

LAKE SHORELINES

February 28, 2007

Journey through Lent

In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves. — *Frederick Buechner*



There are many ways that we offer gifts at Lake Shore. The food pantry is one of our hands-on ministries that allows many of us to give. It's easy to pick up extra peanut butter at the grocery store; children may help by doing their own "pantry" shopping. The food pantry is always in need of canned goods and other food items for people in our community who need food. Each Thursday morning many families come to the church for our assistance. Please remember your non-perishable items this Sunday.

Spiritual Formation at Lake Shore

On Saturday, February 24, a group of Lake Shore members met in the Meditation Room to give thanks for how God is working in our church in the area of spiritual formation. Although "spiritual formation" is a new term for some of us, it is actually something that happens regularly at Lake Shore. The CBF Spiritual Formation Network has defined Christian spiritual formation as: "the process of being shaped in the image of Christ by the gracious working of God's Spirit, for the transformation of the world." In this light, whenever we gather together – for worship, for a missions event, for a community meal, or for Sunday School – we can open ourselves to the process of spiritual formation, of being formed into the likeness of Christ.

If you are interested in this exciting discussion as we discern God's yearning for our church in the area of spiritual formation, please come to our next meeting, Thursday, March 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room. E-mail Mike (mcsiretti@hotmail.com) for more information.

Worship at Lake Shore Lenten Sermon Series

"Grace and Truth:

The Person of Jesus"

"The Word became flesh and lived among us...full of grace and truth." These words from the gospel of John (1.14) will give shape to our worship during the season of Lent. As we look at the lectionary texts from week to week, we will explore the different ways they reveal the person of Jesus, the different ways grace and truth are manifest in his life and way, and how we might shape our lives in response.

Lent II – March 4

Luke 13.31-35

"Hen-pecked"

Communion Sunday

The Gathering

Lent III – March 11

Psalm 30.1-5;

John 11.28-35;

Luke 19.41-44

Libby Bellinger, guest preacher

Lent IV – March 18

Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

"Grace and an Open Door"

Lent V – March 25

John 12.1-8

"The Scent of Extravagance"

Passion Sunday – April 1

LSBC Choir presents the Passion selections from Handel's *Messiah*

Easter Sunday – April 8

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

Sunday night Ellen DeGeneres spoke about her teen-age years when she imagined calling God on the phone. "Who else would listen to me?"

"And if you were to pick up the phone today and you could say anything to God, what would you say?" asked Barbara Walters.

"Thank you," said Ellen. "With all the tough things going on in the world, I am so blessed. My prayer is 'thank you.'"

We hold in our hands the "tough things" and the "blessings." So much is true all at once – the moments we seize and those we let slip through our fingers, the painful losses and the delicious memories, the times we disappoint others, and those when we rise to the occasion. They are all folded over each other like clothes in a suitcase. We take them out one by one, shake the wrinkles out and wear them for a day.

When Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was in Sudan this time last year, he saw that "life is never just one thing." He witnessed hunger, poverty, trauma, and brutality. "This, surely, was a world untouched by Easter," he said. "I was taught that you should never under any circumstances say 'Alleluia' during Lent. Save it till Easter; then you'll really enjoy it as it was meant to be enjoyed. Every year we need to live for a little while in such a way that Easter comes as a massive surprise and novelty."

But in Sudanese worship he discovered the unexpected: no occasion is free from "alleluias." "Alleluia" said the women and children greeting him. "Alleluia" proclaimed every speaker at the mike. "Alleluia" the worshippers sang. Lent it might be. But it was Easter, too.

"What if, like the Sudanese believers, you have lived so long with abandonment and terror and pain that you can never forget or ignore it?" Williams asked. Could we still say "alleluia"? They had come through everything with the confidence intact that God was always with them through all they endure. Even if the world forgot them, God would not forget. Because God is alive, they could live, too. What else to say but "alleluia"?

