

LAKE SHORELINES



April 11, 2007

Easter happens every day. Easter happens each time those who mourn rise up again to honor those they've lost by loving life more dearly. Easter happens every time we stand in solidarity with those who've lost all hope and say, "Hold on, we're at your side." And Easter happens every time, in spite of woe and death, in spite of the multitude of ways we've turned away, in spite of our failures and denials, we say yes to life.

— Rob Ellers-Isaacs

Care Group Leader Meeting **Sunday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.**

Christ of Easter, help us embrace the fullness of life you bring. Give us new ways to live into our calling as a healthy and healing congregation. Teach us joy, hope and courage so that we may bring joy, hope, and courage to others in your name. Amen.

At Sunday's meeting we will use this prayer to guide us into our calling as Easter people who carry out Christ's command of "feed my sheep." How do we show our love to each other in ways as varied as the people who need care?

Come ready to talk about the needs of all ages of Lake Shore members and our role as Care Group leaders.

Worship at Lake Shore

Sunday, April 15

The Second Sunday of Easter

College Sunday

The Scripture: John 20.19-31

Sunday's service, fittingly focusing on the so-called "Doubting Thomas" episode a week after Jesus's Resurrection, will be presented by Lake Shore's College Class.

The class, numbering about 15 Baylor students and one TSTC student, meets every Sunday to do Bible study, discuss current issues from a Christian perspective, and converse on issues of doubt and faith. "Doubting Thomas," whom the College Class has decided was no more "doubtful" than any other of the Disciples, is the topic of the service this Sunday, and of their group sermon. The sermon will feature three to five members of the College Class and will be very like the conversations that take place in the regular meetings of the class.

Other possible features of the College Class's presentation will include an opening liturgical dance, a duet and/or solos sung by College Class members, and a Cameroonian children's song about "Doubting Thomas" presented by Sunday Simbo.

The College Class has been part of Lake Shore almost since its inception, and has been led by Tillman Rodabough, Gayle Avant, and Tom Hanks—among other volunteers. In honor of the class's long-term participation in Lake Shore activities, Craig Thornton—an alumnus of the class from his college days at Baylor—will read the Gospel lesson.

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

Driving through the long evergreen tunnel that runs from southern Arkansas to Louisiana after a funeral, I didn't expect to see anything but pine trees, pine trees, and more pine trees. Had the waters of Niagara Falls surged through the forest and onto the highway, I couldn't have been more dumbstruck by what I saw in a clearing between the trees.

Wisteria filled every inch of an abandoned, weather-beaten house. Purple flowers reached toward the sky through the holes in the ceiling, thrust their branches out the windows, lifted the roof, and forced open the door from the inside.

I didn't know whether to stop and stare or hurry south to Haynesville before dark for film. I opted for a long look at extravagance. The wild flowering of spring could not be held captive by a frame of decaying boards or by the limits of walls and ceilings.

I'd never seen anything like this explosion of color, the massive bouquet of life thriving in the light

and air. I imagine God, on *this* day of creation, standing on the shoulder of the highway, speaking to the promise of life in that decaying house, left to ruin so long ago.

"Come forth!" I heard God say. "Live! Live life in all its fullness. Be fragrant. Be a festival of movement and color. You are stronger than this shell of a house around you. Be wild and glorious wisteria!"

I know the wisteria house in the forest was not a mirage. It has been my Easter picture this year, more real than any image that I could have captured with a camera.

Mary in the garden . . . the two friends at Emmaus . . . Thomas in the upper room . . . they all had to experience the reality of Jesus' resurrection, to know that his story is neither tame nor safely locked inside. His wild hope is unleashed into the world.

A loosening of God's power continues to alter the landscapes of our lives. Mary Oliver put it this way: "The Lord's terrifying kindness

has come to me . . . it came leaping out of the closed coffin; it flew into the air, it danced snappily around the church rafters, it vanished through the ceiling."

And Jesus, standing outside the open door, says to each of us, "See, the stone is rolled away. Because I am free, so are you. You are released to bring your light and fragrance into the world."



Good News

Our lawn mower was over 20 years old and very ill. Thanks to generous gifts from Ken and Ladye Ruth Casner, Joe and Bessie Baxter, Gary and Beth Miller, and Donna and Darrell Slette we have a new one. Now the lawns will be beautiful again! Our deep thanks to them.

Staff Update

Dorisanne will be in Washington, DC, this weekend attending the Alliance of Baptists Convocation. She will lead in Saturday night's worship service and will represent Lake Shore as part of a panel for the workshop "Becoming Who We Say We Are: Progressive Congregations and Women in Ministry."

Sharlande and Ashley Thornton will be in Houston on Monday, April 16, to hear Mary Oliver.

Thanks for the Help

The Ushering Committee thanks the people who assisted in bringing in chairs for Easter Sunday worship and putting away some chairs after the service. We appreciate their assistance.

Thank you,
JoLeen Eiklenborg, chair

"The Science of Global Warming"

Marshall Saunders, *The Climate Project*

Wednesday, April 18 – 6:30 p.m.

Adult Seminar

Ecology comes from the Greek word, *oikos*, which has ties to the English concept of household or dwelling. We see it as the relationship between living beings, the environment in which they live, and God, the Creator. We feel it is necessary to remember that every element of creation is a gift of God and a revelation of God – with the understanding that how we relate to our world reflects also on our relationship with God.

Marshall Saunders is one of nearly 1,000 citizens that have been trained by The Climate Project—a non-profit organization that works to make the public aware of the need for action to confront global warming—to deliver this science-based slide show. Based on the book and movie by Al Gore, *An Inconvenient Truth*, this presentation addresses global warming and discusses possible solutions to it. For more information you may visit the organization's website: www.theclimateproject.org.

