

# LAKE SHORELINES

August 1, 2007

## Conversation with Scott Houser

*CBF Missionary, Johannesburg, South Africa  
Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m. in "the blue room" (dessert, too!)*



Scott and Ana Marie Houser and their children are part of Lake Shore's extended family. We are connected to them through the stories they tell us about their ministry in South Africa and through our global missions gifts.

Scott is a witness to the tragedy of the AIDS epidemic and a witness to the mercy of Christ for all. He and his family minister to the HIV/AIDS community by working with foster mothers, facilitating memory box workshops, working with systemic urban poverty issues. In sub-Saharan Africa, 26 million people are HIV-positive. It is estimated that up to 25% of children in the region will be orphaned by 2010.

From his first visit to Lake Shore, Scott remarked how his theology of missions so clearly resonates with Lake Shore's. Come Wednesday night to hear perspective on the world-wide community of Christ and how, through the Housers' ministry, Lake Shore

## The Gathering



Sunday is our monthly gathering for our food pantry. Your continued generosity ensures that we are able to serve our growing clientele. We need breakfast cereal.

## Youth Ministry Update

Charles Conkin is doing his seminary internship with Lake Shore youth this semester. We are fortunate that he will continue to work with our youth for the rest of this summer.

He will meet with his "lay committee"—Jeff Davies, Barb Francis, Dave Kopplin, Judy Prather, Mike Sciretti, Craig Thornton, and Deb Vardiman—again this month. Sharlande will continue to be Charles' mentor.

During August, The Youth Committee, chaired by Gin Courtney, will make plans for the fall and make a recommendation to the Deacons at the August 12 meeting for plans regarding the Youth Ministry at Lake Shore.



## Mission Trip to Austin Saturday, September 8

This September's mission experience will give us a chance to experience first-hand the work of the CAFB at its 60,000 foot distribution center. This summer Lake Shore became one of the 370 partners who receive food and grocery products for Central Texas families. Like other agencies and partners, we distribute food to individuals who come to our food pantry.

Don't miss the chance to be one of the 35-40 Lake Shore people who spend the afternoon inspecting and packaging food. This is a great chance to see this expansive and efficient operation. We'll leave Waco in time to get to Austin for an early lunch and work until 4:30. Sign up on the sheet outside the office.

## Worship at Lake Shore The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*August 5, 2007*

### The Communion Meditation

*"What Shall We Eat?"*

*What Shall We Wear?"*

*Sharlande Sledge*

### The Scripture

*Luke 13:13-30, Psalm 65*

*The Celebration of Communion*

*The Gathering*

## ***David Miller's Statement of Faith***

My journey of faith does not consist of a single massive epiphany, but rather a series of seemingly ordinary events and experiences. Even if it were possible to sum them all up, many important details would be lost. Therefore, I think it would be better not to focus on describing all the events or spiritual markers in my life; there would simply be too many. Rather I would like to start by focusing on the people who helped me along these spiritual markers, and thankfully I can credit most of these people at once by saying two words ... Lake Shore.

I hate to admit it, but at times I was a bit more skeptical in my faith than I am now. I always knew there was a God that looked over the Earth, but I always wondered subconsciously, "Was He looking over me?" I suppose my concept of God did not include the idea that I really mattered to God. With all the people and problems in the world, how could God really care about what was going on with me? But then I started to realize that God is always with me. God is never ignoring me, but rather He is teaching me. I comprehend that without trials in my life, I can never develop into a fuller person. I now truly accept the fact that Christ died for me, and that God's everlasting love will remain with me no matter what.

There were many times and people in my life that led me to this place today. Youth camp in New Orleans was

probably one of the most critical recent factors, but, beyond that, any time I spent with the youth here at Lake Shore, whether mission trips, retreats, J2A, Sunday school, or just hanging out, usually ended up broadening my faith. The ever present guidance and love from Sharlande, Dorisanne, Rachel and Mike made certain that I would never stray too far from Christ's path. Finally, I would like to thank my family -- my mother, my father, my brother, my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents - - because I learned that, no matter what rough patch we may go through, they will be there to support, protect, and love each other indefinitely.

