

LAKE SHORELINES



May 23, 2007

Seeds of Change

This year Bread for the World's campaign, "Seeds of Change," focuses on the farm bill. During June, Lake Shore will get involved in our local and global community through our actions, letters, readings, and prayers. Help us plant seeds to change the face of hunger and poverty in the world. Call Kelly Baker at church Monday-Thursday, or email her at Kelly_L_Baker@baylor.edu for more information.

Plant a Seed of Change

- Write a letter to state representative regarding the Farm Bill – letter-writing campaign on Wednesday, June 6; blessing of the letters Sunday, June 10.
- Eat lunch at Gospel Café (825 S. 10th) – Every Thursday in June, meet at LSBC at noon to carpool to the café for food and fellowship.
- Help with one of our Community Ministries' "hands-on ministries" – every Thursday morning in June, LSBC at 9:00 a.m.:
 - Help with breakfast for food pantry clients
 - Help distribute food/paper goods to clients
 - Help with a children's activity
- Bring food on "The Gathering" Sundays – stock our pantry with canned goods for our Thursday morning food ministry
- Read Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* and participate in the discussion on June 27
- Learn about hunger in our community and world:
 - June 6 seminar – Seth Wispelwey, Bread for the World Texas/Oklahoma organizer
 - June 13 seminar – Matt Hess, Education Director for the World Hunger Farm
 - June 20 seminar – Amy Young, MSW intern at Central Presbyterian, about the Community Garden
 - June 27 seminar – book discussion on *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*
- Participate in Meals on Wheels
- Help with the youths' Hasma Project:
 - Poverty simulation experience at the World Hunger Farm
 - Herb Garden planting
 - Mission Waco ministries tour with Mission Waco director, Jimmy Dorrell
 - Serve and eat breakfast with food pantry clients on Thursday mornings

Worship at Lake Shore

The next two Sundays offer holy days on the lectionary calendar: Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday. We will devote these Sundays to a variety of perspectives with which we struggle, are blessed by, and long to understand — as disciples, as the church, as receivers of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday

May 27, 2007

The Sermon

"Looking In"

*Dorisanne Cooper, Mike Sciretti,
Rachel Sciretti, Sharlande Sledge*

The Scripture

Acts 2.1-21

Wear red, orange, and yellow

Trinity Sunday

June 3, 2007

The Sermon

"Looking Out"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

John 16.12-15

From Our Pastor . . .

We're coming up on Pentecost this week, the "birthday of the church" we often term it. It's the day we mark when the Holy Spirit came upon the early church like a rush of wind bringing them together in radically new ways. But even though there's mystery and power abounding in the story, the liturgy on which we center during this week has to do with the work of the church. I suppose that's a little reminder that the legacy of the mystery and power of Pentecost must continue to be lived out in the work of our hands, hearts, and minds.

How fitting then that we should have just come through a period of hard work in making some decisions about our future at Lake Shore. It would be difficult to begin to communicate all of the hours behind the scenes that various groups have put in around the Children's Center decision that was before us, but it must be said that the self-study group appointed by the deacons should top the list. Again and again I heard your gratitude expressed for their tireless efforts on behalf of us all, and I'll add mine again here. It's been a gift to witness the hour-by-hour example of the living out of faith in the dedicated work of this group. Still, lest they have all the fun, now is the time when various other committees – the Children's Center Board, Personnel, Missions, Finance, and others – will take their turns as well. That's the truth about the work of the church, of course. It never is *done*. But that's as much because *we* are never done "becoming" as it is anything else. There doesn't come a time when you figure out all there is to know about God, about following God, about being a community shaped by God. That's also why we'll never

completely give up conversations like those of the last two weeks.

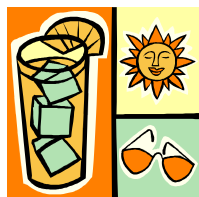
Over these weeks as I talked to various ones of you about your varied perspectives I often thought to myself "I wouldn't want to be part of a church that didn't have these particular kinds of voices as part of a conversation like this." And which particular voice was I talking about? *All* of them. As each person spoke these last weeks, even – perhaps especially – when making points that didn't go smoothly with others just expressed, I was grateful for the perspective, grateful for the willingness to risk sharing that perspective, grateful for the humor in the room, grateful at the varied ways faith works its way out in us all.

When Patty Field, one of our newer members (and new to this strange world of Baptist polity), reminded us of the gift it was and is for us – all of us – to get to be discussing and making these kinds of decisions together, it was an important word to hear.

It would be easier just to share perspectives all day – because the tough part comes, of course, when, with all our varied voices, we actually have to come together to make a decision about something. But that we did. And that we will continue to do on our way continually to "becoming" more of the community of faith we're called to be as the on-going legacy of God's mystery and power.

This Pentecost we'll again celebrate and give thanks for the birthday of the early church. But this year I'll be thanking God a little more vigorously for the specific life of *this* church as well. Happy Birthday to you.

Dorisanne



Summer Supper Schedule

After a week off, Wednesday, May 30 (the week of Memorial Day), Wednesday night suppers will resume with the following summer schedule:

- 6/6 — David Longfellow/Cardinal (*Greek Style Macaroni*)
- 6/13 — Missions Committee (*farmer's market meal*)
- 6/20 — TBD
- 6/27 — Partridges (*Joan's Spaghetti*)
- 7/11 — Church Staff (*chicken/rice salad, fruit, brownies*)
- 7/18 — Soulfriends (*BBQ sandwiches*)
- 7/25 — Sparrows (*Mexican Stack-Up*)
- 8/1 — Veronique Morin (*French "cuisine de maison"*)

Cooking with Veronique

What's the next best thing to going to France for cooking school? How about bringing the school here?

