

LAKE SHORELINES

October 11, 2006



Children's Peace Camp *First through Sixth Grade Students*

Friday, Oct. 13, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

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

How does peace work? How do countries work towards peace? How can I be a peacemaker? First-sixth graders from Lake Shore and their friends will explore these questions on Friday and Saturday. Middle school students from Lake Waco Montessori School along with Robin McDurham will lead the children in fun, interactive activities. They will explore the function of the United Nations and child-specific programs of the UN. The children will “travel” to different workshops together. The workshops include: drama, cooperative games, arts and crafts (tie-dye shirts) and UN programs for kids. Cost is \$5/child.

From Lake Shore's Committee Coordinating Council

Much of the important work of our church is done by committees. As we approach the beginning of a new church year, the Committee Coordinating Council needs your help in the process of evaluating our committee structure. Each church member will receive a survey to complete that will assist us in making recommendations to the church. Church members will also have an opportunity to let us know which committee or committees best fit your gifts and interests.

Please respond to this survey prayerfully and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, Your Committee Coordinating Council

“Climbing trees, Playing Dress-up, and Digging in the Dirt: Great Ways to Play”

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, October 18

Here's some soothing medicine for stressed out parents with over-scheduled kids: a recent report from the American Academy of Pediatrics states for healthy development what kids need is more good, old-fashioned playtime.

Many parents load children's schedules with get-smart videos, enrichment activities, and lots of classes in their drive to help them excel. What children really need is spontaneous, free play—whether it's chasing butterflies, playing with “true toys” like blocks and dolls, or just playing hide-n-seek. Join a panel of Lake Shore members in remembering why play is so much fun and how free play is essential for a healthy childhood.

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 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

From Our Pastor . . .

What a treat it has been these last two weeks to be back at church! It feels just right to be here. These last two months have been such a mixture of emotions for me and for David—We’ve experienced everything from profound joy to bleary-eyed sleepiness, from deep gratitude to feelings of being overwhelmed by responsibility. Mostly we have been grateful to have had these first weeks of time to spend with Adam, introducing him to the world around him, getting to know him and getting to know ourselves as parents. It is not time that we have taken for granted, and you are to be commended as a church for giving us this space. I know there aren’t too many churches that have had to figure out what to do for a pastor’s maternity leave! You’ve handled it with such grace.

Since he was born, many of you have asked how we decided on Adam’s name, and it’s a story I like to share. To give you some background, though, first I have to tell you about Dale McClendon, an acquaintance of mine from my college years. When I met Dale, he worked for ARA, the cafeteria service at Baylor. He joined and began to volunteer at Seventh and James, where he continued to serve all these years since. I say he “continued” to serve because despite what the world might call limited abilities, he has done just that all of these years—his most recent “jobs” there included prepping Sunday school classrooms each week by getting pitchers of water for each room, delivering the attendance books, and running errands for the teachers to and from the office. What he lacked in some areas, Dale made up for well in his care for others. Raymond Bailey says that Dale was the only one ever to get to church as early as he did on Sunday mornings, but he was always there to greet Raymond and brought him a Diet Dr Pepper each week (that’s my kind of ministering to the pastor!). Even so, what made Dale special was his spirit. He literally was positive all the time—greeting people, asking about how they were. He was also tender-hearted, someone who so clearly hurt when others were hurting, too. But mostly I think what was remarkable about Dale is that he never tired of being helpful. He seemed to get such joy out of helping others and tending to them and thus brought so much joy to others. As far as I knew Dale did not have a lot of health problems, but tragically one Sunday morning this past Spring he suffered a seizure and died very suddenly.

I hadn’t kept up well with Dale these last few years. A few weeks before he died I happened to run into him at the SLC when I was there for an appointment and he was the same, consistent, friendly conversation partner he had always been, greeting me with such joy as he always did any of us he knew.