Marshall is a native of Waco and a graduate of UT with a BA in economics. He is the founder of a microcredit lender in Sonora, Mexico, which has made loans to more than 5,000 poor women. He is also active with RESULTS, an international citizens lobby that advocates for more and better for foreign aid.

Pilgrimage: Just What Is It?

Pilgrimage . . . a journey, especially a long one, undertaken as a quest or act of devotion. It is neither a vacation, nor a sightseeing tour, nor a mission trip. Pilgrimage is all of that and more -- it is the time we have set aside for the Young Adults in the Church (11th & 12th graders) to mindfully walk in the footsteps of pilgrims throughout time in order to put ourselves in touch with our tradition, our roots, our God.

A few of you have been asking, "Where are the youth going? Is it still England?" We are not going to England but we are going to a country rich with British history, Scottish history, and French history. The Young Adults in the Church group will be going to Nova Scotia June 10-16. We will be looking at Baptist history, cultural histories, stories of persecution, and finding times and ways to engage in a journey inward and outward.

We would like to ask for your help. We need you to pray for us. Many of you have supported us financially through personal gifts, dancing the night away, or sweating at the garage sale. We now need you to focus your thoughts and prayers on these young people and their leaders.

The youth who are going are Hannah Allen, Tom Miller, Emily Smallwood, Brad SoRelle, Haley Warren, and Susan York. The leaders are Bill and Libby Bellinger, David Davis, and Mike Sciretti.

Help us journey safely, thoughtfully, with anticipation of the unknown and what might be revealed, and surround us with God's kind of love. As we move closer to June, we will give you more details about our journey and its destination.

Thank you,
The Young Adults in the Church (YAC) and their leaders

Spiritual Formation

Listening Prayer Retreat

"For the Time . . .
Being"

Friday evening April 20
through
Sunday lunch April 22

Glen Rose, Texas

for details contact

Judy Davies or Judy Prather
by April 15

Gathering

Sunday, April 22

2:45 p.m.

Meditation Room 204

If you are interested in adult education, missions, worship, Sunday school, small groups, children's ministry, youth ministry (the things we do at LSBC!), then we would love for you to attend our next Spiritual Formation Gathering, on Sunday, April 22. At the meeting we will talk about what spiritual formation means and look at ways we experience it at LSBC. We will also verbalize some of our own dreams for the church in the area of spiritual formation.

We will listen for the chiming of the 3:00 hour, so please be sure to be there by 3:00. If you cannot come, but are still interested in being part of this group, talk to Mike or Sharlande.

Children's Corner

Hike-a-thon Money:

All Hike-a-thon money needs to be turned in THIS SUNDAY!!!

Children's Camp

3rd-6th Grade

~ July 23-27 ~

\$170

\$50 deposit due by this Sunday, April 15.

3rd-6th Grade Spring Retreat

~ April 27-29~

Sign-up begins this Sunday!
The cost is \$50, due at the retreat.

Ministry Opportunity

The Extended Care Ministry is in need of loving church members to care for our children during the worship service on a quarterly basis. The need is for two infant caregivers and five toddler caregivers. Please call the office or see Rachel Sciretti if you are interested.

Prayer Concerns

Kelly Summers, Linda Duge's daughter in Austin, had a miscarriage on Thursday afternoon. She was pregnant with twins. Our prayers are with Linda and her husband, Richard, and Kelly and Chris. Their address is:

1515 Pasadena
Austin, TX 78757

Sharlande traveled to Arkansas on Tuesday to attend the funeral of her cousin Todd Landes. He died Saturday; his wife, Dot, died two weeks ago.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 15

9:30-Sunday School
 10:45-Worship
 1:30-Missions Committee
 3:00-Care Group Leader Mtg.
 5:00-Deacons' Meeting

Monday, April 16

5:30-Yoga

Tuesday, April 17

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

10:00-Food Pantry Open
 6:30-Family Self-Sufficiency
 7:30-Outing Club

Looking Ahead

Children's Retreat – April 27-29
 Youth Retreat – May 4-5

Wednesday Night Supper

April 18



**Chicken a la Paris
 Rice
 Green Pea Salad
 Dessert**

**Extended Care & Visitor/Offering Schedule
 Sunday, April 15**

Infants: Pam Allen
 Toddlers: Barb Francis
 Preschool-K: Donovan & Monica McNeil

Visitor Cards: John Kelly Gervais
 Devin Seibel

Offering: Catherine Davenport
 Beth & Carolyn Raymond

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – Allen
 Sunday School – Karen Matkin

Sunday Evening:

Fellowship Night 4:30-7:00
 Drop off and pick up at the Davies' home: 8502 Oakdale, 76712. Call Mike for directions (744-7869).

Wednesday Night (April 18th):

Ultimate Frisbee, C&C, & walking the labyrinth.

Thursday:

Mike will be at Barnes & Noble from 3:30-4:45. Come by for a chat and a drink.

Next Sunday:

GGs: 4:30-7:00. Dinner Rosenbaum/Reynolds.

Coming Up:

4/29 – Youth Committee/ J2A
 5/4-5 – Spring Retreat
 5/6 – GGS: 3 R's - Poppa Rollos
 5/13 – Youth Sunday & J2A
 5/20 – J2A
 5/27 – End of School Party
 6/10-16 – YAC Pilgrimage

Truett Mission Trip to Kenya

Sunday Simbo is taking orders for T-shirts (designed by Truett students) to help fund the Truett Seminary students' mission trip to Kenya. See the bulletin board for a picture of the shirt.

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 \$ 5,548.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 117,238.15	\$ 103,374.95	\$ (13,863.20)