

# LAKE SHORELINES

September 26, 2007

## Playground Build October 27-28

A big "thank you" from the Playground Committee and the Playground Fundraising Committee for all the support the playground project has received so far. With less than a month until the construction begins, it's extremely important for all of us to pay attention to the following ways to be involved.

### Sign up to help by October 7

How can you help? With construction of the playground? By providing childcare? Preparing food? Sign the list on the double glass doors in the Children's Center or tell one of the Playground Committee members how you want to help. **It is extremely urgent that we know how many construction/volunteers we will have.** Sign up for one or two shifts or for all day Saturday or Sunday. Grounds for Play states that all who help must be 18 or older, but strong youth can help transport items and keep work areas clean. Another reason to volunteer: hiring construction help could cost as much as \$20,207. If we do the construction ourselves, with supervision, the cost will be \$2,950. **Sign up by Wednesday, October 7 because we must tell Grounds for Play whether we will have enough volunteers to do the construction ourselves and save money.**

### Come to an information meeting

Wednesday, October 24 — 6:30 p.m.

After supper, each group — construction, childcare, and food — will meet to make final plans for the weekend. The construction teams will find out appropriate tools to bring and find their team's plans, so everyone can be ready to go at 8:00 Saturday morning and complete work by Sunday afternoon.

### Pledge your financial support

By September 23, we had received \$50,145 toward the playground cost of \$77,700 and approximately \$6,000 in pledges yet to come in. If you have not pledged, please consider your response and turn in your pledge card by September 30.

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

The Worship of God

September 30, 2007

"Inverting Expectations"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Luke 17.5-10

**Courageous Faith:  
Mother Teresa  
and the  
Experience of Doubt**

October 3

Wednesday night seminar

Led by Bob Baird

The recent publication of *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light* has brought to the headlines of the world's newspapers the role of doubt in a faithful life. One person, writing to *The New York Times*, said, "Faith that is genuinely healthy has the courage to doubt and ask questions, especially in the face of the world's suffering." Not everyone agrees with this statement, but nearly everyone is interested in her faithful care for the poor, especially when her soul felt empty, filled with darkness and doubt.

Bob Baird, who has spoken often at Lake Shore about the role of doubt in the life of faith, will lead our seminar. As he guides us in thinking about Mother Teresa, we will look at our common human questions.

## ***From Our Minister to Children . . .***

Children's work is play. This statement is used over and over again to help adults understand the importance of play in childhood. Active play is active learning which unites the mind, body, and spirit. When children play they are learning about cause and effect, experimenting with their potential and their limitations. In play children take risks both physically and socially. They try solving problems and begin to see life through another's perspective. In play children use their imaginations. Play reduces tension and through it children work out their feelings and understandings of a very complex world.

Dr. Stuart Brown, director of the National Institute for Play, suggests that the rough-and-tumble play of children actually prevents violent behavior. He says that play can grow human talents and character across a lifetime and that play can be a glimpse into the divine. Play is not restricted to just the young, but is something that adults should engage in daily. In his studies, Brown found that adults for whom play was not a regular practice struggled with rigidities, depression, lack of adaptability and irony — things he says are important to enable us to cope in the world. Perhaps a lack of play in the lives of adults makes it more difficult to release children to play for themselves.

The Lake Shore Baptist Playground Project is a huge undertaking — one that has not been entered into lightly, but has been pored over since early 2004. Besides all of the legal and regulatory reasons we are refreshing our playground, many have pointed out the more missional reasons for our commitment to this project:

- \* All children are God's children which makes them our children. Their safety and holistic growth is important to us.
- \* We want to create an environment of safety, trust, love, nurture, and accessibility for each child who comes in our doors. Jesus welcomed the children — so should we.
- \* The outside appearance of our church speaks to who we are as a congregation — our priorities and our integrity.
- \* For our church to continue to flourish we need to create bridges, opportunities, and points of connection for families with children. Lake Shore has been a place of belonging and growth for many families and we want it to continue to be so.

At times we as a church tend to be pretty hard on ourselves, and of course there are times when we are not hard enough. But I'd like to applaud the commitment and the efforts of our church to be a light in the lives of children. All glory be to God, but good for us for letting our lights — Christ's light — shine.



*a note from*  
The Finance  
Committee

**Budget requests  
for the  
2008 budget  
are due from your  
committee by  
October 21, 2007.**

### ***Prayers for***

Joe and Bessie Baxter, whose grandson Christopher Connally was killed in a car accident last Wednesday. His service was Saturday morning in Dallas. We grieve with Joe and Bessie; Chris's wife, Olive; his parents, Vickie and David; and his brother, Shawn.

Kay Bailey and her family as they remember Kay's niece, Kari, and Kay's mom, who has been at M.D. Anderson.

Loeen Irons' mother, Eileen Hartshorn, who received a very encouraging pathology report.

Pierreyves Morin, who is traveling to Paris this week for his university studies, and for Veronique, Capucine, and Louise-Marie here.

# Welcome, New Members



Angela Dennison's sense of commitment is apparent as you learn of her love for her past church and the thoughtfulness with which she makes this decision to join her path with Lake Shore's. Her former pastor told her about Dorisanne; Laine Scales invited her to visit Lake

Shore. But eventually, it was Lake Shore's friendliness that kept her here.

