

LAKE SHORELINES



November 8, 2006

In just a few words Lake Shore writes of stewardship the joy and challenge

To share what we have
In obedience and joy
Is a great honor.
- Barbara Haener

Give all to the poor
And you will still have enough
Let God surprise you
- Robert Denton

The children of God
self-absorbed siblings in Christ
charged to support each other
- anonymous

Walk with me O God
That I may share your bounty
With a needy world
- Bobbee Watts

God of all that is
You have given us so much
Could we give some back?
- Judy Henderson Prather

Church is family
Except when it's budget time
We become Children
- Robert Denton

Join me in the challenge of expressing in a haiku* the essence of what it means to be called to give. For haiku help, go to the following website:
<http://www.ahapoetry.com/haiku.htm#comego>
E-mail your compositions to me at rdenton@rdenton.com.

— Robert Denton

“Children of Abraham: Learning to Live as Grown-ups in an Increasingly Complex World”

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, November 15

Many of you may have heard Bruce Feiler's presentation at Baylor, “Can We all Get Along?: Building Bridges Among the Religions in the 21st Century” and Chris van Gorder's seminar on the three religions that trace their origins to Abraham.

Next Wednesday, we continue the conversation of this topic. Lynn Tatum, Associate Director of Middle East Studies and lecturer in the Religion Department at Baylor, will guide the discussion.

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 12

“The Poor Widow”

Mark 13.38-44

Rite 13 Ceremony

Shoebox Dedication

Operation Christmas Child



November 12 Shoobox Dedication

Last week I shopped at Big Lots and at dollar stores of every variety – Family Dollar, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, and Just-a-Dollar. At one stop, I paid five dollars for a large bottle of Palmolive dishwashing liquid, a box of Zip-loc bags, six AAA batteries, a spatula, and a neat little alarm clock. But at that store, I was straying from my

mission – to pack a shoebox for Meskerem.

Meskerem is ten-years-old and lives in an orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a city of 2 million. Her favorite color is bright blue, shining like her mother's scarf, so a blue brush, blue socks, and a blue flashlight are on my list. The way her pigtails stand out from Meskerem's head make her smiling face look like a child's drawing of the sun. Does she need a pack of 48 rainbow-colored "scrunchies" for her hair? Why not? I wonder if she's ever had a jump rope, a pack of new pencils, a small purse of her own. Toothbrushes come in packs of two – one for Meskerem, one for her little sister. Size 12 panties. A blue washcloth and Ivory soap. A clean, fresh notebook. Blue beads to string into a bracelet. A Christmas ornament shaped like a star. My list for Meskerem grows longer. I will have to be selective about what goes in the box.

How does this happen when I've never even met the child I'm shopping for? But every November, when I imagine a child in another part of the world whose only gift all-year-long may be the shoebox I pack, I start stuffing peppermints in the toes of socks and wrap a necklace

around a spool of thread. If "the Christmas child" lives in Bangladesh, I look for a yellow umbrella to see her through the rainy season. If she's from Haiti, I pack more underwear, more toothpaste for a child of the poorest country in our hemisphere. And if, like Meskerem, she's from Ethiopia, home to 720,000 children orphaned by AIDS, maybe the best thing to put in her box is a soft, stuffed animal.

Who knows where our boxes will end up . . . or what day Christmas will come to Ethiopia and 119 other countries by way of shoeboxes filled with things as necessary as soap and underwear and as fun as Slinkys and yo-yos. In the meantime, I keep wondering how Meskerem – an Ethiopian child who has likely never owned more than the clothes she is wearing – would spend \$20 at Big Lots.

Shalanda

This Sunday, we will dedicate the shoeboxes in worship. Pick up an information brochure from the table in the sanctuary hallway. Then follow these simple steps: 1) get a shoebox (Catherine says plastic "Sterlite" ones are available at Target for \$1.99.); 2) fill it with gifts age-specific items appropriate for a young boy or girl; 3) include a check for **\$7 payable to Samaritan's Purse** to cover shipping; 4) put the check in the box; and 5) place the beside the Operation Christmas Child display.

Things to 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, washcloths, etc.

Other: hard candy, lollipops, mints, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, toy jewelry sets, picture books, etc.

