

LAKE SHORELINES

October 10, 2007

Children's Sabbath



This week we join other congregations in recognizing children's needs and being advocates on their behalf. On Children's Sabbath we are part of a powerful, diverse inter-faith voice for children that spans our nation and crosses all lines of income, race, ethnicity, and political parties. What unites us is the belief that God calls us to protect children, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. At Lake Shore we care for children through our children's education ministries, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, Shalom Children's Center., Family Self-Sufficiency, and other ministries in Waco and around the world. May we affirm our commitments to these and pray that we will shine the light of God's justice and care for all children.

Light a child's life!

Children of every age like flashlights — partly because they help us not be as afraid of the dark and partly because they're fun! On Children's Sabbath, we're bringing flashlights to share at Christmas with children 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 inexpensive and good for children. You can usually find them at Target, H.E.B., and most drugstores. Give a little light to a child.

Last Week "Good News" — Today "Great News"!

The Playground Fundraising Committee is delighted to report that financing for the new playground is fully subscribed! As of October 9, Lake Shore has received \$78,695 in cash and pledges: \$58,470 in cash and \$18,750 in further pledges. Thanks to everyone for helping make this dream of a new playground for children a reality!

Playground Build . . . 17 . . . 16 . . . 15 . . . 14 . . .

The countdown is on! From the printing date of this newsletter, it's just 17 days until our playground build. **Our most urgent need is for builders on Sunday.** What shift can you work? 8:00-10:45? 11:30-2:00? 1:45-5:00? 4:00-7:00? More than one shift? On Sunday as well as Saturday? **Childcare:** Sunday School at regular time. Call Debbie York or Frances Koen. Schedule morning or afternoon shifts, not all day, for child's benefit. Need volunteers to care for children. **Meals:** Need volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up and keep snack table supplied with juice, water, energy bars, fruit. Can you contribute fruit or sandwiches? Let Karyn Miller know. Help with Sunday lunch for the whole church? Let Catherine Davenport know.

The Worship of God

Sunday, October 14
Children's Sabbath

"Leave the Light On"
Sharlande Sledge, preaching
Jeremiah 23:23, Mark 5:16

Wednesday, October 17

Called Business Meeting 6:15
to approve the proposed
Deacon Nominating
Committee for this year

Committee Night 6:30 p.m.
Please have your proposed
budget for 2008 to the
Finance Committee by
October 21.

From your associate pastor — but mostly from her friend

I almost missed getting to read this piece in worship Sunday because I left it on my desk and had to run to get it during the first hymn. (This is the kind of thing ministers have nightmares about!) Should I have risked the run to the office? I have no doubt! I wanted you to hear these words from my friend Naomi Nye, who has an exceptional gift for capturing the essence of the global community. Naomi, a true citizen of the world, is a Palestinian-American poet and essayist from San Antonio. I asked her if we might reprint her piece “Gate 4-A” here, and she graciously responded: “I would be so honored.”

Wandering around the Albuquerque Airport Terminal, after learning my flight had been detained four hours, I heard an announcement: “If anyone in the vicinity of Gate A-4 understands any Arabic, please come to the gate immediately.”

Well – one pauses these days. Gate A-4 was my own gate. I went there. An older woman in full traditional Palestinian embroidered dress, just like my grandma wore, was crumpled to the floor, wailing loudly. “Help,” said the Flight Service Person. “Talk to her. What is her problem? We told her the flight was going to be late and she did this.”

I stooped to put my arm around the woman and spoke to her haltingly. “*Shu dow-a, Shu-bid-uck Habibti? Stani schway, Min fadlick, Shu-bit-se-wee?*” The minute she heard any words she knew, however poorly used, she stopped crying. She thought the flight had been cancelled entirely. She needed to be in El Paso for major medical treatment the next day. I said, “You’re fine, you’ll get there, who is picking you up? Let’s call him.”

We called her son and I spoke with him in English. I told him I would stay with his mother till we got on the plane and would ride next to her – Southwest. She talked to him. Then we called her other sons just for fun. Then we called my dad and he and she spoke for a while in Arabic and found out of course they had ten shared friends. Then I thought just for the heck of it why not call some Palestinian poets I know and let them chat with her? This all took up about two hours. She was laughing a lot by then. Telling about her life, patting my knee, answering questions.

She had pulled a sack of homemade *mamool* cookies – little powdered sugar crumbly mounds stuffed with dates and nuts – out of her bag – and was offering them to all the women at the gate. To my amazement, not a single woman declined one. It was like a sacrament. The traveler from Argentina, the mom from California, the lovely woman from Laredo – we were all covered with the same powdered sugar. And smiling. There is no better cookie.

And then the airline broke out the free beverages from huge coolers and two little girls from our flight ran around serving us all apple juice and they were covered with powdered sugar too. And I noticed my new best friend – by now we were holding hands – had a potted plant poking out of her bag, some medicinal thing, with green furry leaves. Such an old country traveling tradition. Always carry a plant. Always stay rooted to somewhere.

And I looked around that gate of late and weary ones and thought, this is the world I want to live in. The shared world. Not a single person in this gate – once the crying of confusion stopped – seemed apprehensive about any other person. They took the cookies. I wanted to hug all those other women, too. This can still happen anywhere.

Not everything is lost.

Prayers for

Joan Rectenwald, who is hospitalized in Flagstaff, Arizona, following an accident she had in her truck. She was driving home to Waco from Washington state, where she visits family every summer.

Beverly Johnston, who had surgery the morning after falling at home late Thursday night, October 4. She is in rehab at Hillcrest.

Barry Francis, who is having eye problems; also, his niece’s baby,

Hudson, who has the same eye condition as Barry. The family asks for your prayers as they navigate the medical system.

