

LAKE SHORELINES

December 13, 2006



In the years to come I will learn how necessary it is to keep dancing, how celebration is not a luxury but a staple of life, how in the grimmest moments I will need to take myself down to the closest festival at hand. I will go not to drown my sorrow or to mask my despair or to ignore the real suffering of the world or of my own self. I will go to beat out the message with my feet that in the darkness we are dancing, and while we are weeping, we are dancing, and our legs are aching but we are dancing. And under the night sky we are dancing; lighting a match to the shadows, we are dancing; starting to sing when they have stopped the music, we are dancing; sending shock waves with our feet to the other side of the world, we are dancing still. —

Jan Richardson

Advent and Christmas 2006

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17

“Word Among Us: Joy”

Luke 1.39-45

Christmas Caroling on the bus and Chili Supper

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24

“Word Among Us: Love”

Luke 2.1-20

Christmas Eve

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m.

Word Among Us . . .

*The following was offered by Jo Pendleton in worship on Sunday,
December 10, 2006, the second Sunday of Advent.*

I don't typically go looking for those WORD SEARCH puzzles – but they seem to have found me during the past couple of weeks. Oh, those WORD SEARCH puzzles – searching for real words among all the meaningless letters. The first one came from Rachel, for Jonathan to use during the sermon a couple of weeks ago – using words from the Sunday School lesson for the day. But those words went across, up, down – and were a bit much, so I made an Advent one for him with simple words that only went across. On a roll, I began making WORD SEARCH puzzles with Jonathan's spelling words each week – FUN! *Mostly.*

Here we go...

grx – no, that doesn't make any sense.

auio – no, a consonant is needed somewhere

hope – YES! Now that's a word, a good word. Circle it!

And I got to thinking - life's a lot like that – when we're searching for a word that will make sense, a word from God that will hold meaning for us, that will tell us the direction to go. But when that word is surrounded by so much that doesn't make sense, by so much noise, it is hard to find. So we look for silence, and in the silence we hear a word – and we wonder, *Is that you, God?* We pray and pray and we finally hear a word – and we object,

But that doesn't make any sense!

Or *But I don't want to do that!*

Or *But that's too hard!*

Or *But everyone will think I'm crazy!*

For me, sometimes it is something very small, like the word HUG when I am feeling grouchy, prickly, stay-away-from-me kind of mad.

Sometimes it is something very big, like a call that is asking for my very life.

Among all the words, how do we know that *this* word is **the** word?

Because it is what I probably would have done anyway? *I think not.*

Because it makes sense? *Mmm . . . not necessarily.*

Because it calls me toward being more than I am right now? *Getting closer!*

Because I wouldn't have come up with this on my own? *Quite possibly!*

Because it will require my complete dependence on God? **Most definitely.**

Searching for a word? Look carefully. Look persistently. Look quietly. Listen! And when you find that word, receive it, be thankful, and **don't be afraid.**

Good News

Mike Sciretti finished his coursework toward his PhD. Congratulations!

2007 Budget

The 2007 budget of \$435,456 was approved in a business meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2006.

Welcome,

Dakota McDurham

Dakota McDurham joined the church Sunday. We will have a story on him in next week's newsletter.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Lake Shore Family,
“And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us.”

This was certainly demonstrated to me since my illness. So many Lake Shore friends have helped. Thanks for the flowers, Annette, and many others for visits, gifts, and food.

You were so helpful to Gary, also. To Bruce & Dorothy and Fred & Gerri who kept things going for me at home and [helped with] doctor appointments. Most of all, [thank you] for your prayers. I'm not well yet, but by the grace of God, maybe I'm on the way.

Love to all,
Hazel Henderson

“A Life Worth Living”

Angela Patterson, a student at Baylor, spent this semester getting to know ten residents at Quality Care Nursing home and documenting the quality of life in a nursing home based on photographs of their lives. Sandy Sadler's mother, Mrs. Doris French, is one of the featured residents.

The exhibit is open from 9-5 M-F and 12-5 on Saturdays through December 16 at Hooper-Schaefer's Lewis Gallery. Angela will bring her portraits to Lake Shore for a seminar in January.

Missions Tree Update

Did you notice how quickly the large gold and purple ornaments disappeared from the Missions Tree? This week you will notice lots of brightly wrapped packages being placed under the tree ready to be delivered to three schools, 15 families, seven local agencies, and countries across the ocean.



