

LAKE SHORELINES

October 3, 2007

New Playground

Our Church — Our Children — Our Future

Good News

The Playground Fundraising Committee is delighted to report that financing for the new playground is almost fully subscribed. Lake Shore has received \$52,520 in cash and almost \$19,000 in further pledges. Our original push to raise enough money for the down payment so that construction could start was wonderfully successful. Let us not grow weary! We are especially desirous of having participation from 100% of Lake Shore members; each and every gift is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet contributed, or if you would like to give more to get us to a fully funded position, please be aware — it is not too late for a designated gift or pledge.

Have you signed up? We need you!

Builders still needed: Saturday from 1:45-5:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. and during all four Sunday shifts: 8:00-10:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., 1:45-5:00 p.m., and 4:00-7:00 p.m. **Childcare:** Sunday School at regular time. Sign up for childcare at other times or if you can help care for children. If possible, please schedule your shifts so children are at church for either a morning or afternoon, not all day — for the children's benefit. **Meals:** Looking good! We need five people for each meal.

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

World Communion Sunday

The Worship of God

October 7, 2007

"What He Saw"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-5, 6-11

The Celebration of Communion



The Gathering

On the first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. We need canned meat and cereal since these are two things we cannot usually get from the Capital Area Food Bank in Austin.

Children's Sabbath

Next week we join other congregations in recognizing children's needs and being advocates on their behalf.

"Leave the Light On" — Wednesday Night Seminar, October 10

In the hierarchy of children's needs, security is next to the top. When you were a child, who left the light on for you? In whose presence (or in what place) did you feel at home, safe, secure, loved, and/or free to explore, create, question, and be yourself? Lake Shore folks who spend their childhoods in a variety of places and times will respond to this question before we talk about how we can "leave the light on" for our children and youth today. *Rufus Spain, Craig Thornton, Rick Allen, Henry Kari, and others.*

Light a child's life!

Children of every age like flashlights — partly because they help us not be so afraid of the dark and partly because they're fun! Between now and Children's Sabbath bring flashlights that we will share at Christmas with children to whom we minister through our Family Self-Sufficiency program, our Food Pantry Ministry, and Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center. The colorful plastic ones that come two in a pack with batteries are best.



“Beneath the Words” . . . Reflections on Lake Shore’s Women’s Retreat

When I returned home from the women’s retreat, I told my husband that it was everything that’s great about Lake Shore times a thousand. Insight, synergy and love infused the weekend. As we delved beneath the words of the Lord’s Prayer through thoughtful presentations, meaningful conversation and quiet meditation, I was very much aware of His presence and the significance of community, especially *this* community, to my relationship with God. The intergenerational wisdom, openness and nurturing of so many Lake Shore women uniquely illuminates the circuitous path of my faith journey. The retreat was a special opportunity to be fed and led by the Spirit through these women. By grace and through these relationships, maybe I, too, can feed and lead others along the way. — *Emily Fau*

I was struck by being in the presence of beautiful women, each one beautiful in her own way and all of us as One -- made more rich by the gradations of experience, age and wisdom. And all of us, together, on the same journey: seekers in process, Becomers; learning, trusting, growing in capacity to give, to receive, to love; the Lord’s Prayer heard, recited, sung, relearned, relived. And as we walked the labyrinth, each with her own mantra, possibilities opened, and I thought of the Quaker prayer that “Way will open.” Symbols, signs, sounds and silence: Retreat to Awareness. God’s soliloquy in the voices of my sisters, the sounds and sights of nature, and in the in between, in the interstices, the silent spaces. May the Afterglow (to use Bobbee Watts’ expression) of this retreat to awareness be continually prompted by our love and friendships lived out in the larger community. — *Donna Casstevens*

What a joy it was to be wrapped up in a group of women of all ages -- I came away from the retreat with a sense of reassurance that I don't need to rush what just may not be ready yet in my life. I was challenged to look at where I was and to forgive myself for not being in what others might perceive as the right place. God is much more patient with me than I am! - *Deb Vardiman*

It was wonderful sitting in our group looking around the room, seeing all the different women so different in lots of ways: jobs, families, educations, hobbies, ages, likes or dislikes for food, but we all that weekend had one thing alike, we all were there to sit and share our love for Christ and listen to each other away from all the business of our daily world. We are the same in God’s eyes, and being there made that so real to me. — *Pattie Herbert*

As a newcomer to Lake Shore Baptist, this was an important weekend for me. I was able to get to know many of the women in a relaxed way, on both a personal and a spiritual level. I’ll now be able to put names with so many faces I see on Sunday. I’ve been to retreats before and it’s easy to become close in a special way to women you didn’t know, but how wonderful that now I will get to see everyone again and again as we worship and work together. — *Patty Field*

I loved walking the labyrinth, seeing all of us walk in different ways, but there we all seemed to have a sense of comfort in just being there together. . . . the circle at the beginning and end of communion was very meaningful to me. We all started together and ended together. — *Louise Clark*

Though I cook fairly often, tonight’s meal was inspired by the creative meals for the women’s retreat. I’m not sure about the names of the recipes, but every meal was unique, fresh, and yummy. In fact, the weekend was just that: delicious, savory, spicy. I enjoyed all of it: eating too much; getting to know several “new” church members; staying up to all hours talking with my roomie, Sandy; listening to each session; crocheting, and just relaxing—a lot. As I walked the labyrinth, I could not clear my mind of daily worries, especially of all the work I needed to do. I told God that I just could not receive “illumination.” At the center of the labyrinth, I said, “God, I don’t hear anything yet. I don’t think I can.” Then in a sort of bemused resignation, I thought, “O.K. I will keep doing the best I can. That was the beginning of a discovery: I need to **be** more and **do** less. — *Louise Powell*

I loved being with the beautiful women on this retreat, and I also loved being with my "relations" in nature on the living grounds of Cedarbrake. Wayne Muller, who wrote *Learning to Pray*, the book for our session, writes that "all my relations" is a "rich and magnificent acknowledgment of the interconnectedness of all life. . . . We cannot possibly do this work of living and loving, building and feeding, growing and healing all by ourselves. We seek the wisdom and nourishing company of all who have gone before, and pray for the healing of all who will come after." During our time together, I felt the sacredness of this interconnection in a very powerful way; the retreat was both a gift and a blessing, and I am very grateful for it. — *Juli Rosenbaum*

Care Group Ministry Desk

Lake Shore's caring ministry will soon celebrate a centralized place at church where everyone can find helpful tools for ministry.

