

LAKE SHORELINES



July 18, 2007

Changes, They Are a Comin'

From Our Minister to Youth

Dear Friends,

As all of you know, for the past four years I have been a doctoral candidate at Baylor University in the area of Church History. Although it has been challenging at times to be a full-time student as well as a youth minister, I believe I have fulfilled my calling and responsibilities to both. However, I am now at a point in my doctoral work that requires my full attention. This has led me to the difficult decision to resign from being your Minister of Youth. I am very thankful for the confidence, support, prayers, and love you have shown to me over the past six years of doing ministry with you. I have learned much and have grown much. Lake Shore Baptist Church is a wonderful place in which to minister – wonderful youth, supportive parents, dedicated lay leadership, and a loving staff.

While no longer a staff member, I will continue as a church member – worshiping and fellowshiping among you. Rachel will remain the Minister to Children and our children will know Lake Shore as their church.

Today, my hope and prayer is that the youth to whom I have had the privilege to minister have been challenged to grow into the fullness of Christ and have been equipped with some ways to foster that growth. I am proud of the experiences and events our youth have undergone during my time at Lake Shore, especially *Passport* youth camps, the *Journey to Adulthood* program, Rite-13 ceremonies, pilgrimages, and Mid-Winter Retreats with Waco CBF churches. My hope and prayer for the future of this youth ministry is that our church will discern what God's yearning is for our youth and parents, building on the good traditions of the past with a view towards the new things God wants to do among us.

Grace & Peace,

Mike Sciretti, Jr.

From Our Administrative Secretary

Dear Lake Shore Family,

It is with excitement and sadness that I tender my resignation as Administrative Secretary to Lake Shore Baptist Church, effective August 2, 2007. I have been offered a teaching position at Lake Air Middle School. Teaching will fill a variety of personal and professional needs for my family and me, as has my position here.

When I started at Lake Shore four years ago, the staff graciously allowed me time to manage life as a single mother in many ways—from picking up children at school, to attending school meetings and events, to staying home with sick children. I appreciate the unquestioning encouragement and flexibility that you have provided to my family for these four years. Andrew and Matthew have benefited from that support in countless ways.

The environment at Lake Shore is one of compassion and humor, dedication and grace. I have more knowledge about worship planning, hymn tunes, and charitable contributions than I ever thought possible. I also have developed a deep appreciation for the concern that our ministers hold for our congregants and the detail in which each aspect of worship is approached here. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Lake Shore's life.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

Caryl Miller-Compton

A Statement of Faith

Louise-Marie Morin offered the following statement of faith on the occasion of her baptism, Sunday, July 15. Capucine Morin, Louise-Marie's sister, read the statement in worship.

What does baptism mean to me? It means I'm letting God pick me up from the surface of a world unknown into a world of reality, filled with adventures, challenges, and plenty of choices. "The crossover," I call it.

Just one night as I was sitting on the roof of my house, watching the full moon, I was thinking, "I'm ready; I'm ready to go out there and not be afraid of making mistakes along the way because that's how we learn to make life a little better."

Also it means coming into a new family of faith with my congregation and God. A great feeling it is to know how blessed I am to have this new family of Christianity. Knowing I can start over and move on with my past is something I can cherish, because I've had pretty hard times, but there's hope I seek each time bad things happen to me, and I remember that God was there and that God is my light through my dark times. "Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me," *Micah 7.8*. That's comforting to know He'll always be there for me, for you, and for everyone all at once.

There's a reason why I wanted to get baptized today. It's because when I see Mike and Rachel, I see the presence of God through their personalities, and that gives me warmth. Also, at camp last year while I was singing, I felt God's presence more than I ever had, which

is when I decided to stop being like some would say "Doubting Thomas" and start to believe.

Even though it took a while; I know it's better late than never. I saw my sister's poster of heaven and earth by Anselm Keifer in our room. It's a picture of a book on a stand with wings on it, and as I stared I was thinking, "We're like books that God hasn't finished writing." As long as we're alive, we're all unfinished books, I believe, not knowing what God will write next. What we do know is that He'll love us.

On spring break, I remember the retreat at Barbara's (Francis) house about clay. As we were sitting there, I was holding two bags: one with hard clay and the other with smooth clay. I remember a specific question she asked, "What type of clay are you hard or smooth?" I said, "Hard clay, because it's hard for me to open up to people; I get really shy sometimes." To make a difference, I need to open up. Therefore, I hope that God will sprinkle some water on me as I grow into a Christian, to be more open and unafraid of what's out there.

How am I going to use my faith? Well, that's something God and I will figure out together. My goal, though, is going around the world and meeting as many people as I can; not just meeting them, but getting acquainted with who they are, their culture, and what they've been through in life and how I can help with my faith. For that, I want to be someone who can make a difference in another's life or even the world. By going to New Orleans, Louisiana, it becomes my first step towards being a Christian and helping others build a new

and better community to live in.

Thank you.

Children's Center News:

Trike-a-thon for St. Jude's

From July 16-20, our Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and School Age classes will participate in a *Trike-A-Thon* benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. *Trike-A-Thon* is a fun program that exposes children to proper trike and riding-toy safety habits. It educates parents about the importance of riding-toy safety and raises funds to fight childhood cancer.

