

LAKE SHORELINES

October 18, 2006



Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 22

Love's first step is attention. ~ Simone Weil

This Sunday, Lake Shore will join hundreds of congregations across the U.S. in worshiping God and advocating for the children in our midst. This national day of observance is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund and encourages people of faith to listen to the mandates of Scripture, telling us to care for "the least of these."

Our theme for Children's Sabbath is "Step Outside." We will ask and attempt to answer the question, "How do I step out of my comfort zone and do what's best for children?". We'll explore some options:

- ✦ Step out and notice the needs of children around us – in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our church, and in Waco.
- ✦ Step out and vote for candidates who will be champions for the rights and needs of children. For instance, nine million children living in the United States today do not have health insurance. Which candidates will look out for the well-being of the nation's children?
- ✦ Step out and provide a sweater or pair of shoes for children in Kenya so that they might safely and comfortably walk to school and play outside. We will be sending these items with Channa Gray as she travels to Kenya in December with Buckner Baptist Benevolences. (See the display in the hallway for the specifics).

"American Piety in the 21st Century"

Dr. Byron Johnson and Dr. Kevin D. Dougherty

Adult Seminar, Wednesday, October 25

Dr. Byron Johnson, Professor of Sociology and Director of Baylor's Institute for Studies in Religion, will lead our seminar next Wednesday based on Baylor's recent survey of religion in the United States. He will be assisted by Dr. Kevin D. Dougherty, Assistant Professor of Sociology and a member of the research group that conducted the survey.

The survey is "the most extensive and sensitive" study of religion ever conducted in the United States. It has received notice and acclaim throughout the U.S. and in many foreign countries. Some of the report's conclusions will challenge many popular notions of the state of religion in America. Following a formal presentation, Drs. Johnson and Dougherty will engage in a question and answer period.

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.

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"Step Outside"

Isaiah 52

Rachel Sciretti

The Baptism of Laura York

The Dedication of Madelyn Hazel Powell

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 Finance Committee

Ahhh, the sounds of Autumn: the birds chirping in the cool weather, the rustle of the leaves on the trees, and the muffled cries coming from the classroom where the Finance committee is meeting!

Yes, it is that time again as we move out of the stifling heat of August, through the rush of back to school activities in September, and now it is time to address our annual rush to, and through, Advent. The only thing that keeps getting in our way is that “blasted” budget. This year is certainly no exception. In fact, at the risk of once again sounding like a collection of “Chicken Littles”, the financial skies are awfully dark this year. Although they have been dark in past years, the current financial status is ominous.

Through the month of September, the year to date income is **\$53,690 below budget**. At the same time, our **actual expenses are \$19,395 over budget**. For anyone who does not want to do the math, that means we are **\$73,085 out of balance**. Granted we have had a series of unforeseen (or at least unplanned) occurrences. First was the cost of the roof and then also the replacement of the boiler. Added to that was the extremely hot summer that caused the utilities to spike. We could go on, but thankfully, will not.

As the various committees are, or certainly *should be*, meeting, we are faced once again with the task of trying to ensure that our giving at least meets our 2006 budget. As has been pointed out before, the budget is **not simply a set of numbers to limit the work of the church**. Rather, it is the financial commitment of the church members to provide the funds necessary to do all of the

good work that helps make God’s presence known throughout our community and the rest of the world. Our corporate body enthusiastically accepted this budget last November. **Now is the time for us to follow through on that commitment**. Without the financial commitment of our church, we become severely limited in the programs that can be supported.

The Finance Committee asks that, as each committee meets to set its 2007 budget requests, each of us as individuals look within ourselves to see if we are prepared to meet the challenge before us. **With God’s love for us, and God’s strength to support us, this task is not beyond our ability**.

Sincerely

Your Finance and Audit Committee

Trunk or Treat

**Lake Shore Baptist Church,
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.**

You’ve seen the teasers, here are the details:

“Trunk or Treat” is a spin-off on the traditional method of trick-or-treating. Instead of walking from house to house, though, people walk from parked car to parked car. Lake Shore folks can park their cars in our parking lot and around the building and pass out candy from their trunks.