One thing at a time. Everything at its proper pace. So we say. But let's not forget that there really is an "alleluia" dimension at the heart of Lent, witnessed by people who have met the Risen Lord in the darkest places.



Prayer Concerns

Sharon Wynn is hospitalized in grave condition at Providence.

Mary Sue Dodson, Kay Bailey's mother, is home recovering from a broken foot and ankle.

Continued prayers for the Raymond family.

Playground Update – Fence Site Preparation

Saturday, March 3, 8:00 a.m.

The more people we have, the sooner the work will get done.

The Deacon Board has charged the Playground Committee to proceed with the necessary work to replace the fence on the playground. The playground must be leveled before a new fence can be erected. This project will take two weeks, weather permitting, and the work starts Monday.

Saturday, March 3, we need your early-morning help! While the fence-work is completed, the children from the Children's Center and from the church will use the backyard of the Teen House for their playground. Some work must be completed to make it a safe play area: cutting the grass and trimming trees. This is a prime opportunity for you to give of your gifts of outside work to help the children to whom Lake Shore ministers. For information about how you can help, call Donovan McNeil (399-9446).

Victory in Praise Worship Center

invites

**Lake Shore Baptist Church
to join their congregation**

in honoring

Linda & Richard Thomas

Sunday, March 4

4:00 p.m.

at 1501 Maple, Waco

Richard & Linda worshipped with us at the Katrina Remembrance service. Linda sang and played at this year's Smorgasbord.

LSBCC Study Group

One of the foci of the deacon-appointed study group is to assess the attitudes and expectations of key constituencies of the mission of the Children's Center. The subgroup of the committee charged with this task has created a survey which will be sent to members of the congregation and Children Center families. Watch for your survey in the mail next week.



Huge Book Sale

(small ones, too)

Friday, March 2, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*at Calvary Baptist's parking lot
(corner of 18th & Bosque)*

A wide selection of Christian living books, apologetics, biographies, choral music, and much more

Proceeds will go toward sending the Truett Seminary team to Kenya this summer. Sunday Simbo plans to go on this trip.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 4

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship

*Communion
 The Gathering*

Monday, March 5

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, March 6

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

10:00-Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

WomenSpeak-San Antonio
 March 9-11
 Spring Break-March 12-15
 Deacons' Meeting-March 18
 Grounds Work Day-March 24
 Bike-a-thon-March 25

Wednesday Night Supper

March 7



**Mexican Stack-up
 Chili con Queso
 Praline Apple Pie**

Thank you, Lake Shore

To the sweet members of Lake Shore Baptist,
 Philippe, Sophie, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your thoughtful gifts and especially for your prayers. . . . Sophie has everything she needs and some of the cutest baby clothes . . . I wanted you all to know that you have helped so much. Sophie is nine weeks old now and we are having a blast!
 Thank you,
 Phillippe, Amanda, & Sophie Morin

Extended Care

Sunday, March 4

Infants: Annette Brister
Toddlers: Don SoRelle
3yrs.-K: The McDurham Family

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – Miller
 Sunday School – Cassy Burleson

Sunday Night:

Journey to Adulthood.
 Meet at the Teen House at 4:30 for fellowship. Small groups begin at 5:00. Dinner at 6:30 by Chapline/Allen

Wednesday Night (7th):

Meditation and Music

Next Sunday:

Fellowship Night. Dinner by Francis

Coming Up:

March 14 –
 Movie Night, place TBA
 March 18 – J2A
 March 25 – GGS
 April 13-14 – Spring Retreat
 May 13 – Youth Sunday
 July 16-21 –
 Passport New Orleans

Visitor/Offering Schedule

Sunday, March 4

Visitor Cards: Crystal Jones
 Mackenzie Sullivan
 Offering: Bill & Libby Bellinger
 Janette Rothe
 Barbara Johnson

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 \$3,198.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 66,993.23	\$ 64,469.20	\$ (2,524.03)