

LAKE SHORELINES

January 24, 2007

Worship at Lake Shore

January 28, 2007
The Third Sunday After
Epiphany

The Sermon

"And for my first miracle..."
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

John 2.1-11

Sojourners

Children of Kenya: Children of God
Tuesday, January 30

12:00 noon

Two young women from our church have been to Kenya on mission trips. Channa Gray went with Buckner Orphan Care International in December. For two summers, Kelly Baker, our new intern, went with Baylor's School of Social Work.

Come hear about their experiences on Tuesday, January 30. The cost for lunch is \$4. Sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary hallway.



Kelly Baker — Lake Shore Intern This Spring and Summer

Kelly Baker is a first year graduate student in social work at Baylor University. Kelly received a B.A. degree in International Studies in May 2006 from Baylor. Her parents, Rickie and Cynthia, are both educators in San Antonio, and her sister, Tracy, is a sophomore studying elementary education at Baylor. Kelly is a member of University Baptist Church. She traveled to Kenya with Baylor as a member of the Social Work team in 2005, and again in 2006 when she had the opportunity to take a service and learning trip to Kenya with UBC and Baylor. She hopes to return to Africa in the future.

Kelly is currently a member of the Congregational Community Ministries grant team through Baylor's School of Social Work. A primary initiative of this team involves the integration of church congregations and social work; and as a CCM team member she will be a social work intern here at Lake Shore for the duration of the spring semester and the first half of the summer. She is looking forward to working with Lake Shore's Missions Committee, youth ministry mission projects, and

other ministries including the Soup Supper, and Bread for the World. Sharlande is her on-site supervisor.

Along with various Baylor service and extracurricular clubs and organizations, Kelly has been involved in some of Mission Waco's ministries, including the Alpha Quest Youth After School Program and King's Club. Interested in youth, international social work, counseling and the ways in which church congregations and social work connect, Kelly hopes to pursue a career that combines some of these interests upon completion of the program in 2008.

We look forward to Kelly's gifts of excitement, compassion, and energy in many Lake Shore ministries.



A Prayer for Those Who Give Light

During these Sundays following Epiphany, called "ordinary time" by the church calendar, we continue to focus on the Light of the World that is among us. As a part of worship each week we will be offering a prayer for a specific group who as a part of their ordinary and extraordinary lives help to give light to the world. Becca Sharpless offered the following prayer for peacemakers on Sunday.

Our God,

It's been like a real winter this week, giving us southlanders a taste of cold and gloom. How wise it was of your early church to give us during January this season of Epiphany, this season of light, to remind us of your breaking into the world, shining your brilliance into all dark places. We need some light, God, in every sense of the word.

God, as we think of your presence among us, we remember your call to us to also be a source of light. And so we give thanks to you for the people who seek to be your hands in bringing illumination and peace into our troubled world. You called them peacemakers and named them blessed:

Blessed be the child-care worker who takes a frightened preschooler into his arms and makes the tears go away.

Blessed be the attorney who seeks arbitration with her client and the other aggrieved party rather than escalating the hostility.

Blessed be the counselor who listens and listens and listens and listens, that he might help his clients find inner calm and resolve.

Blessed be the tech support person who lets the frustrated caller whose computer just crashed vent before gently suggesting rebooting the system.

God, we have each of these, and many more like them, in our midst. Please give each of them wisdom, strength, and patience to continue the good works that they do every day.

And God, we're not a church that discusses politics in worship much, but the peacemakers on a global scale could surely use any gifts that you can bestow on them as they try to help people, groups, and nations stop being so horrible to one another. God, we don't have a clue why there are rebels and loyalists and insurgents and counterinsurgents, but we trust that you can bring reconciliation into the worst situations.

Cynical though we may be about governments, multinational organizations, and their intentions, we ask that you please help those who are doing the actual work of peacemaking. By that I mean everyone from the diplomats in their fancy clothes down to the scared kids toting M-16s along dangerous streets, trying to keep people from maiming one another.