Summer Cooking Classes

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
in the church kitchen
\$15/session

June – *La Cuisine de L'Ete*
July – *La Cuisine a la Maison*
August – *La Grande Cuisine*

Offered by Veronique Morin
Watch for more information

Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center



Several people asked over the last week, "How can I help in the Children's Center?" Volunteer opportunities will be as varied as the skills and talents of our members. A volunteer program will be developed over the next few months. Karyn Miller has offered to field calls and coordinate the volunteer list for the Children's Center. If you're interested, please send her an email to karynmiller@sbcglobal.net. And as we

coordinate ministries, Karyn will let you know how you can help. Watch for more information.

In the meantime, following is an update on a volunteer program that was established earlier this year:

Teachers, Mentors, Friends, and Guides

No matter what you name them -- "teachers," "friends," "mentors," or "guides" -- the people who help us along the way are invaluable to us.

Last fall Lake Shore began a "Faithful Friends" program with our Children's Center teachers. Seven Lake Shore women each committed to mentoring one teacher. After the first meeting, each connection between teacher and Lake Shore member took its own shape through conversations, meals, and visits to the Center.

Teachers who are in the room with children all day long are glad to have adults to visit with them. Often they need people to listen to their stories on a deeper level and to encourage them in their roles as teachers and caregivers at home and at school. Church members can learn about the ministry of the Children's Center through our teachers. Beyond the gift of new "faithful friends," the relationships are a visible way that Lake Shore can live out its ministry with the Children's Center.

We would like for each teacher who would like a "faithful friend" to have one. We invite you to join those who volunteered for this mentoring program last fall: Annette Brister, Joyce McKee, Beth Raymond, Barbara Johnston, Barbara Hobbs, Jo Pendleton, and Mary Rowan. For more information write sharlandes@aol.com.

Children's Corner

Li'l Helping Hands
(Preschool-Kindergarten)

Helping Hands
(1st-3rd grade)

Bridge Builders
(4th-6th grade)

Summer missions activities for children. Registration continues through June 3. Forms are in the sanctuary hallway.

Wednesdays this summer

May 30: No activities

June 6: Li'l Helping Hands and Bread for the World Activities

June 13: Li'l Helping Hands and School-Age Activities

June 20: Li'l Helping Hands and School-Age Activities

June 27: Li'l Helping Hands and School-Age Activities

Business Meeting Vote

A motion to continue operation of the LSBC Children's Center was approved at the business meeting on Wednesday evening, May 16. This followed a report from the Children's Center Task Force and a discussion meeting on May 9.

Recommendations to enhance the Center were compiled by the task force and included in the mailing you received prior to the business meeting. Watch for these changes throughout the next few months. — *Loeen Irons, Deacon Chair*



Pentecost

Don't forget to wear your red, orange, and/or yellow — symbolic of the fire of Pentecost — to church on Sunday.

Prayer Concerns

Kristy Stout gave birth to Elias James Stout on Tuesday, May 15. He has been diagnosed with transposition of the great arteries and had open heart surgery on May 22 to repair the reversed arteries. The Stouts' email address is albrst@yahoo.com. Our prayers are with Tracey, Kristy, Alexandra, Ethan, Aidan, and Elias.

Staff Update

Dorisanne is in Nashville May 21-25 for the Festival of Homiletics.

Good News

Congratulations to all Lake Shore high school and college graduates.

Matt and Leslie Rosencrans will be ordained at Seventh & James Baptist Church Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. Matt is Minister to Students, and Leslie is Minister of Congregational Life. Leslie grew up at Lake Shore and is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Fontaine. Sharlande will offer Leslie's ordination charge.

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 27

9:30 – Sunday school
 10:45 – Worship

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – office closed

Tuesday, May 29

5:30 – Yoga

Wednesday, May 30

8:30 – Staff Meeting
 5:30 – No Supper or Mid-week activities
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

June 4-7

Helping Hands

June 10

Ice Cream Social

June 11-14

Bridge Builders



No Wednesday Night Supper on May 30

Extended Care & Visitor/Offering Schedule Sunday, May 27

Infants: *Judy Prather*
 Toddlers: *TBA*
 Preschool/K: *Gary & Thomas Miller*
Miller-Compton Reynolds family

Visitor Cards: *Devin Seibel*
Steven Burt

Offering: *Kay Bailey*
Annette Brister
Joyce McKee
Jo Pendleton

Correction

Last week some of you may have received a newsletter that identified Sharlande's sister as Sandee. Sharlande's sister's name is Kathy Watson.

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

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

Sunday Evening:

End of School Party. Drop off at 4:30 and pick up at 7:00. Parent's will need to fill out a release form before their youth can leave. Pick up at the Teen House at 7:00. Cost is \$5.

Wednesday Night (May 30th):

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 and Monday (June 3-4):

"A Day on the Other Side" at the World Hunger Farm. We will leave from the Teen House at 2:00 and return Monday evening at 8:00. No cost.

Coming Up:

6/10 – Ice Cream Social
 6/13 – Destination Unknown
 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 \$4,282.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 167,483.08	\$ 135,229.95	\$ (32,253.13)