

LAKE SHORELINES

March 7, 2007

Journey through Lent

The first suffering we must experience is the call surrendering our ties to this world. . . . Whoever enters discipleship enters Jesus' death, and puts his or her own life into death; this has been so from the beginning. The cross is not the horrible end of a pious, happy life, but stands rather at the beginning of community with Jesus Christ. —*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Worship at Lake Shore

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2007

The Sermon

"A Good Thing"

Libby Bellinger, Guest Proclaimer

The Scripture

Psalm 30.1-5;

John 11.28-35 and Luke 19.41-44

Children and Youth Hike-A-Thon

Sunday, March 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Lake Shore's Bike-a-thon is a long-standing mission fundraising project for preschoolers and school-aged children, and this year the youth will participate as well. Funds raised will be used to send llamas or alpacas to the people of Bolivia through the Heifer Project International in partnership with our Soup Supper project. For every \$120 we raise, we will be able to send one animal to South America. These provide hungry families fine wool to sell at competitive prices and excellent fertilizer for farming. In keeping with the llama theme, we will hike in the mountains of Waco, much like llamas wander through the mountainous regions of the Andes.

The participants have two weeks to raise pledges for the Hike-a-thon. They will accept pledges per minute they walk or as a flat donation. Look for these children as they seek your support. Then on March 25, the children will gather at Cameron Park to walk for families in Bolivia and then celebrate with a cook-out. Pledges will be collected in the days after the Hike-a-thon.



Mary Ridgeway

Heifer International

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

For 60 years, with gifts of livestock and training, Heifer International has helped hungry families lift themselves from poverty to self-reliance, improving the lives of millions of people. Heifer has a holistic approach to build sustainable communities, giving families dignity and hope.

For this year's Soup Supper project, we will raise money to buy alpacas and llamas for Bolivian families who live high in the Andes mountains. We are honored that Mary Ridgeway, the D/FW Area Volunteer Coordinator for Heifer International, will be our speaker on March 21. Mary is a retired professor and executive director at UTA's Center for Community Service Learning.

Lenten Prayers For Scarred And Broken Places New Orleans

***God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.***

As part of our conversation in planning our Lenten services, we talked about different ways we focus on cleaning during this season -- from the interior spaces of our hearts to the cluttered spaces of our homes. And then the conversation shifted directions as we talked about places in our world that need cleaning, places for which we have a communal responsibility. Great devastation has literally changed the face of a number of cities in our world.

We are familiar with images of New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina, but so many other places have been riddled by war, natural disaster, violence, and disease. As we seek to bring order to our spiritual lives, we will also pray each week for a devastated, disordered city. The following prayer was offered by Steve Fontaine for New Orleans in worship Sunday.

God, our task this morning is to offer a prayer for New Orleans, but the clarity of how to pray just does not come. The pain of brokenness is so enormous, so complex – a broken political system, broken levees, broken houses, broken hospitals, broken cities, broken people, broken dreams. Where do you start?

But with that brokenness come so many people who want to try and mend that brokenness. Tens upon tens of thousands of people who, through their outpouring of love, took care of refugees, took care of evacuees, took care of the people of New Orleans when they had to flee to somewhere with really nowhere to go; people who provided what was needed to take care of them, who provided a cup of cold water, who provided anything—the tens of thousands of people who traveled to New Orleans to try and rebuild.

It is an outpouring of love, but still the brokenness is there. I can't pray for some celestial wand to just wave over New Orleans and make everything better. But still we pray.

Lord, the only things you have to take care of that problem are our hands. But New Orleans is so big; there's so much clutter there; there's so much that has to be done. And, like the clutter on my desk, at times I notice it and at times it just becomes part of the landscape. And surely our attention will wane before the task is done.

So I guess, God, our prayer is a prayer for both those who live there and for those who don't; for those who *don't* [live there] to help those who *do* [live there] to continue the fight, to continue the effort, to continue to remember that those people need your blessing and that in so many ways your blessing is delivered through us. Amen.



Youth Pottery Retreat

Sunday, March 11—

Monday, March 12

Calling all youth! Join us for a pottery retreat at Todd's house. After the morning worship service on Sunday, those of us participating in the retreat will go to lunch together. We will spend the day and night at the Francis home. At the

retreat we will talk about the ways God is like a Potter and how God shapes us. You'll have the opportunity to create something with clay that you can keep. Bring sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries, etc. Pick up at the Francis home, 107 N. Bend Ct., 76712 (666-4295) at noon on Monday.

LSBCC Study Group Update

Members of deacon-appointed LSBCC study group have worked over the last two weeks to create a survey to assess expectations of and attitudes toward the Children's Center. The survey was mailed Monday to the congregation and distributed on Tuesday to LSBCC parents.

Please complete the survey and put it in the box in the church office *not later than* Friday, March 16. The *ad hoc* committee is counting on your input as it collects information on and reports on Lake Shore's mission to children and families in Waco.

Prayer Concerns

Daniel Edwards, Sharon Wynn's grandson, was deployed to Iraq on Monday. He was able to come to Waco to see Sharon last week. He welcomes correspondence from his Lake Shore family. His mailing address is:

Lcpl. Edwards, D. T.

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UIC 73045

FPO AE 28542-3045

His e-mail address is ljedwards1112@yahoo.com.

Clint Burleson, Cassy Burleson's nephew, is currently in Iraq. His roommate was recently killed while flying an Apache Longbow helicopter on a mission in Iraq.

