

# LAKE SHORELINES

January 16, 2008

## **Worship at Lake Shore**

**January 20, 2008**

### **The Second Sunday after Epiphany Deacon Ordination**

This Sunday, January 20, two Lake Shore members will be ordained as deacons. Deb Vardiman and Henry Kari will share their faith journeys during worship. In addition, Annette Brister, Steve Fontaine, Steve Gardner, Gary Miller, and Kristi SoRelle, who have been ordained as deacons previously, return to the active diaconate for the 2008-2010 term.

Deborah (or Deb) was born in Waco in 1960, and as a Methodist minister's daughter grew up all over central Texas. She went to West High School in West, Texas (just up I-35) where her parents, Boyce and Jane Vardiman, still live. Deb wanted to live close to home, and so after graduating from Southwestern University in 1983, majoring in Sociology, she moved to Waco where she worked at MHMR with mentally handicapped adults.

She met & married David Mosley at Austin Avenue United Methodist Church in 1985, and they had two daughters, Taylor in 1988, and Rebecca in 1993. During these years, David completed his bachelor's degree and Montessori certification and Deborah worked at Austin Avenue as church secretary. Deborah obtained her masters degree in family therapy from TWU in Denton in 1998, then worked as a counselor at Family Counseling & Children's Services for the next nine years.

After joining Lake Shore in 2004, Deb & David's daughter, Taylor died at age 16. It is largely the love and support from Lake Shore & friends that has allowed the Mosley-Vardiman family to recover and thrive since. In 2007, Deborah left Family Counseling & Children's Services and works currently as office administrator at Historic Waco Foundation.

Henry Kari will also be ordained, here, in his own words, is part of his story:

I was born to Jonah and Lydia Kari in Mbem-Cameroon. I obtained a BA in English Language and African Literature in 1995. I migrated to the USA through the US Visa Lottery in May 1996. I lived in Maryland/Washington DC area for about a year before I decided to join the United States Army in May 1997. I served in South Carolina, Virginia, South Korea, Kuwait and Foot Hood, Texas.

Upon separation from the Army in June 2001, I found a job with VA Regional Office-Waco. My family I moved to Waco in June 2001. I obtained a MA in International Relations in May 2002 from St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas. I met my sweetheart, Gwen, in 1998, and we got married the following year. We are blessed with three very beautiful children-Lawyah, Lum and Fabuin Kari.

David and Prudencia Tonghou invited us to Lake Baptist Church in 2004. We felt at home the moment we walked through the doors of LSBC. We feel so blessed to be part of LSBC where love and compassion are never in short supply.

My journey of faith started right from birth. I was born a Baptist. My mother has held various leadership positions in her church long before I was born. She remains very active in her church today. She is the primary influence in my journey of faith.

Here at LSBC, I am on the Children's and Missions Committees. As I rotate to the Deacons Board, I humbly ask for prayers and support from every member of LSBC.



## **Playground Dedication**

**Wednesday, January 23**

**5:15 p.m.**

Come early for supper. We'll gather with the Children's Center families and teachers to bless our playground and give thanks.

## **New Members Dinner**

**Sunday, January 20 after worship**

The Orientation Committee is hosting a dinner for those who have joined the church recently at the home of Buddy and Judy Prather, 2700 Glendale. We will share our stories about what drew each of us to Lake Shore and talk about ways to be involved. A dinner for new youth members is scheduled for February, so this is for adults who have not previously attended a dinner. Call or email Alice Baird (756-5174 or [abaird@grandecom.net](mailto:abaird@grandecom.net)), if you have questions.

## Welcome to Sunday Simbo for his seminary mentoring semester



*We are delighted that Lake Shore member Sunday Simbo is doing his mentoring semester at Lake Shore this spring. Sunday will participate in staff planning and worship, as well as a variety of ministries, particularly those that involve food and nutrition – community ministries food pantry and breakfast, Meals on Wheels, Family Self-Sufficiency, and the Children's Center. Sharlande will supervise his mentorship. Thank you to Lake Shore members serving on Sunday's lay committee that will meet with him four times this semester: Tom Hanks, Mike Sciretti, Annette Brister, Craig Thornton, Bruce Neatherlin, and Kathy Gardner. Here, in his own words, is part of Sunday's story.*

I am Sunday Yamo Simbo, son of Mr. Simbo Stephen, born and bred in the Bamenda, the capital city of the Northwest province of the Republic of Cameroon in Africa.

