

LAKE SHORELINES

January 3, 2008

Our loving God,

*who rules the world with truth and grace,
we pray that you will lead us today
during this time of worship.
We have celebrated, once again,
the birth of the new Christ child,
and we stand on the eve of another new year,
full of hope, wonder, and concern.
The world has never had greater need of
a Prince of Peace,
a Wonderful Counselor,
and a God who is with us.
Oh Lord who makes all things new,
give us new eyes to see,
new ears to hear,
and new imaginations
to comprehend the message
and the mission that you have for us today,
and throughout this coming year.
Amen.*

Invocation offered in worship by Steve Gardner

December 30, 2007

Worship at Lake Shore Epiphany

*Creator of the stars of light,
break into our world.
God of surprising love,
made manifest in Jesus Christ,
call us to courage, vision, and change.
From north, south, east, and west,
we arise to follow your light.*

The Worship of God

January 6, 2008

"Light By Another Way"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Matthew 2.1-12

The Celebration of Communion

The Recognition and Blessing of Pattie Herbert



The Gathering

On the first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. We need cereal, dried beans, and canned meat since these are things we cannot usually get from the Capital Area Food Bank in Austin. If you would like to help prepare breakfast or distribute food to our food pantry clients on Thursday mornings in 2008, we would welcome your help.

Our Mission Tree Report

Thanks to you who took ornaments off the Missions Tree we were able to help 15 families – a total of 60 individuals - with toys, clothes, and food. You brought everything from a toy that makes noise for a baby to a bicycle for an older boy to make children's holidays brighter. We were also able to deliver much needed items to Mission Waco, Advocacy Center, Lake Shore Children's Center, our Food Pantry, and several WISD classrooms. We increased our support for Shalom Children's Center and gave gifts to 10 Friends for Life clients.

The Missions Tree is one of Lake Shore's biggest missions projects of the year, but it couldn't be done without your participation. Thanks to each of you. If you have suggestions to incorporate into our process for next year, please send them to Catherine Davenport.

Chairs for Pattie and Richard

Among other gifts under the tree this year for staff members who are leaving us, Lake Shore is giving church chairs – an exceptionally squishy white folding chair from the choir room for Richard and a wooden children's chair, extravagantly painted by Sandy Sadler for Pattie Herbert. Add your signature to each chair this Sunday. They will be in the hall near the coffee pot.

Don't forget to bring pictures of your children when they were preschoolers and current pictures, too, so we can make a scrapbook for Pattie. Place them in the box next to the chairs. Thanks so much!

New Baptist Covenant Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia

January 30-February 1, 2008

*An historic meeting of over 20,000 racially,
geographically and theologically diverse
Baptists from around the world.*

Speakers will include Bill Moyers, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Lindsey Graham, Julie Pennington-Russell, Marian Wright Edelman. Contact Sharlande if you are interested in going with a Lake Shore group. See newbaptistcelebration.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry will have its first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 5, at 10:00 at Judy Prather's, 2700 Glendale. Come and bring your yarn. Lessons are available for those who wish to learn how to knit or crochet. Call Judy at 723-8358 for more information.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton Dinner

A Gift to Talitha Koum

and to Our Teachers

Thanks to the generous gifts of Lake Shore members, our Children's Center teachers have the chance to hear Waco native Dr. T. Berry Brazelton who will speak on January 9 at Ridgewood. This is the annual benefit for Talitha Koum Nurture Center. But because different Lake Shore members are sponsoring our teachers and staff, the benefit nurtures our teachers, too.

The name T. Berry Brazelton is held in great esteem by child development organizations and educators. His current title is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus at Harvard Medical School, but to thousands of families he is, above all, the person who helped them understand and relate to their new babies. Thanks to each of you at Lake Shore who is giving a Christmas gift that will affect not only the teachers, but a multitude of families as well.

Prayer concerns

Beth McEntire, sister of Dorothy Lynn, died December 26 at St. Catherine's after a short time in hospice care. Beth was a former member at Lake Shore. She was an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at Baylor. Our love and prayers are with Dorothy in her loss.

John Scott Hargrove, Helen Hastings' nephew who lives in Arizona, is in critical condition. We pray for him, his wife, and his family.

Celebrations

Arnisa and Ryan Ramsower's new daughter, Emily Cheyenne, was born December 21. Big sister McKenzie welcomes her home. Emily's Waco grandparents are Lake Shore members Reagan and Glenda Ramsower.

Martin and Henrietta Addo's new daughter, Vanessa, was born January 3. Big sister Kristina welcomes her home. The Addos are Lake Shore's newest members (see next page).

Karrin Ford passed her comprehensive exams for her Ph.D. in Music History and Music Theory at the University of Connecticut. She is now ready to begin work on her dissertation dealing with the criticism of women composers. Thanks to Karrin for playing for us during the holidays.

Welcome New Members

What a joyful time it was when Martin, Henrietta, and Kristina Addo joined this congregation on the Sunday before Christmas! They are currently awaiting the arrival of a new baby girl as Henrietta is great with child – still. Their 2½-year-old daughter, Kristina, is a lovely vivacious girl who will assuredly find her place quickly among her peers.