Thanks to all of you for your response. Remember that this Sunday is the deadline for bringing your gifts. We'll sort and organize on Monday and Tuesday and make deliveries Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to deliver a basket, please contact Catherine.

Several ornaments with projects are left on the tree. It's not too late to participate if you haven't gotten one or would like another. Among those left are to buy gifts for:

- ✦ a 10-year-old girl who wants Christian CDs or jewelry
- ✦ a 9-year-old boy who wants a Knex or an art set
- ✦ a 9-year-old boy who needs some pajamas and likes trucks
- ✦ an 11-year-old girl who wants a Bratz doll
- ✦ a Care Inn resident who needs a gown
- ✦ an 11-month-old who loves musical toys
- ✦ a 15-year-old girl who wants clothes

Prayer Concerns

David Hendon's mother in Hiram, Georgia, is entering hospice care. She has had lung disease for several years.

Rufus Anthon, a close relative of Missy Davis who was "like a second father" to her, died on Friday, December 8.

Kelly Henkener, Kerry & Loen Iron's daughter, is pregnant and has been put on bed rest.

2006 Contributions

Please remember that all contributions to the church must be received in the office by December 31, 2006, to be applied toward 2006 tax deductions. The office will be closed the week after Christmas. Please plan to mail your contributions during that week or bring them to the church office on Sunday morning, December 31.

Caroling, caroling now we go —

A Lake Shore Tradition to warm you inside and out



Caroling and Chili

Wednesday, December 21
load the bus at
5:30 p.m.

stay for a bowl of chili afterward
cost \$2/person to offset the cost of the bus

Children's Corner

Children's Choir will sing in worship this Sunday, December 17, and January 7. We will have a brief choir rehearsal with the adult and youth choir following the Caroling and Chili Night on Wednesday, December 20.

Sunday School Celebrations:

1st-3rd grade will have special refreshments during Sunday school this Sunday, Dec. 17.

4th-6th grade will go to CiCi's Pizza for lunch following worship and then to the Hastings' home for an ornament swap. Please bring a wrapped ornament. Parents can pick their children up from the Hastings' home at 2:00 p.m.

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



5801 Bishop Drive
 Waco, TX 76710
 254/772-2910
 254/772-2914 (fax)
 www.lakeshorewaco.org

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 17

9:30-Sunday School
 10:45-Worship
 4:45-Youth Progressive
 Dinner and Christmas Party

Monday, December 18

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, December 19

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, December 20

8:30-Staff Meeting
 5:30-Caroling and Chili

Looking Ahead:

12/24-Christmas Eve Service
 12/25-1/1-Office Closed

Wednesday Night Supper
 December 20



Caroling
 and
 Chili

Shower News

Philippe and Amanda Morin, son and daughter-in-law of Bernard and Veronique, are having a baby girl, Sophie. Her due date is December 25. Veronique has extended an invitation to the church to a baby shower that is being held for Philippe, Amanda, and Sophie:

Sunday, December 17, from 2-4 p.m. at 10009 Lost Oak Ridge, Woodway. Philippe and Amanda are registered at Burlington Coat Factory.

Call Brenda Smith (776-6390) or Veronique (855-5425) for more information.

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30: Salvesen
 Sunday School: An Angel Visits Mary

Sunday Night:

Progressive Dinner Christmas Party. Let Mike know if you're coming by *this Friday, Dec. 15*. Be at the Teen House at 4:30. We'll leave at 4:45 and return by 7:30. Bring a white elephant gift.

Wednesday Night (20th):

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Friday (22nd):

Movie Night: "The Nativity" – evening time TBA

Next Sunday (24th): No activities-

Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.

Mid-Winter Retreat (January 12-14):

Sign up now! Total cost is \$95 (includes prelude, t-shirt, and cost of retreat). Deadline: December 31.

Coming Up:

12/27 –no activities
 12/31–no evening activities
 1/7– mid-winter retreat prelude

Extended Care

Sunday, December 17

Infants: Karyn Miller
Toddlers: Deb Vardiman & Becca Mosley
Preschool: Juli Rosenbaum & Libby Sullivan

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 \$ 10,138.97.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 393,258.65	\$ 348,261.26	(\$ 44,997.39)