

# LAKE SHORELINES

October 25, 2006



## Operation Christmas Child November 12 Shoebox Dedication

This fall Lake Shore marks its sixth year of participation in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that shares the gift of Christmas with children around the world. Last year more than 7.6 million shoe boxes filled with small gifts were sent to children in 95 countries.

If you have participated before, you need to know that the suggested donation has gone up from \$5 to \$7, to help cover the increased cost of shipping. If you've not participated before, there are 5 easy steps to follow:

**1)** Find an empty shoe box, or pick up one from the hallway. Plastic ones are also good, as they can be reused. **2)** Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl (age groupings 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14). **3)** Fill the box with a variety of gifts: balls, Hot Wheels, yo-yos, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, hard candy, toy jewelry sets, hair bows. **4)** Don't include used items, liquids, perishable items — like crackers and chocolate — medicines, or war-related toys. **5)** Fill out the form (on display or from the internet-[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)) and place it along with your \$7 donation (checks should be written *Samaritan's Purse*) inside an envelope. We will dedicate the boxes in worship on Sunday, November 12.

## 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 29**

"Bartimaeus"

*Mark 10:46-52*

*Baptism of Maya Davis*

## "A Review of 2006 Off-year Elections"

**Dr. Thomas Myers**

*Wednesday, November 1*

*Adult Seminar*

Dr. Thomas Myers is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Baylor. He came to Baylor in 1970 after completing his B.A. degree at Baylor and his Ph.D. degree at the University of Kentucky.

Besides his teaching duties at Baylor, Dr. Myers is Director of the Civic Education and Community Service Program and is frequently seen on local TV stations as political analyst following local, state, and national elections.

## Trunk or Treat

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.**

"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?* Decorate your trunk. Bring candy or other treats to pass out. Smile, laugh, and have fun. *Please be in the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. for the safety of children who will be walking through the parking lot.* Sign up in the hallway of the church. Call Rachel Sciretti with questions.

## *A Prayer for Children*

*The following prayer was offered by Becca Sharpless in worship on Sunday, Children's Sabbath.*

Thank you, God, for children.

Thank you for the children of Twifu-Hemang, Ghana. Please continue to bless Lake Shore's partnership with the Shalom Children's Centre. Grant that we recognize the many blessings that we receive through this work.

Thank you for the children who receive books through the Red Oak Foundation. Please continue to bless these gifts that Lake Shore members help to distribute. We are a congregation that values literacy, God, and we are fortunate indeed to have this opportunity to spread the joy of having one's very own book.

Thank you for the children who attend the Lake Shore Children's Center. Their shouts and their smiles bless us every day. Please continue to send your grace to them and to us in this place.

Thank you for the children in the Dickyi Orphanage in Tibet, God. We remember the gifts of a soup supper and praise you for the opportunity that you have given us to minister in that place.

Thank you for the children of South Waco who receive loving care at Talitha Khoum. Please continue to strengthen those young ones and their families and remind us that we need to work to overcome divisions in a city that can be as wide as an ocean.

Thank you for the children of Kenya. May they feel your love in the red sweaters and the green sweaters and the shoes that will travel from Waco with Channa Gray.

Thank you for the children here in Waco who come from families so broken that they need to be sheltered from abuse and to have legal advocates on their behalf. Please continue to remind us that these smallest of your people need to be safe and feel loved.

Thank you for the children in South Africa who will have stories from their parents as a result of the Memory Box project. Remind us how blessed we are to have the Houser family there to spread Lake Shore's love to those little people left motherless and fatherless by AIDS.

Thank you for the children whose mothers come to the self-sufficiency support group here at Lake Shore. Help us to help themselves, God, and to do it with love and grace.

God, as Advent approaches, once again we'll gather items for Operation Christmas Child, and we'll choose projects from the Missions Tree. As these objects, small and large, go to children around the globe, please make sure that your love goes along with ours.

Our loving parent, we thank you for the children of this congregation, the ones who delight us and challenge us, those who bicycle to raise money for others and those who consider themselves too old to be called children, for Laura and for Madelyn and for all of them. We have promised to surround each of them with your kind of love. Please be our guide and our help in this awesome responsibility.

And God, we pray for ourselves and our efforts to help the children of the world. Give us as a congregation wisdom and discernment and energy and commitment as we try to figure out what tiny pieces of the world's problems we can help to address. Soften our hearts, individually and collectively, to the needs of children both far and near, and do not let us grow complacent or hardened. Remind us to do small things, like give a smile or a hug or a word of encouragement, with great love. And keep us constantly aware that it is in your name that we do this for the least of these. Amen.

### *WORD...*

#### *Among Us*

Thanks to those of you who have already submitted your Advent meditations.

If you have a word in mind and want to know if the letter is available, please call or e-mail Sharlande. Many Advent words still need writers to bring them to life.

### *Library Clutter*

Have you tried to get a book in the library lately? If so, you probably noticed that some of the shelves are unreachable because of the stuff in front of them. We've been asked to get the stuff out of there; so, if you know whose it is or if it's yours and you want it, please come get it.

### *Prayer Concerns*

Pattie Herbert is recovering at home after abdominal surgery.