I am confident, however, that without Lake Shore, I might never have reached this point in my faith. I can honestly say that all of you have contributed to my spiritual growth in some way. You might have been a Sunday school teacher. You might have been a J2A leader. You might have been a chaperone on numerous trips like Children's Camps and Passport, to name a few. You might have been a helper while I was in Helping Hands or Bridge Builders. You might have been older than I am or younger than I am. You might have been someone who recently started attending or a long-time member. There is no telling how many of you there are, and how many thanks I would have to distribute to cover each and every one of you, but I just wish to thank you for every time you reached out to me and exhibited to me more and more about what God's love is all about.

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## ***Honoring Mike and Caryl***

*On Sunday and Monday we said "thank you" and blessed the ministries of two of our church staff members who are changing their work focus from church to school—Mike, from youth ministry to Ph.D. work in church history at Baylor, and Caryl, from administrative secretary to teaching English at Lake Air. Here is just a small portion of the liturgies we wrote to honor them:*

### **Top Ten Things That Will be Different for Caryl at Lake Air Middle School**

1. If someone turns in an assignment late, you can punish them.
2. If you think Thursday morning from 10:00-12:00 at Lake Shore is busy, just wait until classes change at Lake Air Middle School.
3. You can join the rest of Lake Shore in not reading the newsletter.
4. You'll impress very few people with your extensive knowledge of hymn tunes.
5. When the people at Lake Air act like 7th graders, it's because they *are* 7th graders.
6. No folding machine.
7. You have to watch your language.
8. You can look for errors in the worship bulletin with great abandon.
9. If your copier breaks, it is not your problem.
10. The secret chocolate stash in your desk will *stay* secret.

### **"The Sound of Silence"**

*inspired by Mike Sciretti, performed by Steve Gardner,  
words by Sharlande Sledge*

Hello, silence, my old friend.  
I've come to sit with you again.  
After summers at our great youth camps  
in New Orleans where it's hot and damp,  
I need to center for a while on the work of my Ph.D.  
Oh, oh, me.  
I need the sounds of silence.

I really need to be alone;  
no e-mail or telephones.  
I just had a new e-pi-pha-ny.  
I need to study my church his-to-ry  
And hang out with the desert fathers  
and the monks a-while . . .  
that's my style . . .  
I need the sounds of silence.

Hello, silence my old friend,  
I've come to sit with you again.  
I yearn to sit alone and med-i-tate;  
in holy quiet I must con-tem-plate  
how I'll write a dissertation with  
two children under three —  
Oh, oh, me!  
I need the sounds of silence.

## Prayers for ...

Hazel Henderson, has moved to Quality Care for a short time  
Thaddeus Denton and his parents, Robert and Jeannette, while Thaddeus recovers from a broken femur  
Jo Pendleton, who is recovering at home following surgery  
June Osborne, who is in radiation therapy for cancer.  
Bruce Evans and his family, after the death of his grandmother, (Lottie Evans's mother), in California.

## Children's Campers Share about Their Week

After very full and active days at Children's Camp, Lake Shore campers and sponsors would gather together for a time of re-connecting by sharing their "highlight" and "lowlight" of the day—the best thing and the worst thing of the day. We invite you to listen in as our group reflects on their week.



*My highlight for the week was definitely doing the Ropes Course. I had friends from Lake Shore as well as some from other churches to cheer me on, and the thrill of being too high up and coming down on the zip-line was awesome. I loved the fact that when I got off, I felt so weightless and my legs were still shaking. It was a great challenge. My lowlight for the week was leaving. I didn't realize until about five minutes before we left that I may never see Camp Copass again. I didn't want to leave, especially after I realized this. Even if I never go back, I will remember the times that I had, good and bad. - Matthew Reynolds*



*Highlights: Being around all my friends, meeting and re-meeting old camp friends, meeting a kid named Jack who looked like he was always having fun. He really blessed my heart. Lowlight: My new nickname for the camp is "Camp Yellow Jacket" because of the many wasps and yellow jackets. -Mackenzie Love*



