

# LAKE SHORELINES

November 1, 2006

## Operation Christmas Child November 12 Shoebox Dedication



During October in worship and with various activities, we focused on the needs of children here and abroad. One of the ways we can help children of the world is through Operation Christmas Child. This ministry brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project.

You may have seen the display of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the sanctuary hallway. Some of you have already prepared your boxes. If you've not gotten yours yet, you may pick one up in the office, or you may use a shoe box of your own or a reusable plastic shoe box with lid.

On Sunday, November 12, we will dedicate the shoeboxes in worship. If you would like to participate, simply bring a shoebox—filled with toys, hard candy, toiletries, or small books, and your check for \$7 (*make all checks payable to Samaritan's Purse*)—to cover shipping, and place it beside the Operation Christmas Child display. Lake Shore's Women of the Church will wrap the boxes, and the Missions Committee will deliver them. Read ahead for ideas:

### **Do Include**

- **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with batteries), Slinky, etc.
- **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
- **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.
- **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, picture books, etc.

### **Don't Include:**

- **Used items**
- **War-related items** (toy guns, toy soldiers, knives, etc.)
- **Perishable items** (chocolate, canned foods, crackers, etc.)
- **Liquids** (shampoo, lotion, bubbles, etc.)
- **Medicines** (vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.)
- **Breakable items** (mirrors, china dolls, etc.)

Please bring your boxes by Sunday morning, 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.

**November 5**

"Ruth"

*Ruth 1.1-18*

*All Saints Sunday*

*Communion Sunday*

*The Gathering*

## The Gathering this Sunday

Please bring non-perishable foods Sunday. Enjoy the picture below of some of our visitors to the pantry and recipients of books from the Red Oak Foundation.



## Laura York and Maya Davis: Two Statements of Faith

*Laura York's statement of faith, read on the day of her baptism, October 22, by her sister, Susan York.*

*Maya Davis' statement of faith, read on the day of her baptism, October 29, by her aunt, Anna Clark.*

Even as a little girl I can look back and see where God has been in my life. I was born and raised here at Lake Shore. As a little girl I enjoyed coming to church to go to Sunday school to see Mrs. Hazel and my friend Caleb Younger. I have also enjoyed a special relationship with Dorothy Diddy Lynn and her late husband Jack Diddy and Becky Henderson. When Jack died we made a club called the Jack Diddy fan club. Then when Mrs. Becky died we comforted ourselves by knowing that Jack and Becky were in heaven together. These people meant a lot in my life because they showed me that it's okay to be sad but you can also be happy because you know that they are going to see God in heaven.

All throughout my childhood God has shown me what was right and what was wrong; showing me how to share and how to be nice to others. I can see how God used my mom, my dad, my sister Susan, my grandmother and granddaddy, meme and pawpaw, Mrs. Dorothy Lynn, and many others in our church to show me the ways of life and the love of God. For me there was never a doubt in my mind that I would be baptized, it was just a matter of when. As I watched my friend Rebecca be baptized I started to think that it was my time. My good friends Maya and Matthew have been there for me and to help ask and answer questions about God. I am glad I have them there to support me through this process.

I decided to get baptized at children's camp while sitting in a worship service the last day. The preacher started talking about baptism. He told all the children that if the thought had even crossed our minds, we needed to talk to someone about it. Mike started playing his guitar. I sat there and listened to the music. A feeling came over me. The only way I know to describe the feeling was like butterflies in my stomach with a heart full of joy. I told God that I had decided to ask him into my heart. Being a Christian means following God for the rest of your life, and that exactly what I plan on doing.

Ever since I was very little, people have been telling me about their life changing experiences of being baptized, and truly, I never knew what they meant. I always knew God was there, and I always thought that someday it would be my time, but I just did not know when.

My time came this past summer at church camp. It was the last night of camp, and we were listening to one of Larry Bethune's sermons and he said, "So now if you are feeling ready, like it is your time, then go to your counselors tonight and talk with them about getting baptized." At that time, a feeling came over me. My body was shaking and my heart was pounding, but my mind was focused. Then, I knew that my time had come. I was truly ready to become a follower of Christ! To me, to be a true follower of Christ is to try your best to let God in with an open heart, mind and soul, and to let God lead you no matter where God may be taking you.

Jesus has always been in my life and will continue to be a part of me no matter what I do. Jesus is with me every day at school, when I come home and when I sleep. There are times in my typical day that I will get so stressed out that I don't know what to say or do; so I pray to Christ.

There are many people who helped lead me to my decision. The McDurhams, the Scirettis, Lynn and Jan Williams, my friends here at church, Dorisanne and David, my Grandma and Grandpa Davis, my Grandma Clark, the Yorks, the Dyers, Caleb, Graham, Carol, and Brett Younger, my aunt Anna, my mom and dad, and many others have showed me God's love.

My decision this day to follow Christ is probably the biggest decision I will make in my life, and I know I won't regret it one bit.

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### Good News

Beth Miller was elected to the American Law Institute, an honor bestowed on only 3,000 of the 750,000 lawyers nationwide.

