

March 28, 2007

The Journey to Easter 2007 Holy Week Services

We remember the last week of Jesus' life in the hope of growing in our gratitude for God's forgiveness and our understanding of life in God's grace.

Palm Sunday

We begin our journey to the cross as children lead us in waving palm branches to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Lake Shore's choir, under the direction of Richard Aslanian will present part II of Handel's *Messiah*.

The annual Soup Supper is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening.



Maundy Thursday

We gather at 7:00 p.m. to remember the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin *Dies Mandati*, the day of commandment, referring to Jesus' commandment that the disciples love one another. In the music, scripture, readings, and sharing of the bread and cup of Christian communion, we will remember and give thanks.



Good Friday

Through hymns, silence, and confession, we will commemorate the death of Jesus. This 7:00 p.m. service of darkness echoes the ancient tradition of Tenebrae, the extinguishing of candles as the passion story is read. Easter happens most fully for those who have taken seriously the suffering of God.



Easter

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Resurrection Sunday is the most joyful occasion for worship in the entire year. We celebrate with praise and "alleluias," words and music, soul and spirit. Before Sunday School at 9:30, bring flowers to fill the empty cross in front of the church. Worship begins at 10:45.



Lenten Prayers for Scarred and Broken Places el-Geneina, Sudan

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

During Lent, we have prayed each week for a devastated, disordered city. The following prayer was offered in worship Sunday by Sharlande Sledge.

God, we entered Lent, aware of Jesus' journey into the desert – and ours. We prayed for the gift of the desert for reflection, for confession, for spaciousness.

But we stop this morning to remember those whose lives are desert lives in the physical sense of the words: whose days are desert days, whose thirst is desert thirst, whose prayers are desert prayers, whose existence is seared by the desert heat and swept by desert winds.

We remember especially this morning the city of el-Geneina, Sudan, a city that emerged long ago in the sands of the desert. Help us remember that this desert city is not a mirage. It is home to thousands of people, who in the best of times did not have good roads and hospitals and schools, or water and electricity around the clock to serve its citizens, who live in mud huts with straw and gray tarps roofs, who travel mostly by donkey and camel.

We remember el-Geneina, whose name does not even appear on many maps, and the 900,000 people in refugee camps nearby. Its name does not fall easily from our tongues like those of other cities known for their power or industry and history or beauty. But God, its name is not foreign to you. You know the names of all the people and their struggles to survive: their lack of water and despair at the loss of their livestock, their fight to keep malnourished children alive, their life through genocide and rape in Darfur, their need for soap and water and measles shots and milk.

God, we remember displaced persons looking for people they love. May aid groups and NGOs not be hindered from doing their work. Bring relief and shelter to all who hunger and thirst. Increase the international community's efforts to respond swiftly to the crisis in Darfur.

Lord, as we pray for peace, grant Sudan the noise of families laughing and the sight of children going to school and tending their cattle. God, we want these to be visions on this earth, not mirages. Walk into the desert with us, and show us who we are: people united to the people of el-Geneina through your love.

In the extravagant name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Letter from Heather Robards to Children's Center Board

It is with a very heavy heart, I let you know that I am leaving my position at Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center.

In early November, my husband accepted a job in the Houston area, in hopes of transferring to a company location closer to Waco. His work has informed him there will not be an opportunity for him to transfer anytime soon. Therefore, my husband and I have made the decision to move closer to Houston. This was a very hard decision for us, as I enjoy my work at Lake Shore and my husband has family here.

I want to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity for professional and personal development each one of you has provided me. I have enjoyed working for LSBCC Board and Sharlande during my directorship. Thank you for the support, encouragement, and guidance you have given me.

I hope I have served you and the families of Lake Shore well. The last day I walk out of the Children's Center's doors, April 27, will be a very sad day for me.

I would like to continue here until April 27, 2007 to assist with any transition period.

Sincerely,
Heather Robards,
Director LSBCC



Lake Shore hikers Noah Fau, Chandler Evans, Emily Fau, Rebecca Mosley, Mikhayla Evans & Bruce Evans

Children's Corner

Our Hike-a-thon for Heifer was a huge success and a lot of fun. Thirty-eight children, youth, and adults walked the trails of Cameron Park to raise money for llamas and alpacas in Bolivia through Heifer International. 198,919 steps were taken for a total of 99.46 miles! Thanks to JoLeen Eiklenborg for her leadership of this event. Trail leaders were Doug McDurham, David & Magi Davis, David Mosley, Bruce Evans, and Karyn Miller. Sam & Helen Hastings and Veronique Morin provided food for the cookout.

