

LAKE SHORELINES

August 22, 2007

Wednesday Night Suppers Begin

Supper is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. If you are not on the regular supper list, call 772-2910 by Tuesday, August 28.

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 29 -- 6:30 p.m.

These items, which were discussed at deacons meeting on August 12, now go to the church for discussion and approval at the August 29 meeting.

***The recommendation of the playground committee** including the design, the equipment, and the budget for a new playground to serve Lake Shore Baptist Church and Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center. You can view the plan in the church office.

***The recommendation of the personnel committee** to hire administrative and financial secretaries. The schedules and salaries will be voted on at the meeting, along with the names of the individuals the committee is recommending.

***The recommendation of the youth committee** to hire Charles Conkin as interim youth minister retroactive to August 1 and continuing through May (WISD calendar year). The salary and hours will be voted on at the meeting. *(see page 2 for more information)*

Worship at Lake Shore The Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God

August 26, 2007

"Waiting to Inhale"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

Presentation of Bibles to First Graders

Supper with Kansas City Friends Chris & Katie Brennan Homiak

Monday, August 27, 2007

5:30 p.m. in the blue room

Katie and Chris Brennan Homiak will be here next Monday night to share about some of their unfolding adventures in Kansas City: working with Burmese and Somali refugees; living near Cherith Brook community; raising money for a village in Guatemala; working at Metro Lutheran Ministry and Revolution; and starting a new position with a professional dance company.

Chris and Katie were ordained at Lake Shore and offered their gifts through ministries here and at CrossTies. Join us for pictures, stories, discussion and a light meal. **Call the office or sign up in the hall.**

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Celebrating Aaron Garcia

This Sunday we will celebrate the ministry of Aaron Garcia, who has been our organist at Lake Shore since the last Sunday of August, 2003, when he began studying organ at Baylor. We will honor him at the end of worship as we mark this part of his journey.

We bless Aaron as he moves back into a worshipping community that is more Lutheran than Baptist! Aaron will become organist/choir master (or OCM, in his lingo) at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings. He will live in Austin so that he'll be in place to do graduate work at UT.

For four years Aaron's spirit and musicianship have helped set the tempo and rhythm for Lake Shore life. Rachel & Dorisanne say, "I love to see Aaron play the organ and sing the hymns at the same time. Sharlande says, "I've never seen anyone practice the organ and talk on a cell phone at the same time." Aaron has endeared himself to Lake Shore. Not only has he served as a superb worship leader, he has also worked with our Rite-13 group of junior high youth. We will miss his presence here.

If you claim kinship to Aaron through the music or Rite-13 programs or your Lutheran heritage, please gather for a luncheon for Aaron after worship Sunday. **Please call the office for reservations for more details.**



Meet Charles Conkin

Charles Conkin is a third year Truett Seminary student with a concentration in student ministry. He joined Lake Shore last year and interned here this summer with Mike as his on-site supervisor in early summer and Sharlande in August. His lay committee included Craig Thornton, Deb Vardiman, Barb Francis, Jeff Davies, David Kopplin and Judy Prather.



This summer Charles focused on youth, youth culture, youth faith formation, and youth ministry as integral aspects of congregational life. He went to Passport in New Orleans and led the youth on a mission trip to Austin.

During college, Charles served as youth minister in Lyons, Georgia. His summer ministries include summer missionary through the North American Mission Board and camp counselor at Mission Fuge.

Charles was born in Louisville, Kentucky. His family moved to Georgia during his high school years. He graduated from high school there and attended Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia, where he majored in Christian studies. Charles recently married Michelle Stokes whom he met in college. She will teach special education at Mountainview this fall.

Let's Build a Playground

The Board of Deacons has appointed a fund-raising committee to raise money for the improvements to the playground. The committee is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan and will make a report to the congregation at our business meeting on August 29th. Some people have already indicated they will be contributing to these improvements, and might like to jump start the fund-raising. If you are interested in making a "lead" donation, a "challenge" donation or any other kind of donation before we start the official drive, please contact one of the committee members. This committee is Donna Casstevens, Genie Dyer, Kerry Irons, Faith Kopplin, Beth Raymond, Vern Sauter and Ray Cannon, chair.