Monday through Thursday of *Trike-A-Thon* week, all of our children will learn about riding toy safety, and on Friday the children will be able to bring their riding toy to the center for the *Trike-A-Thon*. If you are at the church on Friday, be sure to see our fun *Trike-A-Thon* driving course and bikes!

Emily Gist,

Interim Director, LSBCC

Worship at Lake Shore The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 22, 2007

The Sermon

"Sit & Listen"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Luke 10.38-42

Commissioning of Children's Camp Campers

"We've A Story to Tell"

100 Years of Social Work

Education for the Church

Adult Seminar, Wednesday, July 25

Laine Scales will introduce this short video presentation which features Laine, Preston Dyer, and Kelly Baker—our recent intern. All of them are vital members of Baylor's School of Social Work.

Committee Meetings Abound

Lest you worry . . . regarding our impending personnel changes, the appropriate committees are beginning the conversations for what the next steps are in filling these positions. The Personnel Committee is meeting this week to work on recruiting and interviewing for the secretarial and finance positions and the Deacons will be appointing a group for consideration of the next steps toward a new minister of youth.

If you have recommendations helpful to their work, please be in touch with David Kopplin or Loeen Irons or one of the ministerial staff. Thank you.

Remembering Ralph Lynn and Ish Daniel



Last week, the Waco community and Lake Shore lost two important leaders, Ralph Lynn and Ish Daniel. Visit the Lake Shore website, www.lakeshorewaco.org to read a tribute to Ralph from Bill Carden and to Ish from his daughter Joy Taubner.

Prayers for . . .

Channa Gray's uncle who has been hospitalized at Providence following a massive heart attack.

Jo Pendleton who had surgery Wednesday morning.

Annette Brister and Sarah Francis who are working with Waco Habitat's trip to El Salvador.

Our Passport youth and sponsors who are in New Orleans helping with the ongoing clean-up efforts from hurricane Katrina: Todd Francis, PJ Kelly, Clare Losey, Dylan Losey, Dakota McDurham, David Miller, Capucine Morin, Louise-Marie Morin, Rebecca Mosley, Cassie Pruitt, Andrew Reynolds, John Salvesson, Laura Smajstrla, Brad SoRelle, Charles Conkin, Mike Sciretti, Michelle Stokes, Ashley Thornton, and Craig Thornton.

Children's Corner

Thrilling Thursday

Thursday, July 19 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Blue Bell's 100th Anniversary Celebration in Brenham

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Car Wash for Children's Camp. Next week we'll report on the total raised.

Southwest Baptist Children's Camp

Eleven children and 5 sponsors will leave Monday morning for Camp Copass in Denton. They will return on Friday afternoon. The church will bless this Sunday, so it is important that all campers be in the worship service. Please pray for Maya Davis, Chelsea Jones, April Scales, Crystal Jones, Mikhayla Evans, Mackenzie Sullivan, Matthew Reynolds, Mackenzie Love, Ryan Davis, Zane McDurham, Travis Burt, Debbie York, Jerri Love, Bruce Evans, Thomas Miller, and Rachel Sciretti. Dorisanne Cooper will attend Wednesday through Friday.

Mountainview Splash Park Night

Wednesday, July 25, after supper

Preschool-2nd graders meet at the top of the stairs.

Wear swimsuits and bring a towel.

An adult will walk the children up to the Splash park to play.

Thank You, Lake Shore

We received the following note from Joy Taubner, Ish Daniels's daughter:

I want to thank you for everything. Sharlande and Dorisanne helped make the memorial a beautiful remembrance for my brother and me. I cannot thank you enough.

The kitchen angels were so kind to give up their time and help to make the memorial a wonderful celebration.

The memorial was healing for me in so many ways. I do feel that when I visit Waco, I have a place that I can come and reconnect with my dad's spirit there at Lake Shore Baptist Church.

I am glad that there are spiritual communities like Lake Shore. The world needs more places that practice peace, tolerance, and love.

Thank you,

Joy Taubner, Eugene, Oregon

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Aaron Garcia, Organist
Emily Gist, Interim Director, Lake Shore
Baptist Children's Center
Pattie Herbert, Custodian
Caryl Miller-Compton, Administrative Secretary
Mike Sciretti, Minister to Youth
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 22

9:30 – Sunday school

10:45 – Worship

Monday, June 23

Children Leave for SWBCC

Wednesday, July 25

5:30 – Supper

6:30 – Seminar

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 26

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

August 12 – Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday Night Supper July 25



*Mexican Stack-up
Dulce de Leche
Ice Cream Pie*

The Last One of the Summer

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

9:45 – Breakfast at Shipley's

Sunday Night:

5-7 – TBA

Coming Up:

8/1-3 – Mission trip to Austin

8/26 – Back-to-School Party

Thank You

Thanks, Jerri Love, for working in the office while Caryl was on vacation. It was a busy week, and you handled the workload admirably.

Thanks are also extended to *everyone* who helped with meals, publications, and services for the funerals and memorial services in which Lake Shore was involved last week.

Extended Care Sunday, July 22

Infants & Toddlers: *Genie Dyer*
Preschool/K: *Henry & Gwen
Kari*

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 \$ 2,636.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 234,476.31	\$ 1888,760.85	\$ (45,715.46)

Mark Your Calendars

Women's Retreat

September 28-30

Cedarbrake Renewal Center

Belton, Texas