So now you know a little about Dale. Here is where things began to converge with his life and mine again. As all future parents must experience, there was a period of time in my pregnancy in which I was very overwhelmed with worry about the possibility that this future child of ours might not be physically or mentally healthy. Read

enough about giving birth past the age of thirty-five and it’s hard not to worry. I happened to be at the height of this worry when Dale died and when I went to his funeral at Seventh and James. The sanctuary was filled to overflowing with people whom Dale had touched, Baylor ARA workers and groundskeepers, Seventh members from just about every area of the church and so many others. It was a reminder of how far reaching his spirit had been.

In the bulletin there was a quote from a book *Adam: God’s Beloved* by Henri Nouwen that read as follows:

He was a person, who by his very life announced the marvelous mystery of our God: I am precious, beloved, whole, and born of God. Adam bore silent witness to this mystery, which has nothing to do with whether or not...he made money, had a job, was fashionable, famous, married or single. It had to do with his being. He was and is a beloved child of God. It is the same news that Jesus came to announce, and it is the news that all those who are poor keep proclaiming in and through their very weakness. Life is a gift. Each one of us is unique, known by name, and loved by the One who fashioned us. Unfortunately, there is a very loud, consistent, and powerful message coming to us from our world that leads us to believe that we must prove our belovedness by how we look, by what we have, and by what we can accomplish. We become preoccupied with ‘making it’ in this life, and we are very slow to grasp the liberating truth of our origins and our finality. We need to hear the message announced and see the message embodied, over and over again. Only then do we find the courage to claim it and to live from it.

At the time I wasn’t sure what the context of the quote was or even if it intended any connection with the Adam of the creation story. To be honest the creation story had never been what I’d call a favorite Biblical story, but I felt like I was seeing it and understanding it in a whole new light—Certain that “beloved” is exactly how God sees us, valued simply because we are. It turned out that this quote was from a book about Nouwen’s years living and working at the L’Arche community in Canada. More specifically it was about his caregiving (and receiving) relationship with a young man, Adam, who was profoundly disabled.

That was what I found out later though. When I witnessed the community who loved Dale and when I read Nouwen’s words, I felt a deep sense of calm about this future child of mine. That no matter what challenges he might be born with or even face later in life, he would be valued, he would be beloved, simply because he was. From that moment, I haven’t been able to let go of the name Adam, for the Adam of creation, for the Adam Nouwen cared for, for the identity every one of us always has as beloved.

I don’t know quite how to explain God’s working in me that day. There’s such mystery in these kinds of experiences. But I’ll be forever grateful—for Adam, for Dale, and for this new son of ours. — *Dorisanne*

WORD...

Among Us

Dear Friends and Fellow Writers:

Our theme for Advent this year is "Word Among Us," based on the words that we read on Christmas Eve: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, full of grace and truth."* God did not remain a distant word but came to live among us, giving us words of forgiveness, love, and hope.

It's a Lake Shore tradition to create a booklet of Advent meditations written by our members. These help us know each other better while preparing our hearts for the birth of Christ. Our plan this year is for each writer to choose a word to write about in 300-500 words. We will compile these in an "a" to "z" format, including at least one word that begins with each letter.

If you will write, please e-mail me and tell me the letter or word you are choosing by October 15. Obviously, your chance of getting your first choice is better if you respond quickly! In order to have meditations for December 3 through New Year's Day, we need 35 writers.

It is extremely important that you get your writing in on time—by October 21—and write with Advent in mind. If this is your first time to write, we are glad to provide samples from other years. And if you're having trouble thinking of a word, call or come by the office for a list of word possibilities.

Thank you for considering giving a gift of words this Advent.

With peace, Sharlande

Wondering what letter to choose? Here is a list of lonely letters, waiting to be chosen: D, E, F, H, I, J, K, M, O, T, U, V, Y. But if you're particularly attached to one not mentioned, please feel free to use it.