Carolyn Harvey, who had eye surgery in Austin on Monday.

Jim Hooper, who is scheduled for a heart cath next Wednesday.

Missy’s Davis’ mother, Eunice, who is at Regent Care Center for rehab.

Raymond Bailey, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church, who had heart surgery, and Leslie and Matt Rosencrans, ministers at Seventh.

DaySpring and Calvary Baptist Churches as their staff ministers and laity faithfully continue their ministries during pastoral interims.

Azis Shihab of Dallas, father of Naomi Shihab Nye; she asks for our prayers for him as he heals from a fall complicated by his diabetes.

Staff News

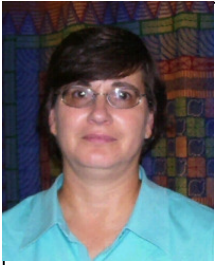
Dorisanne is in Charleston, South Carolina, this week at a lectionary worship and preaching retreat.

Dorisanne will be in Abilene, October 15-16, speaking at the BGCT’s first semi-annual Women in Ministry conference.

Emily is in Nashville this week for the National Preschool and Children’s Convention.

Charles is in Seattle this weekend for the wedding of a high school friend.

Rachel is on maternity leave until December 2.



Welcome, Jo Polansky, Financial Secretary

We are delighted that Jo Polansky started working at Lake Shore September 1. If you need a reimbursement for a church expense, an update on your committee's budget or pledge, or a great apple strudel, come see Jo. Our thanks to Don SoRelle and Gary Miller, who interviewed candidates for the job and recommended Jo to the Personnel Committee, chaired by David Kopplin.

"Speaking about a good fit! Jo Polansky fills the bill perfectly. We wanted an experienced accounting person for financial secretary since we are in process of centralizing the financial records of the church and the Children's Center. We were also hoping to find a person who would be desirous of part time work. Since we have separated the financial work from the duties of the administrative secretary, the financial part requires only part-time. Then Jo applied and how lucky we are. She has been chief accountant for National Lloyds Insurance Company, a Certified Public Accountant, and a Baylor grad in Business Administration. She and her husband, Bill, live in West, where they both grew up. Jo left National Lloyds to care for two adopted young children, Billy, 9, and Emily, 6, who are now entering primary grades. Jo was looking for a position she could handle between dropping off and picking up one child at the Waco Montessori School and the other at St. Mary's. Serendipity. Every word I have heard this month from the church office expresses excitement about Jo. We are indeed fortunate to have her. She has fit right in and impressed everyone with her skill, caring, confidence, and competence."

Dave Kopplin



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. Look at the display of cards outside the office. Sign up on the sheet there, or e-mail us by October 12 to let us know you're coming. Bring any of your own supplies, if you like.

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Good News!

Rachel and Mike have a new daughter! Anastasia has a little sister! Zoe Eusibia Sciretti was born Thursday Morning, October 3. In Greek "Zoe" means life (John 11:25) and "Eusibia" means "godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). It is the name of Mike's great-great-great grandmother. Zoe's grandparents, the Willoughbys of San Antonio and the Scirettis of Baton Rouge, are thrilled to have a second granddaughter. Lake Shore celebrates this youngest member of our church family and anticipates her presentation and dedication at church very soon. Zoe, we're glad you're here!

Hungry?

On October 16, let's not do lunch.

When we sit down to eat, most of us don't realize that almost 1 billion people live below the international poverty line. As a result, 820 million people in the developing world are malnourished.

Caritas, World Hunger Relief, Seeds of Hope, and the McLennan County Hunger Coalition invite you to commemorate World Food Day on Tuesday with a "Fast of Caring."

They ask you to skip lunch and donate what you might have spent on the meal (\$7.50) to support local food pantries through Caritas.

Children's Corner

Children's Sabbath: October 14

Children's Choir Sings in Worship

Please have your children here at 9:15 to rehearse in the sanctuary. Attire is "Sunday best."

Operation Christmas Child Shopping: October 17
6:15-7:30 at Big Lots. We need parents to drive and chaperone, especially with the younger children.

Trunk or Treat : October 31

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
Pattie Herbert, Custodian
Jo Polansky, Financial Secretary
Sarah Randles, Interim Office Manager
Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 14

9:30 — Sunday school
10:45 — Children's Sabbath
2:00 — Art Workshop
5:00 — Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, October 17

8:30 — Staff Meeting
5:30 — Supper
6:15 — Business Meeting
6:30 — Committee Night
7:30 — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18

10:00 — Food Pantry Open
5:30 — Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead

October 24 Playground Meeting
October 27-28 Playground Build
October 31 Trunk or Treat

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Dedication
November 11

Look for more information next week.

**Wednesday Night Supper
October 17, 2007**

*King Ranch Chicken
Beans a la Charro
Guacamole
Ice Cream Sundaes*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, October 14**

Infants: Pam Allen
Toddler: Deb Vardiman/
Rebecca Mosley
Preschool/K: Children will attend
worship with their families
Visitor Cards: Chandler Evans
Mikhayla Evans
Offering: Sandy Sadler
Lynn Williams
Donovan & Monica McNeil
Ushers: Celia Dupree
Emily Fau

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast — Mosley
9:30 — Sunday School

Sunday Evening:

5:00 — J2A
Sunday Night Meal — York

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

Anyone interested in being a driver or Clue Site for the Youth Halloween Scavenger Hunt on October 28, please let Kristi SoRelle or Charles Conkin know.

Any youth interested in participating in the Crop Hunger Walk on November 4th at 2:00, please let Charles know.

Coming Up:

- 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>
\$343,340	\$272,719	\$(70,620)

Family Self-Sufficiency

Thursday, October 18
call Joyce McKee
for more information
about supper and childcare