Save these dates!

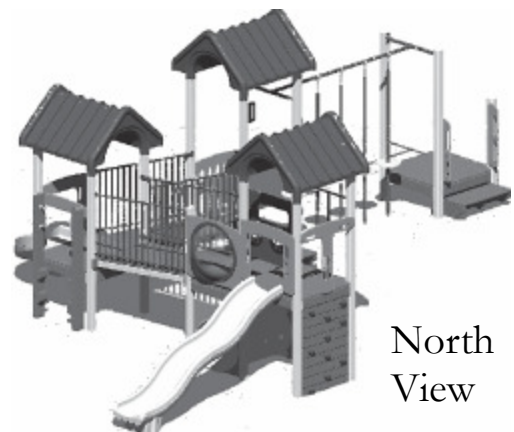
Sunday, September 16 & Saturday, October 27

These two dates are very important in the life of Lake Shore this Fall. Mark your calendars and then watch the newsletter next week to learn more!

Playground Update

As we lead up to the playground presentation on Wednesday, August 29, the Playground Task Force Committee is sharing bits and pieces of their progress and the choices they made along the way. Today's excerpt is about the main play structure. See last week's newsletter for information on the other two play structures.

The largest element in the proposed, new playground is a custom designed play structure that meets the needs of the church and Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center. One of the struggles in planning a playground is meeting the guidelines set by the state. A difficult standard is that children on a playground must be within an 18 month age range. This makes planning and layout very difficult. We added the new interior fence to make a Small playground to start to deal with this issue. Then we designed this special structure to come into complete compliance with the standard. Our main structure is designed for children from two years-old to twelve years-old. This wide age range, with the addition of the toddler playground equipment, gives the Children's Center multiple play areas for the two year-olds in their care. Since children 24 months - 36 months can play either on the Small or Large playground, it gives the Children's Center flexibility to have multiple classes on the playground at the same time. So we can have our toddler class (12 month - 24 month) out on the Small playground, at the same time the 2's class (24 month - 36 month) can be on the Large playground. Or the 2's class can be on the Small playground while the 3's class (36 month - 48 month) are on the Large playground. This large play structure will also be great for church children in every age range. -Faith Kopplin, Donovan McNeil, Beth Raymond, Karyn Miller



New Sunday School Year

The new Sunday School year begins Sunday, August 26, at 9:30 a.m. Following is a list of the Youth and Children's opportunities for the fall:

Youth

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast and concerns and celebrations. After that they reflect on the biblical story, draw connections between the story and their own lives, and participate in activities that are engaging and fun. Charles Conkin leads in the Teen House.

Sunday Nights: Journey to Adulthood – a Christian spiritual formation program for youth that takes into consideration the developmental needs of adolescents. Groups address one of the four dimensions of human existence: self, society, sexuality, and spirituality.

Wednesday Nights: a time for youth to relax and be refreshed. The youth come to build community with other teens and escape the stresses of day to day life.

Children

Sunday School is the heart of ministry to children at Lake Shore. Teachers strive to help children discover how the people and stories of scripture can apply to their lives.

4th-6th grades, Helen & Sam Hastings, Gary & Beth Miller, Room 203

1st-3rd grades, Becca Sharpless, Tom Charlton, & Joleen Eiklenborg, Room 201

Toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten-aged children interact with Bible stories, Bible concepts, and explore their own creativity and imagination in learning centers.

Preschool & Kindergarten, Debbie York & Glenda Ramsower, Room 107

Toddlers (12 months – 2 years), Frances Koen & Libby Sullivan, Room 105

Loving adults provide care in a warm and safe environment for our infants:

Infants-12 months Kay Bailey & Lou Clark, Room 104

Wednesday Nights: Music & Missions – Following church supper, school-aged children gather for an evening of fun, friendship, and learning. The Children's Choir (6:15-6:45) learns about worship, music, and teamwork. In Missions (6:45-7:30) children learn about different cultures and creative ways to show God's love through stories, conversation, and hands-on activities with Jerri Love.