Angela is originally from Tennessee. She did her undergraduate study at Belmont, and her two brothers still live in the Nashville area. In 1987 she moved to Louisville where she gained an M.Div. and Masters in Social Work degree from Southern Seminary. Angela worked for Volunteers for America in the areas of homelessness and housing development. Dr. Diana Garland knew of Angela's work and recruited her to Waco in June 2006. Angela is currently employed by Buckner Children's and Family Services in a collaborative project with the Center for Family and Community Ministries (which is a part of the Baylor School of Social Work) and works closely with Jon Singletary.

At her beloved home church, Highland Baptist in Louisville, Angela offered her gifts through the deacon, music, and missions ministries. One of the missions that meant the most to her was Highland's partnership with Albania through CBF's Adopt-a-People partnership. Angela traveled to Eastern Europe on mission trips to Kosovo and Macedonia.

Despite the fact that Texas greeted Angela with a 108 degree temperature the day of her move, she hopes to learn of the hiking opportunities and native gardening Waco has to offer. Though she misses the rolling hills and curvy roads of Kentucky, she is enthralled with the lovely sunsets, gorgeous bluebonnets, and very friendly people. How glad we are that Angela is here!



What a wonderful and sweet experience it was to have Sunday and Pamela become a part of this church!

Sunday Simbo chose to delay his formal joining Lake Shore until his wife, Pamela Ndi, arrived for seminary. Before his move to America, Sunday had learned of Lake Shore from his sister, Prudencia, her husband, David Tonghou, and friends, Henry and Gwen Kari. In addition to other activities, Sunday plays soccer weekly with David and Henry.

Possessing an undergraduate degree in biochemistry, Sunday was called into ministry and moved to Waco to attend Truett Seminary, where Prudencia was already studying. Having the familiarity of Cameroonian family and friends helped Sunday's adjustment to the United States. Sunday's sacrifice, patience, and courage have helped him seek out his purpose in life and move forward. We have much to learn from him and his friends folks about the challenges and difficulties of integrating from one culture to another. Sunday and Pamela attend Tom Hank's Sunday School class.

Pamela has a degree in environmental science. A Truett M.Div. student, she hopes to be accepted into the joint M.Div. and graduate Social Work program. In the meantime, she is seeking a job in the Baylor library system. She comes to Lake Shore with many interests – reading, watching movies, needlework, sewing, cooking, hair-braiding, and working with children. She is one of seven children.

Though they grew up only ten miles apart in the same city, Sunday and Pamela met in college at the University of Dschang when he was a senior and she a freshman. With Sunday living here, they kept contact through e-mail and phone calls. Their marriage in April was a traditional African one; they anticipate having a church

## Children's Corner

### What's happening in October

World Communion Sunday: October 7

Children Sing in Worship

The Blessing of the Animals: October 7

Children's Sabbath: October 14

Children Sing in Worship

Operation Christmas Child : October 24

Children Shop for Shoebox Gifts

Trunk or Treat : October 31

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.

Peace Garden

Bring your pets.

## Beneath the Words

A women's retreat  
based on the Lord's Prayer  
this weekend September 28-30  
at Cedarbrake Renewal Center

**Our Church Staff**

Richard Aslanian, Music Director  
 Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth  
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor  
 Emily Gist, Interim Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center  
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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Friday & Sunday, September 28-30**

Women's Retreat

**Sunday, September 30**

9:30 – Sunday school  
 10:45 – Worship

**Wednesday, October 3**

8:30 – Staff Meeting  
 5:30 – Supper  
 6:30 – Mid-week Activities  
 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 4**

10:00 – Food Pantry Open

**Looking Ahead**

**October 6** Prayer Shawl Group  
**October 7** Blessing of Animals  
**October 14** Children's Sabbath  
**October 14** Deacons Meeting  
**October 24** Playground Meeting  
**October 27-28** Playground Build  
**October 31** Trunk or Treat

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**October 3, 2007**

*Smoked turkey*  
*Potato salad*  
*Beans*  
*Slaw*  
*Dessert*

**Extended Care**

**Visitor Cards/Offering**  
**Sunday, September 30**

Infants: *Karyn Miller*  
 Toddler: *Barb Francis*  
 Preschool/K: *Anne Smajstrla*  
*Prudencia Tonghou*

Visitor Cards: *Kameron Seibel*  
*Devin Seibel*  
 Offering: *Henry Kari*  
*Donovan & Monica McNeil*  
*Sunday Simbo*

Ushers: *Willie &*  
*Barbara Hobbs*

**Youth News**

**Sunday :**

Breakfast – *McDurbam*  
 Sunday School — *Charles*

**Sunday Evening:**

September 30– J2A Begins  
 Sunday Night Meal: *Salveson*

**Coming Up:**

If parents are still interested in being on a lead team for events happening this fall, please send an email to Charles at [Charles\\_Conkin@baylor.edu](mailto:Charles_Conkin@baylor.edu).

The youth will be participating in building the new playground, so if you need something to do that Saturday, October 27, sign up.

Wednesday nights we will be relaxing and having fun. There will be Frisbee, Apples to Apples, and more.

**Coming Up:**

- September 30: J2A Program 5:00
- October 28: Halloween Scavenger Hunt
- October 31: Trunk or Treat
- November 10-11: Fall Retreat/Lock-in
- December 15: Progressive Dinner

**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>
\$284,721.10	\$227,417	\$(57,304.10)