

LAKE SHORELINES

February 14, 2007

Ash Wednesday February 21 The First Day of Lent

Next Wednesday following our 5:30 supper we will observe Ash Wednesday with a service of scripture, hymns, prayers, liturgy, confession, and the imposition of ashes.

The early church observed Lent as a time of repentance and renewal — a way of preparing for Easter. During the eighth century, the church began observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, as a solemn day of confession. The name, Ash Wednesday, comes from the worshipers receiving ashes on their foreheads as an act of repentance and a symbol of mortality. Come for this reflective service that begins the Lenten season.



Worship at Lake Shore

February 18, 2007
The Seventh Sunday After
Epiphany

The Sermon

"Love Never Ends"
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 13.1-13

Smorgasbord:

A Taste of Lake Shore

Sunday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.

The whole family will enjoy an evening of food and fun at Lake Shore's Smorgasbord. Bring a large dish of one of your favorite recipes to share—the best part is that you get to eat some of what everyone else brings — soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, bread, and dessert. Don't forget a copy of your recipe for our mini cookbook.

We excitedly welcome Richard Thomas to Lake Shore as this year's Smorgasbord musical entertainment. Richard and his wife, Linda, shared their gift of music with us at the Service of Remembrance and Hope on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Known as the "Pied Piper," Richard has been in the music industry for 37 years. While he specializes in jazz, he also enjoys playing gospel and blues.

Richard is a graduate of AJ Moore High School, and after spending many years working with the Dallas ISD and performing there at community events, he moved back to Waco and owns Richard's Band Instrument and Repair. His wife is the pastor at Victory in Praise Ministries.



Lenten Devotional Guides

Every year we provide a Lenten devotional booklet. This year our meditations are a gift from Charlotte Carpenter.

Charlotte has collected the thoughts and poems that she has written over several Lenten seasons and has compiled them, along with Bible passages, in a daily devotional guide that leads us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

"Lenten Thoughts" will be available at the Ash Wednesday Service and in the office after that.

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 are offering a prayer for a specific group who, as a part of their ordinary and extraordinary lives, help to give light to the world. Ray Cannon offered the following prayer for scientists on Sunday.

Dear God, in continuing our celebration of those among us who, both figuratively and literally, bring light to our lives, today we are especially thankful for your gifts of intellect and curiosity that enable us to ask, and even partially answer, questions about events in our physical universe, separated from us by vast amounts of distance and time.

Our understanding of our place in the cosmos has changed greatly in the last 400 years. While we have been humbled by the realization that, in fact, the universe does not revolve about us, we are also proud that no longer are we fearful of eclipses or comets, and, at least in this regard, can ignore those who would have us understand physical calamities as signs of your anger. There were some who were resistant to this new vision of the universe, fearful that our importance would seem diminished, that physical descriptions of phenomena would destroy wonder, and even make your presence seem more remote.

And God, this same brain that asks questions about the vastness of the cosmos is also able to probe the secrets of the incredibly small building blocks of matter. Here, within the last 100 years, we have gone from a simple picture of electrons orbiting the nucleus of an atom to building prodigious machines to find out more

about fanciful-sounding particles like "quarks with charm." And while the behavior of particles at this level seems so bizarre that some authors try to tie quantum mechanics to Zen Buddhism and Eastern mysticism, yet in what may truly be one of your ongoing miracles, we are so good at manipulating equations that the derived technology permeates our lives as the world goes digital. We continually marvel that you have so constructed us that the mathematics we often pursue on purely aesthetic terms turns out actually to reflect later-discovered properties of the external world.

And we not only look outward at your creation; we have also turned our explorations inward on ourselves, both in mind and body. We are beginning to understand how to help people cope with what would otherwise be debilitating mental disorders; we have developed vaccines that have eradicated some diseases; we have come to understand the importance of clean water, and in doing all this have nearly doubled our life expectancies in the last century. Further, our knowledge of evolution and genetics has made it possible for us to grow enough food to feed this burgeoning population.

But God, especially here, it seems as if we still have problems sharing and playing well with others. Has our gift of language allowed our knowledge to race ahead of our understanding? Please help us see through our newfound knowledge, what a precious gift life is, and that we are being sacrilegious when we squander it. Help us to understand that the mere fact of a *human* genome unites us all as your family, and please find ways to infuse us with wisdom, that we may use our knowledge in ways reflective of your loving will. Amen.

Changing Lives in Cameroon



A new home. New owners walk into their new house in Ngyenambo, Cameroon, built by Habitat for Humanity, Cameroon. According to Henry Kari, this is the region that is home to all of Lake Shore's members from Cameroon.

Lake Shore received the following letter from our Habitat partners in Cameroon:

Date: 12/15/2006

Subject: Seasons Greetings

Dear friends and partners,

Accept greeting from Habitat for Humanity Cameroon in the name of God. The Board and HFH Cameroon Staff are sending you warm wishes for this holiday season. Greetings filled with joy, happiness and prosperity to you and your family.

Thank you for your support and partnership. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year 2007! Happy Holidays!

May the Almighty God richly bless you,
Roch Souabedet
National Director
HFH-Cameroon

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, February 18

9:30-Sunday school
10:45-Worship
6:00-Smorgasbord

Monday, February 19

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, February 20

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, February 21

8:30-Staff Meeting
5:30-Wednesday Night Supper
6:30-Ash Wednesday Service
7:30-Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

10:00-Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

Case Against Hunger —
2/11-2/25

Visitor/Offering Schedule

Sunday, February 18

Visitor Cards: Travis Burt
Zane McDurham
Offering: Judy & Jeff Davies
Linda & Charles Crouch

Extended Care

Sunday, February 18

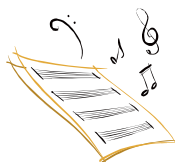
Infants: Kay Neugebauer
Toddlers: Sarah Randles
3yrs.-K: Anne & Laura Smajstrla
Prudencia Tonghou

Wednesday Night Supper

February 21



French Dinner
Hacish Parmentier
Green Salad
Crepes



Choir Notes

The choir will sing the passion section of Handel's *Messiah* for Palm Sunday, April 1. If you enjoy singing, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for our regular rehearsals for the Sunday services and/or at 8:00 p.m. for *Messiah* rehearsals.

The music for *Messiah* includes choruses: "Behold the Lamb of God," "All We Like Sheep," "Lift Up Your Heads" and the mighty "Hallelujah Chorus." Please come; we need you. —Richard

Youth News

Friday-Sunday:

Mid-Winter Retreat: Cost is \$95.
Meet at the Church at 5:00.

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School – Karen Matkin

Sunday Night:

Smorgasbord

Wednesday Night (21st):

Ash Wednesday Service

Next Sunday:

God's Gift of Sexuality & J2A

Coming Up:

3/4 –J2A
3/11–Fellowship Night
4/13-14 –Spring Retreat
5/13 –Youth Sunday
7/16-21 –Passport New Orleans

The New Directories Are In

The February 2007s are finished. Please pick up a copy or two for your family on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning. Thanks, Catherine, for your work on them again this year.

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 \$4,930.20.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 50,244.92	\$ 57,668.20	\$ 7,423.28