Strangely enough, though both Martin and Henrietta are from Ghana, they met in Austin in 2003 through Henrietta's uncle. At that time, Henrietta was living in New York City and Martin was in the army at Ft. Hood. They married prior to Martin's being dispatched to Iraq for a one-year tour of duty in 2005. Then, the army took this family to Japan, from where they returned to the states in February 2006. This couple's energy and ambition are evident as, during this time, Martin became a US citizen in January 2004 and Henrietta in December 2005.

It takes much courage to leave one's country and seek a new home abroad. For Henrietta, traveling frequently with her diplomat father while growing up enabled her to navigate new places more easily. Having an uncle in New York City and one in Austin also gave her a place of comfort and support. Martin, on the other hand, pursued his education in Germany for one year prior to coming to the US to continue it in an English-speaking country. A friend directed him to the army where he served for 4 ½ years (yes, one can be in the army and not be an American citizen.)

This very warm and happy couple found Lake Shore Baptist through Henry Kari and Prudencia Tonghou. Henry's association with Martin comes through their joint employer – the Waco Veteran's Hospital - and through their weekly soccer playing. Henrietta loves being a mother to Kristina and currently stays home with her.

Dear Martin, Henrietta, and Kristina, we look forward to joining our path with yours. May God enrich our time together as we grow toward greater fullness in Christ.

Late-Breaking News—The Addos added a new baby girl, Vanessa, to their family on Thursday, January 3. Welcome to Lake Shore, Vanessa!

Clean-up Day

Have you often thought, "Where are the Advent banners and Christmas decorations stored?" Ever wonder who organizes education and worship supplies? Sunday School teachers, are you tired of wading through materials just to find a pair of scissors?



If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, we have an opportunity for you to give of your time and talents next **Saturday morning, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon** for "A Clean Sweep for the New Year." The opportunities for your ministry are varied, and there are jobs for everyone: *taking down banners, packing Christmas decorations, cleaning the art room, hanging pictures, organizing the office work room and worship closet, moving furniture.*

Some of you know specific jobs you need to do. If those require ladders, flashlights, hammers, or your reading glasses, bring them along. Lake Shore depends on volunteers for much of our ministry, and this behind-the-scenes work will help tremendously.

E-mail us to let us know you're coming (sharlandes@aol.com).

You can listen to "A Modern Day "Mary and Joseph," the Christmas story by Scott Simon that Sharlande read in worship on December 30, at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=17488106>

Thank you notes

It was truly a holy night at our Christmas Eve service! I was deeply moved by every aspect of our worship together and the myriad of gifts displayed by those who led us. From tender solos and graceful instrumental duets to interpretive readings of scripture and voices and candles raised high in hope, Christmas Eve at Lake Shore always blesses and inspires, and I am so very grateful. — *Deborah Harris*

I would like to thank everyone for their positive assistance with taking offering, visitor's baskets, or giving out bulletins during 2007. A special thanks to Celia Dupree, Barbara Hobbs, Lynn Williams, Andy Powell and Rufus Spain for assisting me during my absence from church for job obligations. The smiles and positive comments makes the service so special. Thanks for your service to LSBC.

Children's Corner

Wednesday Nights

for the children will resume on January 23

Save the Date

Children's Camp (3rd-6th graders) July 21-25

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Emily Gist, Interim Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
Gordon Lawrence, Custodian
Jo Polansky, Financial Secretary
Sarah Randles, Interim Office Manager
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, January 5
10:00—Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, January 6
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, January 7
12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 8
9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 9
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10
8:30 – Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

Deacon's Meeting — January 13
Deacon Ordination— January 20
New Baptist Covenant—
January 30-February 1, Atlanta
Mission Trip to Kansas City Alliance of Baptists —
March 28-30, New Orleans
Redirecting Children's Behavior
Parenting Course

Wednesday Night Supper
will resume on



January 16

Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, January 6

Infants: Kay Neugebauer
Toddler: Judy Bowman
Preschool/K: Jim & Emily Fau

Visitor Cards: Kameron Seibel
Devin Seibel

Offering: Kristi & Don SoRelle,
Missy Davis, Jerri Love

Ushers: Barbara Hobbs
Willie Hobbs

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast — Miller -Compton
Sunday School — Charles

Sunday Evening:

Sunday Night Meal — Francis

Save the Date: We will be attending Passport in Macon, Georgia during the week of July 13-18.

Sign up for the Mid-Winter Retreat on January 18-20. The cost is \$95. Please sign-up and start getting your money in. If you need a scholarship please let Charles know.

If there are any adults that would like to volunteer to attend the Mid-Winter Retreat, I am in need of some chaperones.

Come find out your Bible Study groups at Prelude. It will be at FBC Waco. If you need a ride be at the church at 4:00. Parents will need to pick up their youth at FBC Waco at 6:30. For all leaders there will be a meeting following Prelude.

Coming Up:

Jan 6: J2A

Jan 13: Mid-Winter Prelude

Jan 18-20: Mid-Winter Retreat

Jan 27: J2A

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 2008 budget of \$451,972 are \$8,691.77.

Watch next week's newsletter for a report on our 2007 contribution total.