

# LAKE SHORELINES

October 31, 2007

## Playground Build Reflection



*Before*

(with more to come next week)

I keep finding excuses to drive by and look at the new playground. I smile each time, remembering something funny that Ray Cannon or Tom Hanks said, or laughing about Jan Williams' inability to bake homemade bread (according to Lynn). I'm so glad I was involved in this. I'm so glad everyone was involved with this.

What a wonderful, eclectic group God has assembled at Lake Shore!

*Karyn Miller*

I was not scheduled to work on Saturday and tried to stay away while I continue to recover from a respiratory illness. But the attraction to see the playground being born was simply too great. I drove to the church and stood at the fence merely to bask in the joy of it all. And what joy! Like the proverbial well-oiled machine, church members and Baylor students and professional contractors came together to create space to play in what had the day before been merely space. Who knew? Who knew that these ordinary people could first raise \$78,000 to build a playground and then could turn around and actually build it. Joy personified. *Loeen Irons*

It was unexpectedly rewarding (working with Fontaine was okay too). *Kerry Irons*

## Worship at Lake Shore

All Saints' Sunday

The Worship of God

November 4, 2007

"Mindfulness"

*Dorisanne Cooper*

The Scripture

Philippians 4:8

## The Gathering



On the first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. We especially need dry rice, macaroni/cheese, and dry pinto beans.



Remember to set back  
your clocks for  
Sunday, November 4th!



*After!*

## Operation Christmas Child

Be **sure** to bring your filled shoeboxes to the church by November 11th. (see inside for more)

As a former kindergarten director at Lake Shore Baptist Church Children's Center, I'd like to thank everyone who took part in making the playground "build" a success. From the task force in 2004 to the committees, boards, and financial planners in 2007 as well as participants in the build, everyone pitched in to make this project a success. Although it's still a work in progress, we're close to seeing this dream come true. A special "thank you" to Donovan McNeil who has empowered this mission from start to finish.

*Beverly Hill*

## *From our Playground Committee Chair ...*

Our Church, Our Children, Our Future

Since the fall of 2004, a group of church members has been involved in thinking about and planning for an updated and safe playground for our children. We dreamed of transforming the play area adjacent to the church into a place that welcomes children and provides for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to run, climb, explore, and enjoy the beautiful green space which surrounds our church.

There were times when thinking and talking about this playground seemed to be an impossible dream. The hurdles were many. A deteriorating wooden fence needed replacement, the concrete support walls needed to be reinforced, and the eroding hillside graded. The cost of playground equipment is expensive, and the questions kept being asked, "How will we pay for this?" "Do we need this playground?" "Would we have this playground if we didn't have the Children's Center?"

This morning as our congregation gathered outside for worship on a glorious autumn day, those questions of an impossible dream seemed so long ago. As we faced the almost-completed playground with the beautiful new structures, and reflected on the coming together of our entire congregation to fulfill this dream, Penny Eden's phrase "The Church that Love Built" came to mind. Truly over the past month and a half, our congregation has demonstrated a determination of purpose that has surprised many. We not only voted to proceed with plans for a new playground, we raised the money to do so! In a 48-hour period, church members gathered to unload an 18-wheeler of supplies for this project. For two sunny days, teams of workers young and not-so-young dug holes, hammered in pilings, mixed cement, shoveled rocks, sand, dirt, and wood fiber, struggled with the huge sun shade frames, and participated in constructing climbing and sliding structures. There was harmony and laughter as friends worked together and shared stories and skills. Three onsite experts gave clear directions, while Donovan McNeil rejected coffee breaks and kept the teams moving. Jim Fau expertly moved the front loader round and around and back and forth, and the kitchen team kept the water flowing along with snacks, sandwiches, and fruit. By Sunday afternoon, all was completed that could be completed for the day.

This weekend another sun shade structure will be erected and additional sidewalks will be added. In the spring we hope to plant shrubs to attract butterflies and birds, and we look forward to seeing radishes and lettuce planted by our young children growing in the sun.

The entire congregation deserves an individual thank you for participating in and supporting this endeavor. Please accept this heartfelt "Thank You." Without your support the playground could not have become a reality. Additional thanks are extended to the original Task Force and the Fundraising Committee and Ray Cannon who chaired the successful campaign, and to playground committee members Beth Raymond, Karyn Miller, and Donovan McNeil.

Appreciation and thanks to Donovan, whose previous experience with playground construction provided the expertise needed to bring the plans to life. Without his persistence and know-how, we would probably still be in the dreaming phase.

Our children are our future!

Faith Kopplin, Chair, Playground Committee

## Operation Christmas Child



Never packed a box before? Here's how.

1. Find an empty shoebox (normal-sized, not boot-sized), or pick one up from the hallway.
2. Decide if your box will be for a boy or a girl (age groupings 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14).
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts: balls, Hot Wheels, yo-yos, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hard candy, jewelry sets, hairbrushes.
4. Leave out used items, liquids, perishable items — like crackers and chocolate — medicines, or war-related toy.
5. Fill out the form (on display or from the internet [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org)) and place it, along with your \$7 donation (checks should be written to Samaritan's Purse), inside an envelope.
6. We will dedicate the boxes in worship on Sunday, November 11.