### Contribution Statements

Are you up-to-date on your pledges? Please remember to pick up your year-to-date contribution statements in the office, and you'll know. We'll have them in the office through next Sunday. Thanks to those who have picked them up.

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## Children's Corner

Welcome to the Toddler Room, Kenzie, Evan, and Mackenzie!

### Wednesdays for Children:

The Children's Choir will be working on music for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. One piece will be a joint effort with the youth and adult choirs. On November 8, we will illustrate the Children's Advent booklet.

### Wednesdays for Preschoolers & Kindergarteners:

Barb Francis leads the children in fun, interactive, hands-on activities about missions going on all over the world. In November, we will learn about the Houser Family's work in South Africa.

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## Deacon Nominations

Lake Shore will elect a Deacon Nominating Committee next Wednesday, November 8, in a business meeting. Nominees for this committee are: Preston Dyer, chair; Alice Baird, Bill Bellinger, Willie Hobbs, Monica McNeil, Craig Thornton, and Lynn Williams.

These people will then consider your nominations for deacon. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Sweaters for Kenya

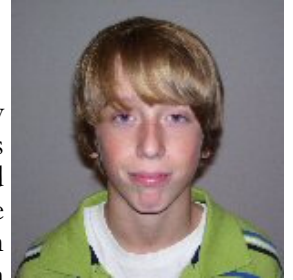
Many of you have asked about the sweaters we planned to send by Channa Gray when she goes to Kenya in December. At first we wanted to let you buy sweaters, but the school wants particular colors, and we have been unable to find them in Waco or online.

At our last Missions Committee meeting, Henry Kari, the newest member of the committee, suggested that it would be much better to send money, and let them buy the sweaters in Kenya. Our contact at Buckner Children's Home, who is organizing the December mission trip, agreed with Henry. "Most people would rather donate 'items', she said, but it would be great if your church would be willing to donate cash. It might be that we can buy the sweaters while we are there and take some pictures."

She will let us know the cost of a sweater. Until then, if you want to donate now, we'll take any amount. Be sure and designate your gift "sweaters for Kenya."

## Welcome, David Miller

How exciting it was that David Miller made his profession of faith on



Sunday! He was surrounded by his parents, Gary and Beth, and his grandparents, Boyd and JoAnn Miller. David is well-known to Lake Shore; he was dedicated as a baby here. As David has grown up, you may also remember his participating in worship by reading scripture or praying from the pulpit. An active member of the youth group, J2A, and the youth choir, David found the Passport Camp in New Orleans this past summer particularly meaningful.

David attends Lake Air Middle School where he is in eighth grade. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the peer mediation group. He has participated in several UIL events including academic, region band, and region jazz band UIL competitions. David has been to the State History Fair two times and the State Science Fair once.

Though David thrives in an academic environment, he is gifted in other areas as well. His love for sports is shown in his active involvement in football, basketball, soccer, and track at his school. The Lake Air Jazz Band is fortunate to have David as a pianist and trombonist. He is also a student council representative.

In his "spare" time, David enjoys reading 1800's historical novels, getting together with friends and his extended family in Waco, and traveling with his parents and brother, Thomas. In general, he just likes to relax.

David, it is with much love and joy that we welcome you into the arms of Lake Shore Baptist Church. May we be family to you as you grow into the fullness of Christ.

### 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, November 5

9:30-Sunday school

10:45-Worship

Communion Sunday

#### Monday, November 6

5:30-Yoga

#### Tuesday, November 7

5:30-Yoga

#### Wednesday, November 8

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 8



Chicken Divan

Rice

5-Cup Fruit Salad

Dessert

### Staff Notes

Sharlande Sledge is on vacation and attending continuing education through the first week in November.

Mike and Rachel will be on vacation November 5-11.

### Prayer Concerns

Continued prayers for Richard Aslanian, Pattie Herbert, Tom McPeak, and Sharon Wynn.

Dot Landes, Sharlande's father's first cousin who is like an aunt to Sharlande, has an untreatable brain tumor.

### Stewardship News

If you can or will write a *baiku* on giving for our stewardship campaign, please contact Robert Denton, rdenton@rdenton.com. Thanks.

## Youth News

### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Morin

Sunday school: Joseph and His Brothers

### Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood: 4:30-7:00.

Dinner by Francis/Cook

### Wednesday Night (Nov. 8)

Intersection: Missions and Music.

### Saturday (Nov. 11)

**Rite-13 Retreat:** For all youth in Rite-13. Teen House.

### Next Sunday:

Rite-13 Ceremony (a.m.)

GGS (p.m.)

### Coming Up:

11/11-Rite-13 Retreat

11/12-Rite-13 Ceremony/GGS

11/19-J2A

11/26-Fellowship Night

### From the Committee Coordinating Council

Please return the responses to letters you may have received from us. We need them to help fill jobs for 2007.

### Extended Care

#### Sunday, November 5

Infants: Alice Baird

Toddlers: Ryan & Arnisa

Ramsower

Preschool: Gary & Thomas Miller

## 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 \$ 6,526.00.

Year to date needs

\$ 346,067.62

Year to date received

\$ 287,829.29

Difference

(\$ 58,238.33)