

# LAKE SHORELINES

November 14, 2007

## A Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

*Lake Shore Baptist Church*

Wednesday, November 21  
7:00 p.m.

We will offer our gratitude to God with a service of hymns, scripture, and communion.

*Thou that has given so much to me,  
Give one thing more—a grateful heart;  
Not thankful when it pleases me,  
As if Thy blessings had spare days;  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be  
Thy praise.*

—George Herbert

**Worship at Lake Shore**  
The Thirty-Third Sunday  
of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God  
*November 18, 2007*

Sermon Series on Mindfulness  
“*Mind Your Money*”  
*Dorisanne Cooper*

The Scripture  
Luke 19:1-10

## A Traditional Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesday, November 21

12:00 p.m.

Prepared by the children and teachers of Lake Shore Baptist Children’s Center for their families.



If you can help carve turkeys on Tuesday, please call Emily Gist at 772-6459 or e-mail her at [emilywgist@gmail.com](mailto:emilywgist@gmail.com).

### Pie Fellowship

It’s a Lake Shore Thanksgiving tradition to taste as many different kinds of pie as possible after the Thanksgiving service. Please sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary hallway to bring your favorite pie to Share. It’s a different kind of Wednesday night supper!



## Called Business Meeting

Sunday, November 18  
after the morning worship service

## ***From your associate pastor***

Every October I buy a stash of pink M&Ms to support breast cancer research and make sure there's a little chocolate around for the staff. Yesterday the last pink one disappeared from my office. When I looked for orange, brown, and yellow ones to fill the jar on my desk, their red and green cousins had already up-staged them. The Christmas candy was a small sign of the rush toward December . . . a sign that made me think of Christmas cards . . . that made me think of cranberries . . . that made me think of the Advent book . . . that made me think of the introduction I hadn't written . . . that made me think I'd missed the sunset . . . that made me think of Carol McEntyre.

Carol was one of my wonderful social work interns and a calming presence in my life. At Carol's ordination council five years ago in November, Martie Sauter, her social work supervisor, said, "Carol, your vocation will demand much from you. How do you plan to care for yourself?"

I'll never forget Carol's answer. "The world seems to move so fast. I try to create a space around myself that isn't rushed or hurried."

Today, as I was starting my car, an orchestra of acorns beat a syncopated rhythm on the roof of my Jeep. I turned off the engine and listened to the sound of November, to part of the God-shaped rhythm of today. And I thought of Carol's words and the prayer I'd written the morning after I heard them.

I walked outside without an umbrella this morning and sank my feet into the leaves pressed together by the rain. I knew by the warm kindness of the sun and the brave new chill in the air that November planned to set up its tent on the earth for a few weeks in spite of our attempts to rush it away. For now, give us November in all its fullness.

Now is your season of persimmons  
and pomegranates and squash,  
buttery yellow peppers and cranberries  
and pumpkins that fit in a teacup.  
Now is the season for the unlikely sunset mix of purple

and yellow in the faces of pansies beside the church door. It is the day that fiery pyracantha on the Table call us to worship you.

The Bradford pears on this side of the road,  
the red sumac on the other, vie for my attention.  
I want to slow the pace of my looking  
to watch the color seep into the maple tree next door  
until it swells with the jewels of an emperor's cloak.  
I want to make a daily ritual  
of peeking into the hedge along the driveway  
to watch soft lavender, then Advent purple,  
wash over the pale green berries.

In November, create a space around me  
so hushed and still that I can hear  
the Sandhill Cranes calling from a mile away,  
the clouds covering their flight by night,  
the sun illuminating their long bodies by day  
as they make their winter journey home;  
a space to relish every bite of every sweet potato  
and say each time I taste it, "there's nothing better;"  
to allow daylight savings time to offer its gift of light  
for an early morning walk.

Let us hallow this time for its own sake,  
for its autumn holiness,  
when leaves scatter from branches like gold coins,  
shuddering down like spatters of light.

Before the rush of expectations and packaged-wishes,  
of and, yes, even before the turkey is done,  
let us have now — to decide what is too much  
and what is not enough this year,  
to remember those whose losses need the  
kind of attention not entirely  
comforted by traditions and carols,  
to begin practicing how the Light of God  
will reflect to others through us.

Now, O God,  
create a space around each of us  
that we may hear your voice  
in this unrepeatable season.



## ***Prayers for ...***

Linda Olson, who was in a car accident on the way to visit her daughter in Georgia, where she is now recovering.

Cassy Burleson, whose mother, Susan Burleson, died last week. Her service was Saturday near Groesbeck.

Fred Carey, whose mother, Catherine Bisbee, died Monday. Visitation is Wednesday at Oakcrest. Fred and Gerri will travel to Catherine's home in Hollywood, Florida for the burial. Memorials may be made to North Central Texas Alzheimer's Chapter, 101 Summit Ave, Ste 300, Fort Worth TX 76102, or the Geraldine Addison Carey Scholarship Fund at McLennan Community College.

Joan Rectenwald continues to recover at home.

Coke Held is going to M.D. Anderson for consultation.