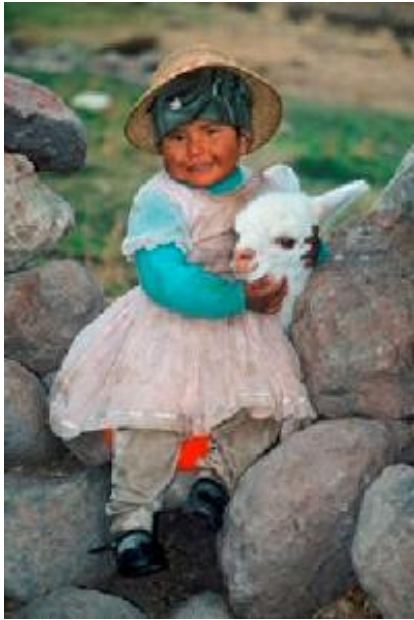
Participants included Terri, Mikhayla, & Chandler Evans; Jim, Emily, & Noah Fau; Molly Miller; Travis & Steven Burt; Suzie & Devin Seibel; George, Jerri, & Kenz Love; Jo & Jonathan Pendleton; Caryl & Kevin Miller-Compton and Matthew & Andrew Reynolds; David Miller; Maya Davis; Anna Clark; Phil & Michael Martinez; Becca Mosley; Zane & Dakota McDurham; Donovan & Killian McNeil; Henri, Lawyah, & Lum Kari; Anastasia, Rachel & Mike Sciretti; John Salvesson; Capucine & Louise-Marie Morin.

A Palm Sunday Soup Supper

April 1, 6:30 p.m.

“Passing on the Gift”

of alpacas and llamas to our neighbors in Bolivia through Heifer International



Lake Shore potters donate hand-crafted bowls from which we eat. For \$15, (\$5/children) you get soup, a bowl to take home, and the knowledge that you have purchased 1/8 of a llama or alpaca for people in the mountainous regions of Bolivia. For every \$120 that we raise, we will be able to send one animal to South America.

The monies we raise will go to Heifer project #23-0269-02 in La Paz, Bolivia. The families of the Bolivian *altiplano* (high Andean plateau) live in extreme poverty due in part to the severe climate and freezing temperatures that make agricultural production difficult. This project will improve the nutrition and income of 333 families from eight communities by distributing llamas and alpacas that will supply meat, wool, manure, and—in the case of llamas—transport goods. Families will participate in various trainings including animal health and reproductive management, commercialization of farm-based products, and

reforestation techniques. Reserve your place at the table by: signing the sheet in the sanctuary hallway, calling the office, or e-mailing Sharlande (sharlandes@aol.com) by March 31.

Good News

David Tonghou's paper, "In Quest of Wholeness: African Christians in the New Christianity," is featured in Baptist theological journal *Review and Expositor*. A copy is available in the library.

Thomas Miller received the rank of Eagle Scout on Monday.

Prayer Concerns

Sharon Wynn died early Saturday morning at St. Catherine's. Services were held at Lake Shore on Monday. Our prayers are with her family.

Banner for Gaza

Two years ago Lake Shore sent money to help build a the building that houses Gaza Baptist Church, a library, and other facilities in Gaza.

Joyce McKee has created a banner from Lake Shore as a gift for Gaza Baptist Church. Our friend Nancy Wingo, who lived in Gaza for nine years, will take the banner with her when she travels to the Middle East the day after Easter.

Please come by and sign the banner during Holy Week. We will get it to Nancy before she leaves on her trip.



This Sunday, April 1, is our "gathering," the day that church members bring non-perishable food

items to replenish our community ministries food pantry. Every Thursday morning, members of our Missions Committee staff the pantry and distributed food to people in our community. Please bring canned meats, fruits, and vegetables; pastas and sauces; peanut butter and jelly; or other pantry items to help us help hungry people in the Waco area.



Easter Joy

Every year at Easter, you have the opportunity to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love.

This year, we will adorn the front of the sanctuary with a variety of colors of hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. Please order by Palm Sunday.

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

I have included \$15 by ____ check ____ cash.

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

Saturday, March 31

9:30-Cook for Soup Supper

Sunday, April 1

9:30-Sunday School

10:45-Worship

6:30-Soup Supper

Monday, April 2

5:30 - Yoga

Tuesday, April 3

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, March 28

8:30 - Staff Meeting

No Wednesday Supper

7:30 - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29

10:00-Food Pantry Open

7:00-Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30

7:00-Good Friday Service

Looking Ahead

April 8 — Easter Sunday

Community Notes

Dr. Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate, will be the featured speaker for the Public Leadership Series at Baylor on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m., in the Powell Chapel at Truett. Dr. Black will speak on the role of faith in sustaining public servants.



Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – Francis Sunday School –

Sunday Evening:

Journey to Adulthood followed by Soup Supper. Small groups will start at 4:30 instead of the usual 5:00.

Wednesday Night (April 4th)

No Activities - Holy Week.

Next Sunday:

No Activities Easter.

Coming Up:

April 15–Fellowship Night
 April 22–GGS
 April 29–J2A
 May 4-5–Spring Retreat
 May 6–GGS: 3 R's Night at Poppa Rollo's
 May 13–Youth Sunday & J2A
 May 20–J2A
 May 27–End of School Party
 July 16-21–Passport New Orleans

Extended Care & Visitor/Offering Schedule Sunday, April 1

Infants: Karyn Miller
 Toddlers: Gerri Carey
 Preschool: Juli Rosenbaum

Visitor Cards: April Scales
 Crystal Jones
 Offering: Kay Bailey
 David & Magi Davis
 Ashley Thornton

Wednesday Night Supper April 4

Holy Week
 No Wednesday Night Activities

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 \$ 4,131.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 92,115.69	\$ 83,150.20	\$ (8,965.49)