Sharlande's brother, Jimmy Sledge, began chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma Monday.

Continued prayers for Tom McPeak and his family. Tom has been hospitalized again for complications after his back surgery.

## Deacon Nominations

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee—*Preston Dyer*, chair; *Gin Courtney*, *Magi Davis*, *Steve Fontaine*, *Andy Powell*, *Glenda Ramsower*, and *Jan Williams*—were elected at the business meeting on Wednesday, October 26. Now they invite church members to participate in the deacon selection process.

The by-laws state the following criteria for nominees:

- ♦ A member of LSBC for a minimum of two years
- ♦ At least 18 years of age
- ♦ Involved in a ministry
- ♦ Committed to regular attendance at deacon meetings and retreats
- ♦ Intentional in his or her quest for a mature faith
- ♦ Regular in attendance in worship and other church programs
- ♦ Committed to regular financial stewardship through the church budget
- ♦ Given to reconciliation and reflective of the biblical model of servanthood and personal moral integrity.

Below is a form on which you may make a list of one to seven names of church members to be considered for deacons. A box will be available in the sanctuary hallway in which you may place your list.

Current deacons who will continue their term in 2007 are: *Alice Baird*, *Joe Baxter*, *Bill Bellinger*, *Ray Cannon*, *Virginia Courtney*, *Bruce Evans*, *Loeen Irons*, *Faith Kopplin*, *Karen Matkin*, *Beth Miller*, *Vern Sauter*, *Don SoRelle*, *Craig Thornton*, and *Lynn Williams*. Individuals who end their terms this year are: *Rick Allen*, *Genie Dyer*, *Joyce McKee*, *Andy Powell*, *Judy Bowman*, and *Rufus Spain*. They are not eligible for nomination this year.

Please consider your submissions prayerfully and place your selections in the designated box by Sunday, November 12.

I submit the following names of individuals whom I would like to see serve as deacons:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ |          |

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Staff Notes

Sharlande Sledge is attending three continuing education event in the next two weeks, with vacation time in between.

*October 24:* a conference for pastoral caregivers at Wilshire Baptist in Dallas, featuring Kathleen Norris and sponsored by the Baylor Health Care System. Norris, the author of *The Cloister Walk* and *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, will talk about how hospitalization and illness can alter one's relationship with God.

*November 1-2:* Healing the Healers: Renewing Ourselves for the Benefit of Others, sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Health in Houston.

*November 4:* Philip Newell, author of *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, a one-day retreat in San Antonio.

Rachel Sciretti will be in North Carolina next Thursday through Saturday, November 2-4, for part two of her final class in the certification program for Preschool & Children's Ministries through Campbell University Divinity School. She and Mike will be on vacation the next week (November 5-11).

## Womenspeak 2007

**March 9-11, 2007**  
**San Antonio Convention Center**

**Keynote speakers include some of Lake Shore's favorites:**

***Dr. Rachel Remen***  
***Joyce Rupp***  
***Paula D'Arcy***

**Cost: \$120**

**Register and pay online at:**  
**[www.womenspeak2007.com](http://www.womenspeak2007.com)**

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## Contribution Statements

Year-to-date contribution statements will be available for you to pick up on Sunday. They will be filed alphabetically by last name on a table in the sanctuary hallway.

## Children's Center Mentors

If you have agreed to be a mentor to a teacher in the Children's Center, let's have breakfast and develop a game plan on Saturday, November 11, at 9:00, place TBD. RSVP to Sharlande.

## Children's Corner

### Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 31  
*please be in the parking lot by 5:45*

**Wednesday, November 1**  
regularly scheduled activities  
Children's Choir  
Missions

**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 29**

9:30-Sunday school  
 10:45-Worship  
 5:00-Youth Scavenger Hunt

**Monday, October 30**

5:30-Yoga

**Tuesday, October 31**

5:30-Yoga  
 6:00-Trunk or Treat

**Wednesday, November 1**

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:**

Nov. 12-Rite 13 Ceremony  
 Nov. 19-Judy Davies presents  
*Flight to Bertrandville,*  
 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Supper**

*November 1*



Pork Loin  
 New Potatoes  
 Carrot Salad  
 Dessert

**Youth News**

**Sunday Morning:**

Breakfast at 9:30: Miller  
 Sunday School: Stairway to Heaven (Jacob's Ladder)

**Sunday Night:**

**Halloween Scavenger Hunt: 5:30-8:30** p.m. We'll start at the Teen House and end at the Teen House. Youth are to bring snacks and desserts. Sandwiches will be served. Don't forget to wear a costume!

**Wednesday Night (Nov. 1st):**

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

**Next Sunday Night: CROP Walk and J2A**

**Coming Up:**

11/11 -Rite-13 Retreat  
 11/12 -Rite-13 Ceremony/ GGS  
 11/19 - J2A  
 11/26 - Fellowship Night



**Extended Care**

**Sunday, October 29**

Infants: Faith Kopplin  
 Toddlers: Sarah Randles  
 Preschool: Jim & Emily Fau

**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.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 338,202.44	\$ 275,173.29	(\$ 56,899.15)