Why Trunk or Treat? Many families these days take their children trick-or-treating only to places and people they know. Offering a safe place for children is a way for Lake Shore to be present in our neighborhood.

How do I participate? Sign up with Rachel. Decorate your trunk. Bring candy or other treats. Show up at the church at 6:00. Pass out candy. Smile, laugh, and have fun. Questions? Call or e-mail Rachel (772-2910, Rachel@hot.rr.com).

Operation Christmas Child

It’s almost time to line the Sunday school hallway with shoe boxes filled with small toys, hard candies, socks, books, and other non-melting items to be



sent to children all over the world through Operation Christmas Child, a program of Samaritan’s Purse.

Watch the newsletter and the hallway for more information.

Lake Shore Looks Long-Term

A few weeks ago, we published a letter in "Shorelines" from an *ad hoc* committee convened to address Lake Shore's physical space. Following is an excerpt from that letter:

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.

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, 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.

On the wall outside the church office is a copy of this letter, an envelope, and blank cards on which to write your suggestions on how best Lake Shore can use its limited financial resources as good stewards of our investments. Please take time to complete a card or talk to any of the committee members: Loeen Irons, Ben Becker, Van Jones, Karen Matkin, and Glenda Ramsower.



Children's Corner

Operation Christmas Child

We'll shop Wednesday, October 25. Children will divide into groups of 2-3 to buy hygiene items and Christmas treats for a child somewhere in this world. Please bring \$5-10. We will leave for Big Lots at 6:15 p.m. We will need parents to help drive.

Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

See p. 2 for specifics

Prayer Concerns

Pattie Herbert is hospitalized at Hillcrest after surgery last week. She is in room 316.

Henry Kari was in car accident Friday. Thankfully, he was not seriously injured; the car, however, was totaled.

Jimmy Sledge, Sharlande's brother, begins chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma next Monday.

Virginia Courtney's father, Ed Courtney, suffered a mild stroke last week Huntsville, Alabama. He is back at work this week.

Rachel Sciretti's sister, Victoria, is stationed in Afghanistan and is currently on assignment in unprotected areas of the country.

Kay Bailey's grandmother died early Wednesday morning.

Linda Terry, wife of Iby Jones' brother Doug Terry, will begin chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer Thursday.

Clarence Carpenter has been moved to St. Catherine's for rehab after quadruple bypass surgery last week.

Good News

Reace and Eric Smith have a healthy baby girl, Helena Nicole, born October 5, at 5:26 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 2 ounces. All in the family are doing well.

WORD...

Among Us

We've heard from many Lake Shore writers who will write for our Advent booklet this year, but still have a few openings and hope you will consider giving a gift of words this Advent season.

Our theme 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. 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're interested, please e-mail Sharlande as soon as possible, as we will begin editing and compiling the book the week of **October 21**. 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. 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.

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
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 Aaron Garcia, Organist
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian
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 Heather Robards, Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 22

9:30-Sunday school

10:45-Worship

Children's Sabbath

4:00-Deacons' Meeting

Monday, October 23

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, October 24

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, October 25

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:

Youth Scavenger Hunt-10/29

"Trunk or Treat"-10/31

Wednesday Night Supper

October 25



Mexican Stack-up

Chili con queso

Dessert

Community Notes

The Family Abuse Center is having an open house at the Meyer Domestic Violence Center in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Thursday, October 26, from 6-8 p.m. RSVP by October 24 to Krissi Vandargriff 772-8999.



Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: SoRelle

Sunday School: The Binding of Isaac

Sunday Night:

Fellowship Night @ the McDurhams: Come-and-go, 4-7 p.m. Bring a pumpkin and carving utensils. Dinner will be the famous McDurham chili! The McDurhams live at 3029 Ethel, Waco. If you need transportation, contact Mike.

Wednesday Night (25th):

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

Next Sunday: Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Coming Up:

11/5-CROP Walk / J2A

11/11-Rite-13 Retreat

11/12-Rite-13 Ceremony/GGS

Extended Care

Sunday, October 22

Infants: Libby Bellinger
 Toddlers: Libby Sullivan
 Preschool: Preschoolers will attend worship with their parents.

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 \$ 7,144.00.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 330,337.27	\$ 275,173.29	(\$ 55,163.98)