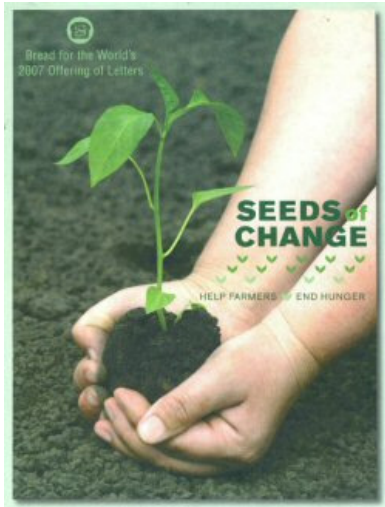


LAKE SHORELINES

May 16, 2007



Bread for the World's 2007 Offering of Letters Campaign, *Seeds of Change*, focuses on improving the U.S. farm bill to help struggling farmers and hungry people both nationally and globally. This year, Lake Shore's advocacy letter campaign will be in conjunction with *Seeds of Change*. Our letters will support the efforts of many to help bring about reform for this incredibly important piece of legislation.

Our seminar on Wednesday, June 6, will involve education around the campaign as well as the actual writing of the letters. On Sunday, June 10, the day of the annual Bread for the World gathering in Washington DC, we will dedicate our letters during

worship. Please join us in this exciting endeavor as we continue in the fight against hunger! — *Kelly Baker*

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." — Micah 6:8

The Prayers of the People

The following prayer was offered by David Miller, one of our 8th grade youth, in worship on Youth Sunday.

Twenty-five thousand total children suspected to have been abducted by rebel forces in Uganda.

Thirty-three deaths at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

Nine murders in Waco recorded for the year 2006.

Lord, we know that these subjects are difficult to understand. We hear these stories on the news constantly, and we try not to let them effect us. But we know in our hearts, Lord, that we cannot ignore these tragedies that surround us. We know that the task you gave us as Christians was not to shy away when we are confronted by these trials. You told us to heed the pleas of our neighbors, ignoring the fact that some may be half-way cross the world, while others just a short walk away. We acknowledge that our actions may not be the largest of the grandest attempts to aid our brothers and sisters, but listen to us today as we ask you to embrace these men, women, boys, and girls.

We pray for children in Uganda to live their lives without the fear of being transformed into soldiers. We pray for the family and friends of the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting to be able to take in joy even after so much pain. We pray for our friends and family here in our own community who may have had a dear one taken away. We pray today for all of your children, near and far, to experience the peace that you left with us. Amen.

Worship at Lake Shore

The next three Sundays offer three particular holy days on the lectionary calendar: Ascension Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, and Trinity Sunday. In worship we'll devote this trio of Sundays to a variety of perspectives we--as disciples, as the church, as receivers of the Holy Spirit--struggle with, are blessed by, long to understand.

Ascension Sunday

May 20, 2007

The Sermon

"Looking Up"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Acts 1.1-11

Pentecost Sunday

May 27, 2007

The Sermon

"Looking In"

Dorisanne Cooper, Mike Sciretti, Rachel Sciretti, Sharlande Sledge

The Scripture

Acts 2.1-21

Trinity Sunday

June 3, 2007

The Sermon

"Looking Out"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

John 16.12-15

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

Last Saturday, the day before Mother's Day, Sharlande wrote the editorial for the religion page of the newspaper. We are reprinting it courtesy of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

I love the lines from Julia Kasdorf's poem, "I learned from my mother how to love the living, to have plenty of vases on hand in case you have to rush to the hospital with peonies cut from the lawn . . . I learned to save jars large enough to hold fruit salad for a whole grieving household . . . To every house you enter, you must offer healing; a chocolate cake you baked yourself, the blessing of your voice . . ."

Perhaps I love the poem because I learned these things from my mother, too. At 82, she's the living expression of Mother Teresa's words: "God doesn't call us to do great things but small things with great love."