Please give double portions of the blessings of wisdom and perseverance and patience to all of these people, and please, as ridiculously naïve and idealistic as it sounds, help them keep their priorities straight and their intentions pure. Make their work holy, God, as holy as breaking up fights between seventh graders and holding the hand of a bewildered Alzheimer's patient. Our world has so many cracks and fissures in it; please let your light shine through them.

God, you told us that we are the light of the world. But it seems that we are that only when we can reflect you. We acknowledge that you are the only source of peace. Make each of us an instrument of your peace, and help us seek ways to do your work.

On Sunday, February 4, the Colts will play the Bears in Super Bowl XLI, and Lake Shore will go on the offensive against hunger among the elderly by again participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring."



After worship on February 4, youth and children will be holding soup pots at each door of the sanctuary. Please drop \$1 or more in one of those pots. The amount gathered will be reported to the "Souper Bowl hotline." All money will go to Central Texas Senior Ministries Meals on Wheels.



Lake Shore Labyrinth

Lake Shore's labyrinth featured in the current issue of *Texas Gardener*. Thanks to Larry & Judy Walker, parents of Becky Henderson, who help tend the labyrinth given in memory of their daughter.

Dyers' Blog

Check on the Dyers' activities in Moldova at their blog site: www.dyersinmoldova.blogspot.com.

Good News

P.J. Kelly was recently featured as "Poet of the Month" at Beatnix Coffee House. She read 30 minutes of her original poetry.

Rick & Pam Allen celebrated 25 years of marriage on Tuesday.

"What Makes You Happy?"

Adult Seminar

Wednesday, January 31

Mike Frisch

Professor of Psychology, Baylor

Mike Frisch will complete his weather-postponed, two-part seminar "What Makes You Happy?". Come and learn some practical, life applications of Mike's research on happiness.

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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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 28

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship
 3:30-Committee chairs meet
 4:00-Committee meetings

Monday, January 29

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, January 30

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Wednesday, January 31

8:30-Staff Meeting
 5:30-Wednesday Night Supper
 6:15-Youth and Children Activities
 6:30-Adult Seminar
 7:30-Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

10:00-Food Pantry Open

Friday, February 2

7:00-YAC Saints Dance

Looking Ahead

February 11-Deacon Meeting

Wednesday Night Supper

January 31



**Meatloaf
 Potatoes
 Spinach Salad
 Pie**

An Invitation to Lake Shore

Congregation Agudath Jacob has invited a small group from Lake Shore to attend Sabbath services and a seder meal on Friday, February 2, at 8:00 p.m., to celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, the new year of the trees. We still have room; if you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Dorisanne. Children are welcome.

Contribution Statements

Thank you to those of you who have picked up your contribution statements. The statements will be in the office, available for pick up until the end of January.

Youth News

Mid-Winter Retreat:

Rescheduled for February 17-19

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – Reynolds
 Sunday School – Mike Sciretti

Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood. 4:30-7:00.
 Dinner by Mosley/Vardiman

Wednesday Night (31st):

Meditation and Music – After dinner we'll gather at the Teen House to talk about the meanings of communion, or the Lord's Supper. Then we'll have choir practice.

Friday 2nd:

Saints & Sinners YAC Ball. \$10. All are welcome! This fundraiser will help raise money for the YAC pilgrimage.

Next Sunday (4th):

Super Bowl Party. Place & Time TBA. Pizza by Davis & Blalock/ Scales.

Coming Up:

February 25 – GGS & J2A
 April 13-14 – Spring Retreat

Extended Care

Sunday, January 28

Infants: Pam Allen
 Toddlers: Barb Francis
 3yrs.-K: 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 our 2007 budget of \$435,456 are \$8,374.15. This week we received \$1,961.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 25,122.46	\$ 32,386.00	\$ 7,263.54