*My highlights are that the food was almost always good. I made a lot of new friends. I learned how to play four card games, and I got to help in worship. My lowlights are unpacking and packing. I missed my families. The yellow jackets and the wasps were lousy. And someone in my cabin had a meltdown. But mostly it was very good. -Ryan Davis*



*Highlight: Well, I'd have to say the Ropes Course and the zip-line. Lowlight: Well, I'd have to say when we were going home because I cried. -Chelsea Jones*



*My highlight is I miss my mom and my brother and I get to see them when I go home. My lowlight is we are leaving the camp and I really don't want to.. -Mackenzie Sullivan*

*My highlight was that the food was much better than last year. My lowlight was that the 6th graders will not be at camp with us next year. -Crystal Jones*



*Highlight was swimming and lowlight was camp food. -Travis Burt, Zane McDurham and Mikhayla Evans*

*Highlight: I made some great friends and I have their numbers and e-mails so I can keep in contact. Lowlight: I had to leave my first year and I won't ever get to see my friends I made again. -April Scales*

## Children's Corner

**Children's Ministry  
Year-in-Review  
& 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sending  
Wednesday, August 15  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Good-bye 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Celebration Trip  
Thursday, August 16  
More info to come**

## Words of Thanks

Dear Lake Shore,

Liza, Beth, and I want to thank you for being our family once again. You have been there for us in happy times and in the saddest of times and have embodied the strong and sure love of Jesus always. Ralph loved our Wednesday night dinners with you, and the many who stopped to speak with him. The kindness you showed helped him to feel that he was among good friends. I am so thankful for you, and to you.

*In His love,*

*Dorothy Lynn*

To our Lake Shore Family,

On behalf of all the Buchanans we thank you for your prayers, support, and special lunch service after the memorial for Buck. Your love was felt by each of us.

*Love,*

*Dottie Buchanan*

## Shawl Ministry

**Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.  
2700 Glendale**



*Judy Prather's Home*

This ministry is a perfect way to combine the love of knitting and crocheting, compassion and service. Blessings are prayed into every shawl, which are given to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as celebration. For more information, go to [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

If you have questions, contact Patty Field (254-876-2817) or Judy Prather (723-8358).

## 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  
Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children  
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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## MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### *Sunday, August 5*

9:30 – Sunday school  
10:45 – Worship

### *Wednesday, August 8*

5:30 – No Supper

### *Thursday, August 9*

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

### Looking Ahead

August 12 – Deacons' Meeting

## Wednesday Night Supper Sabbatical

*August 1*

*until the last*

*Wednesday*

*night in August (29th)*

## Youth News

### Sunday Morning:

Breakfast – Pruitt/Jones  
Sunday School – Charles Conkin

### Sunday Evening: Dinner Out!

Meet at [Schlotzsky's](#) Deli on Valley Mills from 6:00 to 7:00 to eat and hang-out.

### Back to School Party:

If any parents or adults want to volunteer to help organize or bring food please email me.  
Charles\_Conkin@baylor.edu

### Coming Up:

J2A Leader Meeting: TBA  
August 26: Back-to-School Party

## Staff News

Dorisanne, David, and Adam are in New York for two weeks visiting family.

Rachel, Mike and Anastasia are in San Antonio Friday through Tuesday visiting family.

Richard Aslanian is on vacation for the next two weeks

*Mark Your Calendars  
Women's Retreat  
September 28-30  
Cedarbrake Renewal Center  
Belton, Texas*

## Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, August 5

Infants: *Alice Baird*  
Toddlers: *Gin Courtney*  
Preschool/K: *Jim & Emily Fau*

Visitor Cards: *Jon Kelly Gervcais  
Jonathan Pendleton*  
Offering: *Rosemary Richards  
Annette Brister, Judy Bowman  
Donna McMullen*  
Ushers: *Paul Smajstrla  
Andy Powell*

## 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 \$ 11,692

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 259,598.77	\$ 206,121.85	\$(53,476.92)