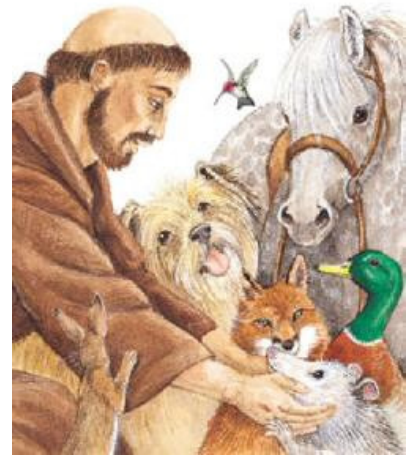
Do you ever think "I know I need to send cards to several people whose names were in the newsletter — but I can't find my newsletter" or "I want to send a birthday card to someone whose name was on Breadlines, and I need a card"?

Soon you can stop by the Care Ministry desk in room 204 at the top of the stairs. You'll find everything you need to send notes and cards: prayer concerns from the current newsletter and Breadlines, church directories, birthday lists, care group lists, nursing home lists, prayer cards, Care Notes, stationary, birthday and note cards, and pens. Care Group leaders have been waiting a long time for this ministry to get organized!

If you have extra time between meetings or are waiting to pick up a child from a church activity, stop by the Care Ministry Desk. Or, if you have time during the week, consider taking half an hour or more to stop by and write a note to each person on the prayer concerns lists or send greetings to our members in nursing homes. Then put your cards with the out-going mail in the church office, and we will make sure the cards get to the Post Office.

Thanks so much to the Koinonia Sunday School class for sharing the space in their room for this desk.

Keep reading to find out another way to be involved in this ministry.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7 4:00 p.m.

in the Peace Garden

In celebration of St. Francis' Feast Day and in thanksgiving to God for the special four-legged, feathered, fuzzy, or scaled friends in our lives, we will gather for a service of blessing led by David and Magi Davis. Bring your pet to the Peace Garden for a special time of thanksgiving and blessing.



Fall Art Workshop

Card-making — led by Jerri Love

Sunday, October 14

2:00 p.m.

Come make a handful of cards or a hundred! Make a few Thanksgiving cards, Christmas cards, or cards for our Care Group desk. We want to keep a good supply on hand for anyone in the church who wants to stop by and send a message of care, concern, or celebration. Jerri has all the supplies you need, and she's a wonderful, encouraging, creative guide. Just call or e-mail by October 12 to let us know you're coming.

Children's Corner

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 17

Children Shop for Shoebox Gifts

Committee Night

Wednesday, October 17

Budget requests for the 2008 budget are due to Finance Committee by October 21.

Bereshith Class Lunch

after worship Sunday, October 7
at the home of Steve and Kathy Gardner

13741 Riverview

Bring a dish to share and give
Kathy a count for chicken.



Comfort Shawl Ministry

The Comfort Shawl Ministry Ministry will meet this Saturday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Judy Davies' home, 8592 Oakdale.

Please make note of the change of location. Everyone is invited. Knitting and crochet lessons are available. Come for rewarding handwork, fellowship, and the joy of completing these beautiful comfort shawls. Call Patty Field (876-2817) or Judy Davies (751-1651).

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

Saturday, October 6

10:00—Prayer Shawl Group

Sunday, October 7

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

12:00—Bereshith Class Lunch

2:00—Missions Committee

4:00—Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 9

10:30—Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 10

8:30—Staff Meeting

5:30—Supper

6:30—Mid-week Activities

7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11

10:00—Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

October 14—Children's Sabbath

October 14—Art Workshop

October 14—Deacon's Meeting

October 27-28—Playground Build

Wednesday Night Supper October 10, 2007

Oktoberfest

*Smoked Bratwurst
Roasted New Potatoes
Sauerkraut Casserole
German Dessert*

Extended Care

Visitor Cards/Offering

Sunday, October 7

Infants: *Alice Baird*

Toddler: *Gin Courtney*

Preschool/K: *Caryl Miller-Compton*

Visitor Cards: *Mackenzie Love
Jonathan Pendleton*

Offering: *Bill Bellinger
Libby Bellinger
Janette Roth
Barbara Johnston*

Ushers: *Celia Dupree
Emily Fau*

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast – Miller-Compton
Sunday Morning with Charles

Sunday Evening:

Bible Study
Sunday Night Meal: Francis

Coming Up:

October 28: Halloween Scavenger Hunt

October 31: Trunk or Treat

November 10-11: Fall Retreat/Lock-In

December 15: Progressive Dinner

If parents are still interested in being on a lead team for events happening this Fall, please email Charles_Conkin@baylor.edu.

The youth will be participating in building the new playground. If you need something to do that Saturday (Oct. 27), sign up.

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

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>
\$302,605	\$265,478	\$(37,127)

Women's Bible Study

Sharlande Sledge

Tuesday, October 9

10:30 a.m.