I am a brother of 5 sisters and 2 brothers, and my dad is currently visiting with me and my sister, Prudencia Tonghou, and her husband, Dr. David Tonghou, who has been encouraging and helping me understand many of my school work assignments. My wife, Pamela Ndi, is in Waco and a student at Truett Seminary, and my mom is back home in Cameroon with rest of the family members and relatives.

I went to school in Cameroon where I started with my elementary education and continued to high school where I earned a high school diploma in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. I then enrolled into the University of Dschang where I graduated with a B.S.C. degree in Biochemistry. I then taught in a nursing school and did lots of volunteer work in HIV/Aids counseling in the rural areas of Cameroon.

During this same time, as a Christian I felt that some people needed to hear the word of God and from there I got the call to study ministry and thus, I enrolled at Truett Seminary to which I was admitted in 2004. I had to leave my home country for my MDiv. I am almost ready to graduate from Truett, and presently I am doing my last semester of school at the seminary.

This semester I am doing mentoring at Lake Shore Baptist Church with Pastors Dorisanne Cooper and Sharlande Sledge. I am happy to be a member of Lake Shore Baptist Church where I am enrolled for my mentoring with the great leadership of almost all of the members to me, particularly Dr. Tom Hanks, Annette Brister and Catherine Davenport.

Outside of school I am a soccer fan and a very talented soccer player. So many have contacted me to play team soccer many times. I tried to play with a team in Dallas but it was too time-consuming, so I quit to follow up with education, which I think is the best. I used to be a marathon runner. I won so many prizes when I was in secondary school. I think I can still run very well because one of my roommates asked if I could still run and took me for a test and I beat him hands down going round the Baylor trail. For more fun

Lord God,  
Song of my soul and joy of my heart,

*We are in you like a swimmer in the water  
You surround us and hold us up.  
You are in us like the water in  
every cell of our bodies.  
You give life to our dust.*

*Drop by drop you wear away  
the stones in our hearts  
and the rocks in our heads.  
We thirst for you.  
We cannot live without you.*

*Fill us today Lord.  
Soak us.  
Wash us.  
Baptize us.*

*And when we leave today,  
use us as your cups and jugs  
and bottles and buckets  
and pumps and irrigation systems  
to take your living water –  
your physical water and  
your spiritual water –  
to all who are parched and tired  
without it.*

*Amen*

Invocation, Ashley Thornton, January 13

### **Prayer Concerns**

Beth Miller's mother, Martha (Marty) Stone, died early Wednesday morning, January 9, at Wesley Woods. She moved here from Fort Worth in 2006. Our prayers are with Beth, Gary, Thomas, and David.

Christiana Owusu asks us to pray for her sister Martha Adjei, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Our prayers are with her and with Christiana and the rest of the family. You may send cards to: Martha Adjei c/o Victor Amisah-Adjei P. O. Box 274 Latebiokorshie, Accra Ghana.

Gwen Luikart's younger sister, Kay Kirkland, died last weekend. She had been in a local nursing home for two years.

Cassandra Nunley's mother, Betty Shannon, died Monday morning after a long illness. Her funeral service will be Friday, January 18, at 11:30 at Wilkerson-Hatch.

Roy Smallwood was hospitalized last week for a staph infection (possibly MSRA) in/on his nose. He is recovering at home.

# Children's Center News



Thomas Spitzer-Hanks led a training workshop twice last week for all of our Children's Center staff in appropriate care for Infants. Thomas is well known at Lake Shore, but has also made a name for himself in the child care profession as an expert infant teacher.



Congratulations to Rolanda Brooks, Assistant Director in our Children's Center, who received her Director's Certificate from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, confirming that she meets the qualifications for Director of a licensed childcare center. We celebrate this great accomplishment with you, Rolanda!



## Smorgasbord: A Taste of Lake Shore Sunday, January 27 5:30 p.m.

Do you have a recipe that's a hit every time you make it, that's good party food, or that's great comfort food? If so, consider making it for Lake Shore's Smorgasbord, only a week and a half away.