## ***Celebrations***

Susan Cannon, the daughter of Ray and Jo Cannon, tied for the highest score on the latest Texas bar exam.

## **Advent Music**

It's the time of year when the choir works on its Advent music. In the Sunday service, on December 9, we will sing Andrew Matthews' wonderful "*The Story of Christmas*" with chorus, soloists, and chamber orchestra. We need extra singers for all sections. The choir meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays to rehearse Sunday's music and at 8:00 p.m. we rehearse the "*The Story of Christmas*." Rehearsals last until about 9:00 p.m. We always need your help, but especially at this time of year. Please consider joining us in preparation for a memorable experience.

— Richard Aslanian



## Mark your calendar . . .

*Here's a preview of December and Advent.*

**December 1**—Decorating the sanctuary

**December 2**—Missions Tree  
Advent Booklets  
Craft Night

**December 6**—Self-Sufficiency Party

**December 8**—Preschool Cookie Decorating

**December 9**—Christmas Music

**December 15**—Youth Progressive Dinner

**December 16**—Christmas Open House

**December 19**—Caroling & Chili Supper

**December 21**—Service of Light in the Darkness

**December 24**—Christmas Eve Service

## Advent Craft Night

Sunday, December 2 —5:30-7 p.m.

Lake Shore's annual craft workshop  
Fun for the whole family!

Call Jan Williams, 848-4750, or Carol Bice, 776-0609,  
if you will "host" a craft table.

## Children's Corner

Here are two table blessings you can offer with your family:

*To be said while holding hands:*

May the love that is in my heart  
pass from my hand to yours. Amen.  
Traditional American Grace

*Sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"*

Thank, thank, thank you, God.  
Thank you now we pray.  
You have given all we need,  
To live through every day.  
Girl Scout Campfire Grace

Love  
our  
endless  
Story

Ever since we learned the hymn "Awake! Awake!" in 2001, we've sung "Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story" over and over during Advent. This year the phrase "Love, our endless story" is our theme. The art is part of the design Pam Allen has

created for our banner and booklet.

A few of you have noticed that you've heard no urgent pleas for Advent meditations! Yes, we're having an advent book, but the work of writing is already complete. Because of the "endless story" of God's presence at Lake Shore, we decided it would be a good year to compile a collection of stories from the previous twenty-two Advent books.

As soon as the pages are printed, we'll need help binding and preparing the books for distribution. If you have access to a binding machine (the kind that inserts coil binders), another one would be extremely helpful to us. Please e-mail Sharlande at [sharlandes@aol.com](mailto:sharlandes@aol.com) if you can help in the office during November 26-30.

A copy of the book will be available for each person/family after worship on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent. If you can help deliver the rest of the books that afternoon, please let Sharlande know.

If you know ahead of time that you want additional copies of the Advent book for family members or friends, we'll be happy to make them for \$2 per copy. E-mail the church by November 29.



## Coats for Cold Weather

If this winter is anything last winter, we will have lots of requests from people in the community for jackets and coats.

We will have a coat rack by the glass door at the end of the Sunday school hallway on which you may hang coats that you are ready to give away. You may begin to bring them the week after Thanksgiving.

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**

**Sunday, November 18**

9:30 — Sunday School  
10:45 — Worship

**Monday, November 19**

5:30—Yoga

**Tuesday, November 20**

5:30—Yoga

**Wednesday, November 21**

8:30 —Staff Meeting  
7:00—Thanksgiving Service  
7:45—Pie Fellowship  
8:00 —Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday-Friday, November 22-23**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**Looking Ahead**

*Saturday, December 1—*  
Decorate for Advent  
*Sunday, December 2—*  
Advent I & Advent Craft Night

A **Crisis** is about to happen. Help! Many of your tools are lying in the Jesse Derrick Class and need to be picked up. Jesse would be honored. However the temptation is too much and, if they are not picked up very soon, members of the class may feel the need to add to their own collections.

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, November 18**

Infants: Annette Brister  
Toddler: Gerri Carey  
Preschool/K: Juli Rosenbaum  
David Tatum

Visitor Cards: Jonathan Pendleton  
Devin Seibel  
Offering: Gin Courtney, Karen  
Matkin, Lynn Williams, Jerri Love  
Ushers: Faith Kopplin  
Missy Davis

**Youth News**

**Sunday Morning:**

Breakfast — SoRelle  
Sunday School — Charles

**Sunday Evening:**

J2A 5:00-7:00  
Sunday Night Meal — Morin

**Wednesday Night:**

Come and play games. Relax during your hard week at school.

**Coming Up:**

- December 15: Progressive Dinner
- July 13-18: Passport in Macon, Georgia. **Save the Dates**

**Contemplative Life in the  
Spiritual Journey, Quiet  
and Peace**

Saturday mornings  
10-11:30 a.m.  
4709 Bosque @ Lake Air  
(Onward and Upward/Catholic  
Charities Building)

Video presentation, discussion,  
solitude.

Contact: Edgar Speer at 755-9947

**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>
\$376,836	\$324,533	\$(52,303)