Things Not to Include:

Used items; war-related toys (guns, knives, soldiers); perishable/meltable items (chocolate, crackers); liquids (shampoo, lotion, bubbles); medicines (vitamins, cough drops, ointment);

Children's Center Mentors

Did you agree to be a mentor for a teacher in the Children's Center? Let's get together to share ideas, assign teacher and mentor pairs, and, of course, eat breakfast.

When: Saturday, November 12

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Lake Shore

Thank you for your time in giving to this important mission of Lake Shore.

Prayer Concerns

Hope Rouse's mother, Maria Reyna, is hospitalized at Providence after surgery on Friday.

Women of the Church News

The Women of the Church will meet at 9:30 on Tuesday morning, November 14, to pack and wrap Operation Christmas Child boxes. Afterwards, Dorisanne will lead the group in Bible Study at 10:30.

Children's Corner

6th Grade God's Gift of Sexuality

this Sunday, Nov. 12, 5-7 p.m. at
the Teen House

Mark your calendars!

**The Children's Choir will sing
in worship on:**

November 19
and December 31.

Deacon Nominations

Lake Shore elected a Deacon Nominating Committee Wednesday, November 8, in a business meeting. Nominees for this committee were: 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 ended their terms last year or do this year are: *Rick Allen, Libby Bellinger, Fred Carey, Tom Charlton, David Davis, Genie Dyer, Steve Fontaine, Beverly Johnston, Joyce McKee, Andy Powell, Judy Bowman, Rufus Spain, and Ashley Thornton.* They are not eligible for nomination this year.

Please consider your submissions prayerfully and place your selections in the designated box by this 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 _____



A staged reading featuring Judy Kelly Davies

November 19

4:30

at

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Discussion afterward for those interested led by David Davis, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children

Former Lake Shore pastor, Richard Groves, wrote this play from a chapter in his late wife's autobiographical book, *Ethel's Girl: Recollections of a Cajun Childhood*, by Rosemary Groves.

The presentation and discussion following offer an opportunity for ministers, counselors, and others in the mental health field to interact in discussion.

Good News

Stephanie Emily Moore, friend of Prudencia Tonghou and frequent visitor to worship and the Bereshith Sunday school class will be ordained on Sunday, November 12, at the evening service of Brookview Baptist church on 26th street.

Contribution Statements

Have you been wondering if you're up-to-date on your contributions to the church budget? Why don't you stop by the office sometime this week and see?

Sunday, November 12, is your last chance to help us save postage dollars by picking up your contribution statement rather than having it mailed to you. Statements that reflect contributions through October 22, 2006, are available in the office for you to pick up. Thanks.

Your Gift of Time

Lake Shore, as do all churches, functions through the gifts of its members. We share all of our gifts — time, money, talents — so that we can serve God, our members, and our world community. If you currently serve on a committee, you have received a letter from the Committee Coordinating Council asking you if you want to continue serving in that capacity. Please respond to the letter by filling it out and returning it to the church office.

If you are not currently serving on a committee but would like to do so, please complete an "A Place to Serve" form, located outside the office. Leave it in the office for the Committee Coordinating Council. Thank you to all who currently serve and who are willing to serve on Lake Shore committees.

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
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 Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 12

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship
 Rite-13 Ceremony
 12:00-Rite-13 Luncheon
 4:00-Deacons' Meeting

Monday, November 13

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, November 14

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, November 15

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. 19-Judy Davies presents
Flight to Bertrandville,
 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper

November 15



Lasagna
 Green Salad
 French Bread
 Dessert

Book Club

The Lake Shore book club will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at the Gardner's home, at 7:00 p.m. This month's book is *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson.

Staff Notes

Mike and Rachel are on vacation this week. They will return on Sunday, November 12.

College Contact

Are you wondering how Jeff SoRelle is doing? You can see him on the Centre website:

<http://www.centre.edu/mycentrelife>

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: York
 Sunday School: Judah & Tamar

Sunday Night:

God's Gift of Sexuality: 4:30-7:00. Dinner by Chapline/Allen

Wednesday Night (Nov. 15th):

Intersection: Missions and Music

Next Sunday: J2A

Coming Up:

November 26 – Fellowship Night

Extended Care

Sunday, November 12

Infants: Don SoRelle
 Toddlers: Gerri Carey
 Preschool: Henry & Gwen Kari

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 \$ 18,661.00.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 353,932.79	\$ 306,490.29	(\$ 47,442.50)