My mother taught me that "God is love" is the first Bible verse to teach a child; "Be ye kind" is a close second. Educated as a preschool minister, Mother now goes to a nursing home to teach Sunday School. Half her class members are Katrina evacuees to north Louisiana. She still believes that these verses are the most important truths for a child of God to understand, whether that child is three-years-old or ninety.

I learned from her that living in a small Southern town did not ultimately separate us from places we'd never been. All my life she's talked as though Malawi, Indonesia, and Brazil are as close as Texas; as though she knows people on the other side of the world; as though our lives are deeply connected.

I learned from my mother that it's faithfulness, not ordination, that makes a woman an effective leader in a church. After graduating from Baylor and seminary, she settled into my father's hometown, Arcadia, and immersed herself in the ministry God placed before her each day.

Though my brother looked longingly at casseroles heading out the door at suppertime, Mother taught us to divide the food from our family meal and take paper plates of chicken tetrazinni, black-eyed peas, and peaches to shut-ins; to pack lunches for friends passing through town; to make great sweet tea. She taught me that crystal and china are for everyday use, that a beautiful table makes left-overs taste better.



Mother and daughters — Margaret Sledge, Kathy Watson, and Sharlande Sledge

Most nights I'm one of the last people at the Post Office, maybe because I always saw Mother at the kitchen counter, dashing off a note to her own mother, then rushing to the mailbox by 5:00. For her, the art of a handwritten letter or thank you note is not in the stationery, but in the gesture of a loving connection.

I learned from my mother how important it is to go to the funeral, the hospital, the wedding; to visit with the person no one else notices; to talk about your day while drying dishes; to run outside to greet people you love when their car pulls in the driveway.

My mother nurtures and delights in the lives of younger women, not just my sister and me. She taught me all of us are born within God's care, and she sees naturally the goodness in each person without really trying. Her love is pure.

I am still learning . . . still learning about the blessing of being the daughter of Margaret Geer Sledge, still learning about the blessing of being a daughter of God.

Who are the women who nourished your life and faith? Who showed you what it means to be ordinary incarnations of God's extraordinary grace and hospitality? When I look at my own list, it is a long one, but it starts with my mother.

Prayer Concerns

Sharon Fontaine's sister, Sandra Timmons, has been diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and will begin chemotherapy and radiation treatment soon.

Alice Jean Rowan, Myrl Luper's sister-in-law, died Friday in Granbury. The service was Monday at Wilkerson Hatch-Bailey.

Wednesday, May 23

Dinner Only

Come for supper, but we'll have no seminar. There will be no supper or Wednesday night activities on Wednesday, May 30.

Miracle Menu

The farmers' market opened this week, reminding us how good food tastes when it's in season — especially food grown close to home. Early this summer our Helping Hands, Bridge Builders, youth, and adults will focus on the miracle of food and the stewardship of our resources. The menu of our offerings includes Bread for the World's emphasis on the farm bill, working at the World Hunger Farm, trips to organic farms, serving at food ministries in Waco and beyond, and planting an urban garden.

And we encourage you to add Barbara Kingsolver's new book — *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* — to your summer reading list, so you can participate in our Lake Shore group discussion in early July. If you don't have a Barnes & Noble member card, find someone who will buy the book for you at the B&N price of \$16.17 — 40% off the cover price. Three copies of the book are available in the church library.

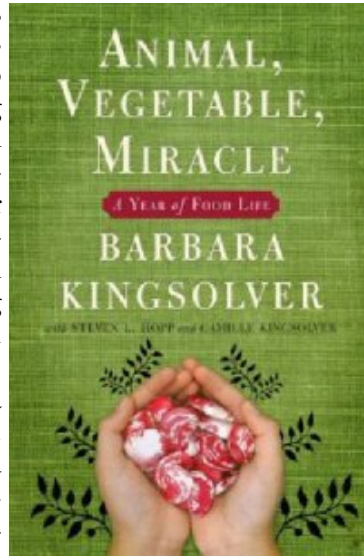
Kingsolver, whose books *The Bean Trees*, *Small Wonder*, and *The Poisonwood Bible* are favorites of many at Lake Shore, writes about living on a Virginia farm for a full calendar year with no processed snack foods, no cucumbers from warmer parts of the world. She writes:

"This is the story of a year in which we made every attempt to feed ourselves animals and vegetables whose provenance we really know . . . and of how our family was changed by our first year of deliberately eating food produced from the same place where we worked, went to school, loved our neighbors, drank the water, and breathed the air."