Rite-13 Needs Your Help

Dear Lake Shore,

Every November some of our younger youth go through the Rite-13 Ceremony. This is a time in our worship service when we make promises to them and their parents to help them through the tumultuous years of puberty and adolescence. It is a time when we say to these youth that they are wonderful creations of God, that their power of creation is from God, and that their sexuality is a gift from God. This is one of the ways that we at Lake Shore have attempted to create a rite of passage for those youth around the age of 13. Thus the name: Rite-13 ceremony.

As part of this ceremony we give them a youth Bible and have a meal for them and their parents. At this time we also usually give them a booklet we've entitled "Lake Shore's Book of Wisdom." It is a collection of "the sayings of the wise" from Lake Shore members.

In order to make the meal and the wisdom booklet happen this year, I need your help. Each youth event needs a small group to plan the event/activity and see it through to its completion. As of now, we have no coordinator for the Rite-13 ceremony. Please consider taking the time to help coordinate the Rite-13 lunch (a simple meal to take place immediately after the worship service on November 12) or compiling "Lake Shore's Book of Wisdom." I appreciate your considering this request.

Grace & Peace, Mike

Children's Corner

Children's Sabbath:

Oct. 22

Operation Christmas Child

Shopping:

Oct. 25

Trunk or Treat:

Oct. 31

Prayer Concerns

Pattie Herbert is scheduled for surgery Thursday morning at Hillcrest.

Jack Swingler moved to Ridgecrest Retirement Center. His address there is: 1900 West Hwy. 6, Room B117, Waco, 76712.

Clarence Carpenter had quadruple bypass surgery on Monday. He is at Providence in ICU for a few days.

Fran Porter, friend of many at Lake Shore, died Tuesday afternoon. Visitation is Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Wilkerson Hatch. The graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery is scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m., and the memorial service will be at Calvary Baptist at 2 p.m.

Continued prayers for Sharon Wynn, Hazel Henderson, Richard Aslanian, the McPeaks, and Earl Newland.

Jimmy Sledge, Sharlande's brother in Ruston, LA, has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is waiting to learn treatment options.

Women's Bible Study

New Date: October 19, 10:00 a.m.

The Women of the Church will meet on **Thursday, October 19**, for Bible Study. There will be a brief meeting at 10:00. Sharlande will then lead a Bible study, "For Such Is the Kingdom," based on the Bible's teaching about welcoming children.

Good News

Thomas Miller has achieved National Merit Commended status and will be recognized at an upcoming WISD School Board meeting for his accomplishment.

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
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 15

9:30-Sunday school
10:45-Worship

Monday, October 16

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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

Looking Ahead:

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

Wednesday Night Supper

October 18



Boeuf aux Carottes
Potatoes
Salad with Vinaigrette
Pears Crumble

Staff Update

Sharlande will be out of the office from Tuesday, October 10, through the weekend. She is taking vacation days to see family in Louisiana.

Thank You, Lake Shore

Rolanda Brooks, Lake Shore Children's Center teacher, sends the following note to Lake Shore after the death of her father last week:

"May God bless you for your thoughtfulness. Thank you very much. I love you."

Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights . . .
James 1.17 (KJV)

Youth News

Saturday

Fall Retreat @ Baylor Challenge Course. FREE! Meet at the church at 8:15. We'll return shortly after 5:00. A signed consent form is necessary to go on the trip. Blank forms will be available Saturday morning.

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Losey
Sunday School: Abraham & Sarah

Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood: 4:30-7:00.
Dinner by Davis/Scales

Wednesday Night (18th):

Intersection: Youth choir, and we'll continue learning about sustainable agriculture among the Palaung hill tribes of Thailand.

Coming Up:

10/22-Fellowship Night
10/29-Scavenger Hunt
11/5-CROP Walk / J2A
11/11-Rite-13 Retreat
11/12-Rite-13 Ceremony/GGS

Extended Care

Sunday, October 15

Infants: Annette Brister
Toddlers: Deb Vardiman
Becca Mosley
Preschool: Donovan & Monica
McNeil

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 \$ 6,015.00.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 322,472.10	\$ 268,029.29	(\$ 54,442.81)