Threes through kindergarteners go to room 107 for a mission story and activities with Barb Francis (6:15-6:45 p.m.) using a centers-based curriculum from the CBF. Then Rachel Sciretti leads the children in music activities. Following this time the children go out to the playground.

Celebrations...

Friday morning Gwen and Henry Kari became the proud parents of a baby boy. His name is Fabuin Awah, a Cameroonian name that means "gift to the people" or "serve the people". Fabuin came several weeks early and weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces. Both mother and baby are doing well. Big brother, Lawyah, and big sister, Lum, are delighted at his arrival.

Sunday Simbo's wife, Pamela Ndi from Cameroon, arrives Friday to start her education at Truett Seminary.

Prayers for...

Burl Davenport is in rehab at Regent Care.

Tillman Rodabough fell and broke his leg while he and Carolyn were traveling in Vietnam. He had surgery on Tuesday, August 21, in Taos, New Mexico.



Mission Trip to Austin

Saturday, September 8

A chance to experience first-hand the work of the CAFB at its 60,000 foot distribution center. Leave Waco in time to get to Austin for an early lunch and work until 4:00. **Sign up sheet outside the office.**

Beneath the Words

A women's retreat based on the Lord's Prayer

Friday, September 28–
Sunday September 30

led by Lake Shore Women

Cost is \$95 for a single room, \$75 for a double room. Price includes two nights' lodging, 5 meals and copy of the book *Learning to Pray* by Wayne Muller. Information regarding Cedarbrake can be found at www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or contact Sharlande.

Congregational Conversation

What does poverty have to do with Justice? Is it OK to discriminate in giving between the "deserving poor" and the "undeserving poor?" Clearly Jesus cared for poor people, but what does that mean for Christians today? How much giving and doing is enough? These are questions that many of us wrestle with as individuals. We usually don't think about the extent to which our answers are influenced by our culture and history. Join us on September 9th and 16th during Sunday School, (9:45 a.m.) and September 12th and 19th during our Wednesday night seminar as Dr. Gaynor Yancey from the Baylor School of Social Work leads a four session tour of ancient times and recent history, exploring the roots of our attitudes toward poverty, justice, serving and giving. This cultural long view provides a fascinating backdrop against which to consider personal convictions and the role of the church regarding our Christian response to "the least of these." -Ashley Thornton

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 126

9:30 – Sunday school

10:45 – Worship

Wednesday, August 29

8:30 – Staff Meeting

5:30 – Supper

6:30 – Mid-week Activities
Business Meeting

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 30

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

September 8—Mission Trip

Wednesday Night Supper

August 29, 2007

Creamy Chicken Breasts

Rice

Green Salad

Cake

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, August 26

Infants: Pam Allen
Preschool/K: Jeff & Judy Davies

Visitor Cards: Kameron Siebel
Jonathon Pendleton
Offering: Roy & Pam Smallwood
Kerry & Loeen Irons
Ushers: Paul Smajstrla
Andy Powell

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast – SoRelle
Sunday School – “The Crossing of the Street”. Come and welcome the new youth to the group.

Sunday Evening:

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Next week we will be hosting 7th & James in the annual “Back to School” volleyball game. Come to the church at 4:30 to help set up for the party. We will be on the front lawn. The party ends at 7:30. T-shirts are available for \$10.

Coming Up:

September 9: J2A Leader Meeting
TBA: Parent's Meeting

Anyone interested in being a J2A Leader please let Charles know as soon as possible.

-Charles

A quarterly workshop series for
Christian Peacemakers

What About the Old Testament?

led by Barry Harvey
faculty, Baylor University

Tuesday, August 28, 2007
7:00—8:00 p.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
305 N. 30th

sponsored by
Every Church a Peace Church
in Central Texas
Questions, call 754-5942

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.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 267,972.9	\$ 215,990.85	\$(51,982.07)