Nick Blanchard is in Fallujah. His mailing address is:

Lcpl. Blanchard, Nicholas M.

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Women's Bible Study

The Women of the Church will have their monthly Bible Study on Tuesday, March 13, at 10:30. Everyone is welcome as Dorisanne leads the study on Luke 15.

Case Against Hunger: A Tremendous Success

The final numbers are in. Together, members of Lake Shore purchased over 5,000 pounds of food worth more than \$6,100 to benefit Caritas. Additionally, HEB rewarded our purchase with points, which will be used to supplement our Community Ministries Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to our "Super Shoppers," the Baxters and the Casners.

Thank You, Lake Shore

The family of Gerry Foster sends its thank you to Lake Shore:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for providing the delicious brisket for our family after my mother's service. Mother had many fond memories from the time she worked at LSBCC and LSBC. She treasured her many friends that she met there through the years.

You all were such an important part of my parents' lives, and you blessed them in so many ways. Our family thanks you for the many kindnesses that you bestowed on my parents.

Fondly,
Terry Bugh



Good News

Tom & Amy Spence, Donna Slette's son and daughter-in-law, celebrated the birth of their tenth child and fourth daughter, Elizabeth Ann (Lilly), on February 28.

Mission Trip Grant Application

The Missions Committee has created a new mission trip grant application.

The opportunities to service in the world are endless. In the past few years, particularly following natural disasters like the tsunami of 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, thousands of volunteers have wanted to go to the epicenter of disasters. Established relief organizations and churches have renewed their commitments to help; new groups have been created to give volunteers the chance to be involved first-hand with building homes, giving care for AIDS orphans, planting gardens, teaching English, and serving meals.

Every year several Lake Shore volunteers have been part of mission trips sponsored by other organizations — universities, seminaries, relief organizations, and other non-profits; and the number of these requests is growing as mission trip travel opportunities increase. Sometimes financial help from our church can make a significant difference in an individual's ability to participate.

Because we believe in the power of these trips to shape and change lives, we want to be able to make it possible for Lake Shore to help people participate in mission trips, even trips not sponsored by our church. We have created a grant application. This will help the process in determining how we allocate the money in our church's mission trip budget and how we can help more than one individual in a given year.

Grant applications are available from missions committee members, Annette Brister, chair.

Children's Corner

Spring Break Dinner & a Movie

Akeelah and the Bee
Wednesday, March 14
6:00—9:00 p.m.

Hike-a-thon

March 25
at Cameron Park

Travels at Lake Shore

Dorisanne, David, and Adam are in North Carolina from Wednesday through Sunday this week. Dorisanne will conduct a wedding at Duke Chapel on Saturday and preach at College Park Baptist as part of the church's 100th anniversary celebration.

Several Lake Shore members and friends of Lake Shore are traveling to San Antonio to attend WomenSpeak this Friday through Sunday: Judy Bowman, Donna Burney, Annette Brister, Judy Davies, Pattie Field, Faith Kopplin, Carolyn Meyer, Jo Pendleton, Judy Prather, and Sharlande Sledge. They will hear Rachel Remen, Paula D'Arcy, and Joyce Rupp.

Thank You from the Grounds Committee

Have you seen the backyard at the Teen House? It looks great. Thank you, Salvesson family, Bruce Neatherlin, Dave & Faith Kopplin, Dakota McDurham, John Wise, and Jo & Jonathan Pendleton for your help cleaning it up so that children from the Children's Center have a safe place to play while the new fence for the playground is being constructed.

Take a look at the fence and grading work that has begun when you drive by the church. It's looking good.

Donovan McNeil, chair
Grounds Committee

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
 Aaron Garcia, Organist
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian
 Caryl Miller-Compton, Administrative Secretary
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 11

9:30-Sunday school
 10:45-Worship

Monday, March 12

5:30 – Yoga

Tuesday, March 13

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, March 14

8:30 – Staff Meeting
 Spring Break No Wednesday
 Night Supper

6:30 – No Activities

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15

10:00-Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

Deacons' Meeting-March 18
 Grounds Work Day-March 24
 Hike-a-thon-March 25



March 14
 Spring Break
 No Wednesday
 Night Supper

Extended Care

Sunday, March 11

Infants: Sarah Randles
 Toddlers: Gerri Carey
 Preschool: Jerri & Mackenzie
 Love

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

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

Sunday Night: Pottery Retreat Begins

At the home of Todd Francis.
 See p.2 for details
 Fellowship Night: Meet at the Francis's at 4:30; pick up at 7:00. Dinner – Francis

Wednesday Night (14th):

Ultimate Frisbee, C&C, & walking the labyrinth

Next Sunday:

Journey to Adulthood
 Dinner by SoRelle/Smajstrla

Coming Up:

3/18 – Journey to Adulthood
 3/25 – Heifer "Hike-a-Thon"
 4/2 – Journey to Adulthood & Palm Sunday Soup Supper
 4/8 – No Activities – Easter
 4/13-14 – Spring Retreat
 4/15 – Journey to Adulthood
 5/13 – Youth Sunday
 7/16-21 – Passport New Orleans

Visitor/Offering Schedule

Sunday, March 11

Visitor Cards: April Scales
 Mikhayla Evans
 Offering: Donovan & Monica
 McNeil
 Sandy Sadler
 Lynn Williams

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 \$ 9,036.00

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 75,367.37	\$ 73,505.20	\$ (1,862.18)