Here are two websites to check out:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/11/books/11book.html>

www.animalvegetablemiracle.com



Good News

Rachel & Mike Anderson are expecting a baby boy at the end of August. Big sister, Shannon, is looking forward to having a brother.

Emily Womack began working full time as the Interim Director of the Children's Center. She and Heather will continue to work together to transition responsibilities. Welcome, Emily.

Nathan Watts, son of Robin & Sheila Watts of Kingwood, TX, and grandson of Bobbee Watts, will graduate from high school on May 19. Home-schooled since kindergarten, Nathan has completed 42 college credits in the dual credit program at Kingwood College. After working this summer in the Cincinnati area, he will continue to pursue a science degree at Kingwood College this fall.

From the Ushering Committee

The first quarter's offering and visitor card schedule has worked well, with only a few minor challenges. I appreciate everyone's participation in worship through taking up offerings and the first-sixth grade children's willingness to greet visitors. All the children have done an exceptional job with their responsibilities. Thank you, parents for assisting your child. A special thanks goes to grades 1-6 Sunday school teachers for helping with the visitor card process each week. — JoLeen Eiklenborg, Chair Ushering Committee

Children's Corner

Snow Cone Night
Wednesday night, May 23
6:30 p.m.

Children will head to CoCo's on Bosque for snow cones to celebrate the end of school — our treat. We invite as many parents as are able to come.

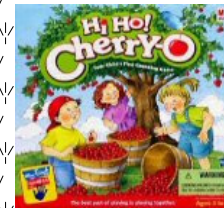
Li'l Helping Hands
(Preschool-Kindergarten)

Helping Hands
(1st-3rd grade)

Bridge Builders
(4th-6th grade)

Summer missions activities for children. Check out the registration information in the hallway.

Games, Anyone?



Do you have children's games just gathering dust in your closets? Don't throw them

out! We've got a spot for them.

The children's ministry is looking for gently used games, with all or most of the playing pieces, to replenish our game closet.

Currently, the only in tact game that we have is SORRY! We appreciate your donations.



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
 Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 20

9:30 – Sunday school
 10:45 – Worship

Monday, May 21

5:30 – Yoga

Tuesday, May 22

5:30 – Yoga

Wednesday, May 23

8:30 – Staff Meeting
 5:30 – Supper
 6:30 – Mid-week Activities
 No Seminar
 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 24

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day, Office Closed

Sunday, June 10

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday Night Supper

May 23



Meatloaf
 Mashed Potatoes
 Salad
 Dessert

Extended Care & Visitor/Offering Schedule
 Sunday, May 20

Infants: *Annette Brister*
 Toddlers: *Rick Allen*
 Preschool/K: *Jim & Emily Fau*
 Visitor Cards: *Chelsea Jones*
 Mackenzie Love
 Offering: *Tillman & Carolyn*
 Rodabough
 Gary & Beth Miller

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – SoRelle
 Sunday School – Charles Conkin

Sunday Evening:

Journey to Adulthood. 4:30-7:00.
 At 5:00 there will be a YAC Parent meeting with all those going on pilgrimage.

Wednesday Night (May 23rd):

C&C, Meditation, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Thursday:

Mike will be at Barnes & Noble from 3:30-5:00. Come by for a chat and a drink.

Next Sunday Night:

End of School Party

Coming Up:

Early June – World Hunger Farm
 6/6–Youth Cook Wednesday Night Dinner
 6/10–Destination Unknown
 6/13– Movie Night & Discussion
 6/10-16 – YAC Pilgrimage
 7/16-21 – Passport New Orleans
 8/19 – Back-to-School Party

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 \$ 11,668.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 159,108.92	\$ 130,947.95	\$ (38,160.97)