**You are urged to use a plastic shoebox because the child can reuse it to store any treasures.**

Things left at the church after Sunday:

**many tools,**

jean jacket, Truett Seminary water bottle, white furniture leg cap, and *a truly spectacular playground.*

## Deacon Nomination Form

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee—Virginia Courtney, *chair*, Craig Thornton, Bill Bellinger, Jo Cannon, Rufus Spain, Caryl Miller-Compton, and Jan Williams—were elected at the business meeting on Wednesday, October 24. Now they invite church members to participate in the deacon selection process.

The by-laws state the following criteria for nominees:

- A member of LSBC for a minimum of two years
- At least 18 years of age
- Involved in a ministry
- Committed to regular attendance at deacon meetings and retreats
- Intentional in his or her quest for a mature faith
- Regular in attendance in worship and other church programs
- Committed to regular financial stewardship through the church budget
- Given to reconciliation and reflective of the biblical model of servanthood and personal moral integrity.

Below is a form on which you may make a list of one to seven names of church members to be considered for deacons. A box will be available in the sanctuary hallway in which you may place your list.

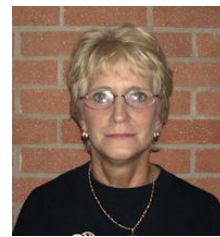
Current deacons who will continue their term in 2008 are: *Alice Baird, Bill Bellinger, Virginia Courtney, Bruce Evans, Karen Matkin, Craig Thornton, Lynn Williams, Jeff Davies, Helen Hastings, Barbara Johnston, Donovan McNeil, Bruce Neatherlin, Mike Raymond, and Donna Slette.* Individuals who complete their terms this year or did so last year are: *Joe Baxter, Ray Cannon, Loeen Irons, Faith Kopplin, Beth Miller, Vern Sauter, Don SoRelle, Rick Allen, Genie Dyer, Joyce McKee, Andy Powell, Judy Bowman, and Rufus Spain.* They are not eligible for nomination this year.

Please consider your submissions prayerfully and place your selections in the designated box by Sunday, November 25.

I submit the following names of individuals whom I would like to see serve as deacons:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Barbara Tucker and Charlene Eakin**



Here are the pictures of some of the new members you read about last week. They are Barbara Tucker (above) and Charlene Eakin (below). Look for a picture of the Gervais family next week!

## Staff Notes

Sharlande is out of the office on vacation until November 12.

Charles will be out of town Friday, November 2 through Monday, November 5 at the Youth Specialties Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

## Good News

On Tuesday, David Tonghou successfully defended his dissertation, "The Material in Salvific Discourse: A Study of Two Christian Perspectives." He will graduate from Baylor in December.

Katie Brennan-Homiak will be dancing with the 940 Modern Dance Group on Tuesday, November 6, 6:30-7:30pm, at Temple Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. 3rd St., Temple.

## Prayers for . . .

Bruce Evans' aunt, Tylene Langslet, whose house burned down just outside Portland, Oregon.

Joan Rectenwald who continues to recover at home.



## Comfort Shawl Ministry

The Comfort Shawl Ministry will meet this Saturday, November 3, 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).

## Children's Corner

During November, we will feature a prayer of thanksgiving each week for your family to try out at the supper table. We hope you enjoy!

Thank you for the world so sweet.  
Thank you for the food we eat.  
Thank you for the birds that sing.  
Thank you, God, for everything.

(Child's Blessing)

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director  
Charles Conkin, Interim 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  
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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, November 3**

10:00 — Shawl Ministry

**Sunday, November 4**

9:30 — Sunday school

10:45 — Worship

5:00 — Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, November 7**

8:30 — Staff Meeting

5:30 — Supper

6:30 — Children's activities

7:30 — Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 8**

10:00 — Food Pantry Open

**Looking Ahead**

**November 14** — Business Meeting

**Habitat Harvest Dinner**

will be Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 6:30pm, at Lee Lockwood Library & Museum. Admission is free, but reservations are required (756-7575).

**Wednesday Night Supper  
November 7, 2007**

*Chicken a la Paris  
Rice  
Green Pea Salad  
Dessert*

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, November 4**

Infants: Genie Dyer  
Toddler: The Dentons  
Preschool/K: The Davis Family and April Scales  
Visitor Cards: Steven Burt Lawyah Kari  
Offering: Bennie Ward, Barry Francis, Prudencia Tonghou, Steve Fontaine  
Ushers: Faith Kopplin Ellen Brown

**Youth News**

**Sunday Morning:**

Breakfast — Rosenbaum  
Sunday School — Charles

**Sunday Evening:**

Movie Night with Meredith 5:00-7:00  
Sunday Night Meal — Miller

Thank you, Kristi SoRelle, for planning and leading this year's Halloween Scavenger Hunt.

Operation Christmas Child will be on Nov. 7. Please bring some money and shoe boxes so we can shop and wrap.

Any youth interested in participating in the Crop Hunger Walk on November 4 at 2:00, please let Charles know so you can get some information.

The Fall Retreat will be a lock-in at the Teen House. If there are any volunteers to help with food or chaperoning, please contact Charles or Anne Smajstrla.

**Coming Up:**

- November 10-11: Fall Retreat/Lock-in
- December 15: Christmas Party and 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>
\$360,088	\$284,923	\$(75,164)