Bring a large dish of one of your favorite recipes and share it with your friends at Lake Shore. The best part is that you get to eat some of what everyone else brings — soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, bread, and dessert. One year we had dishes as simple as blueberry muffins and extravagant as Florentine Frittata. Pull out your recipe book and start thinking. You'll need to bring a copy of the recipe for the mini cookbook. Bring the whole family and enjoy the evening.

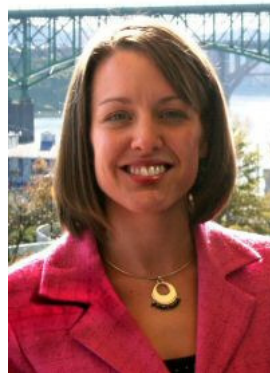
— The Fellowship Committee

### Committee Chair Meeting

January 27, at 4:45 p.m.  
before the Smorgasbord.

## Saturday Sojourners

January 26 9:30 a.m.  
Carol McEntyre



A former M.Div./M.S.W. student at Truett and intern and ministerial assistant at Lake Shore, Carol is now Director of Buckner Community Ministries at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. Carol says, "During my time in Waco, I learned that it was possible, in theory at least, to combine my two loves the church and social work. Now, as Community Minister at First Baptist Knoxville, I get to put that theory in practice everyday. Come hear about how our church partners with a local elementary school, works in the Latino Community and does home repair through our Handyman Ministry."

*Call or e-mail by January 23 make breakfast reservations.*

### MISSION "UrBanquet"



to promote  
Christian holistic  
ministry  
among the poor

**Tuesday February 5, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**  
Waco Convention center

Guest Speaker: Larry James, President/  
CEO, Central Dallas Ministries

If you would like to sit at a Lake Shore table, please contact the church office by Thursday, January 31. Tickets are \$35.

### Good News

Central Texas Senior Ministry is pleased to announce that as of the first of February, Van Jones will be joining the staff of their agency as Director of Client Services.

### Thank You

I wish to thank every one for their prayers and cards. When I get lonely I wrap myself in my prayer shawl! The dinners were wonderful. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.—Linda Olson

## Children's Corner

Wednesday night  
Music & Missions  
resumes on January 23 at 6:15.

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  
Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children  
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, January 19**

6:00—New Deacons Dinner

**Sunday, January 20**

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship & Deacon Ordination

**Monday, January 21**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline  
5:30—Yoga

**Tuesday, January 22**

9:00—Staff Meeting  
5:30—Yoga

**Wednesday, January 23**

8:45—Worship Planning  
5:15—Playground Dedication  
5:30—Supper  
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 24**

8:30—Food Pantry Open

**Looking Ahead**

**New Baptist Covenant—**  
January 30-February 1, Atlanta

**Wednesday Night Supper  
January 23, 2008**



*Pork Loin  
Mashed Potatoes  
Carrot Salad  
Dessert*

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, January 20**

Infants: Judy Prather  
Toddler: Mike Sciretti  
Preschool/K: Jeff & Judy Davies

Visitor Cards: Mackenzie Sullivan

Offering: Kay Bailey, Jerri Love,  
Rick Allen, Pam Allen

Ushers: Barbara Hobbs  
Willie Hobbs

**Youth News**

**No Teen House activities since Youth at Mid-Winter Retreat**

The **Mid-Winter Retreat** is this weekend. Please be at the church at 5:00pm and eat before you come. We will return to the church on Sunday around 3 p.m. If you have not paid please do so as soon as possible. Cost is \$95. If you need a scholarship, please let Charles know.

To save on gas, if there are any vans that could be used this weekend for the Mid-Winter Retreat, please contact Charles.

February 3 — **Super Bowl Party** at Charles' apartment. Bring snacks & drinks.

Coming Up:

Jan 18-20: Mid-Winter Retreat

Jan 27: J2A

Feb 3: Super Bowl Party

Feb 24: New Members' Lunch

July 13-18: Passport in Macon, Georgia

**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.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$17,383	\$10,901	\$(6,482)

**Lake Shore Book Club**

Join the book group as they discuss *Sweet Thursday* by John Steinbeck on Tuesday January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Craig and Ashley Thornton's home, 626 N 30th.