vegetables, fruits, pasta, soups, and some extras – usually 2 or 4 bags.

What happens if someone comes another time of the week? Caryl or Sharlande know the procedure well and are able to help them.

Is there always enough food to last until the next Gathering? No, we usually make two or three shopping trips to HEB or Sams during the month.

What is the connection between the Food Pantry and the used book sale? If you are not familiar with the "used book sale," take a look at the bookcase in the hall going to the children's Sunday School rooms. Church members are invited to donate books they have finished reading for others to purchase - \$2 for a hardback and \$1 for a paperback. This was originally called the "water fund," to buy water for the homeless. It's been a very successful venture and currently has almost \$1,000. As our food pantry ministry grew, we decided to use that money to buy more food. If and when that money is gone, we will have to reevaluate the process. We urge you to bring books and help keep it going.

Do you only have food? No, through the Caritas Gift-in-Kind program, we are able to get diapers, paper goods (toilet paper, tissues, paper napkins, foil, trash bags), toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo), juices, pastries, and sometimes fresh produce. We pay a small handling fee and receive \$200-\$350 worth of groceries. These are items which Wal-Mart and HEB have contributed because packages are damaged or outdated.

Thanks to the Red Oak Foundation in Fort Worth, preschoolers who visit the pantry with their parents or grandparents get to pick out two books to take home with them.

What else can we bring other than food? Several people regularly bring hotel samples of shampoo, lotion, etc., and makeup and perfume which they bought but never used. Those items are always welcome. Some people have given HEB gift cards or their HEB Points Rewards vouchers. Both items are helpful especially when food supplies in the pantry are low. People may also give of their time. We need volunteers to work in the Thursday morning pantry or pick up items from Caritas.

*Annette Brister
Catherine Davenport*

Children's Corner

Preschool Missions

This month, preschoolers will learn about how the Burnette family farms with the hill tribe people of Thailand.

Children's Choir

We will begin work on a song for Children's Sabbath.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 22 – Children's Sabbath
- Oct. 25 – Shop for Operation Christmas Child
- Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat

Prayer Concerns

Richard Aslanian is back from a checkup at MD Anderson. He will have more chemotherapy treatments in Waco.

Jerry Waits, father of Children's Center teacher Rolanda Brooks, died Sunday afternoon of stomach cancer. Services are Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 2814 S. 12th Street.

Heather Robards' grandmother died last week. The service was held in Houston on Monday.

Ron & Megan Lee, Truett students who live in a mobile home on Joyce & Dan McKee's property, lost everything, including animals, in a fire this weekend.

Truett professor, Ruth Ann Foster, died Thursday. The service was Tuesday at First Baptist Waco.

Sharlande's brother, Jimmy Sledge, is awaiting test results after having a tumor removed from his neck last week.

Good News

Emily Smallwood made All Region Choir, Alto I, fifth chair. She will audition for area later in the year.

Pattie Herbert's daycare has moved to a new location—Pattie's home!

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, October 8

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship
 4:00-Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 9

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, October 10

10:00-Women's Bible Study
 5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, October 11

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

Friday-Saturday, October 13 & 14

Children's Peace Camp

Looking Ahead:

Children's Sabbath-10/22
 Youth Scavenger Hunt-10/29
 "Trunk or Treat"-10/31

Wednesday Night Supper

October 11



Sausage
 German Potatoes
 Sauerkraut Casserole
 Dessert

A Gift for Lake Shore

Joe Baxter is providing a copy of *Forgiveness: the Ultimate Miracle* for everyone in the church who would like one. The book is by Joe's good friend and colleague and former Lake Shore member Paul J. Meyer, founder of Success Motivation Institute where Joe worked.

Community Notes

Waco Habitat for Humanity will hold a kick-off celebration for its 100th house on Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m. The address is 1904 North 15th Street.

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: P.J. Kelly
 Sunday School:
 Abraham & Sarah

Sunday Night:

GGS: 4:30-7:00
 Dinner by Mosley/Morin

Wednesday Night (11th):

Intersection: Youth choir begins! We'll also begin learning about sustainable agriculture among the Palaung hill tribes of Thailand.

Coming Up:

10/14 – Fall Retreat @ Baylor Challenge Course (all day)
 10/15 – J2A
 10/22 – Fellowship Night
 10/29 – Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Extended Care

Sunday, October 8

Infants: Kay Neugebauer
 Toddlers: Barb Francis
 Preschool: The Davis Family
 April Scales

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 \$ 12,523.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 314,606.92	\$ 262,014.29	(\$ 52,250.46)