

# LAKE SHORELINES

January 23, 2008



## 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.

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. Last year we had dishes as simple as blueberry muffins and extravagant as Florentine Frittata. Pull out your recipes and start thinking, planning, and cooking!

Bring a copy of the recipe or e-mail it to Catherine Davenport (cadavenport@hot.rr.com). She'll collect all the recipes in a mini-cookbook to distribute. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for hosting this annual event.

### After Dinner Entertainment from "the American Songbook"

Baylor Showtime students will perform songs by George Gershwin, Cole Porter and other American classics, including Broadway show tunes. Come enjoy the music performed by Anthony Carillo, J. C. Barras and Meredith Pyle, accompanied by graduate student, Daniel Farris. We thank Leta Horan for her help in arranging this program.



## Saturday Sojourners

January 26, 10:00 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 25 to make reservations for brunch.*

### Worship at Lake Shore The Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### The Worship of God

January 27, 2008

"Gone Fishin' "

Dorisanne Cooper

#### The Scripture

Matthew 4.12-23

#### The Baptism of Laura Smajstrla

## Music Ministry Up-Date

Did anything look vaguely familiar about our guest choir director on Sunday? If your time at Lake Shore goes back a few, ahem, decades, then you felt right at home with Barbara Johnston directing our choir this past week. Barbara was the first official choir director at Lake Shore and we are grateful to her for her willingness to step forward to lead our choir for a few weeks while we secure an interim director for the near future. In the meantime watch the newsletter for information on a plan for some intentional reflection on the music ministry of Lake Shore and some discerning time together before we begin the search for a permanent person for this position.



## Youth Retreat

Can a person be a Christian on a deserted island? This was a question that we asked the youth to think about during this year's Mid-Winter Retreat. The theme was "Rooted" and was meant to stress the importance of becoming part of a community of faith. In teenage culture there is an attitude of consumerism that trickles down into church life. Nation-wide, youth are taught they can have anything they want any way they want it. When it comes to Christianity, teenagers can tend to think of church as a consumer product from which they only receive. If a church does not meet their requirements, then they try another place. To be rooted in one place is to make a commitment to remain in one spot and invest one's life. The key question of the retreat was meant to stimulate discussion about how important the community of faith is for people. Of course, someone can be a Christian on a deserted island. But when we are not rooted in one community we cut people out who can have an impact on our spirituality, just as if we lived on — a deserted island. This week I hope we all experience true community with each other like the youth did on the retreat.

— Charles Conkin

## "Lost Christianity"

a new Sunday School class  
taught by Mike Sciretti

Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent (February 10), Mike Sciretti will lead a new Sunday School class called "Lost Christianity." Those committing to this small group will focus on two lines of work —studying the Christian Wisdom tradition (*theoria*) and studying ourselves (*praxis*). During Lent we will use Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart* to guide our discussion. Copies of the book are available for those who participate. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mike Sciretti at Michael\_Sciretti@baylor.edu or 744-7869.

## Prayer Concerns

Ken Casner is at Hillcrest Hospital where he had surgery for colon cancer on Tuesday.

Andy Kilpatrick's great-aunt died last week. Andy is the husband of our new social work intern, Beth. Services were held in Houston and Brownwood this week.

## Good News

JoLeen Eiklenborg will receive the Martha Licata Honor Award at the Texas School Health Association conference Friday, January 25, in San Antonio. The award is the association's highest honor, recognizing an individual's exemplary contributions, services, dedication and promotion of School Health for children.

## Thank you...

Milly and I have been wonderfully buoyed in spirit and body during the last several months by Lake Shore's seemingly unlimited outpouring of concern, support (heartwarming notes and telephone calls), food (such jolly good creations!), particularly thoughtful help (hand-knitted shawl, Christmas-week Yule logs), and Lake Shore's unfailing love. We *might* have survived without this church's solicitude, but we doubt it. Our gratitude knows no bounds. Thank you.

—Coke and Milly Held



## Children's Corner



## Toddlers & Twos Sunday School

class will move to room 101 on Sunday, January 27!

**What do you have in your hand? A pen and paper? A shopping bag? A Bible? An empty butter tub? Almost anything can be put to purposeful use. Here are some small things that can make a big difference in Waco and the world.**

## **Write a note of encouragement to Gaza Baptist Church**

Gaza Baptist Church today is a remnant of the thriving congregation that has worshiped in Gaza for many years. Even with traumas to the church family that could have caused the small Christian community to give up, the church is faithful to its call and its mission to serve anyone in need. Its pastor, Hanna Masad, regularly visits Christians and Muslims to give them what food he can.

According to missionaries who live in Jerusalem but travel through the checkpoints into Gaza every chance they get, the people of Gaza Baptist Church need extra measures of encouragement like “sending cards of any sort, just to say that they are not forgotten and are prayed for regularly. If you could ask your whole church to do that, we think it would mean a lot to those remaining. If they received thousands of cards, it would not be too many. (You know that we will recycle the cards later on in craft projects for the kids, so all kinds of cards would be great.)” One member said that “in all the years, this is the hardest time we've had.”

It's an amazing thing indeed that Hanna Masad, pastor of Gaza Baptist Church, will be at the New Baptist Covenant meeting in Atlanta. Missions Committee member David Tonghou will greet him for us and deliver messages of encouragement from Lake Shore. **Bring a note or card addressed to Gaza Baptist Church this Sunday, or stop by our Care Group Desk for cards to send and leave at the church to post.**

Those of you who have been at Lake Shore several years remember that Lake Shore helped finance a five-story building in Gaza that houses a library, classrooms, and medical facilities. We sent an Easter banner to the church last year. Let's keep the cards and letters going to our brothers and sisters at Gaza Baptist Church: GBC, P.O. Box 7364, Jerusalem, ISRAEL 91072

## **Help pack a suitcase for Cameroon**

Mr. Simbo Stephen, father of Sunday Simbo and Prudencia Tonghou, came to Waco in December for David's graduation from Baylor. When he returns to Cameroon in March, we would like to send things back with him for the church there — English language Bibles, pencils, crayons, and other supplies. Watch the newsletter for details.

### **New Baptist Covenant Meeting Atlanta, January 30-February 1**

Dorisanne Cooper, David Tonghou, Ashley Thornton and Bill Bellinger will be attending 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, Al Gore, Marian Wright Edelman, and Hanna Masad.

## **Recycle for the Children's Center**

Did you know that your trash could become treasured works of art for the children at the Children's Center? We can use the following recyclable items to create art, toys, and countless math and science activities for children:

- Lids to liquid laundry detergent bottles
- Scoops from powdered laundry detergent
- Butter tubs and lids
- Large juice, Gatorade, fruit punch bottles
- Plastic containers
- Any size water bottle
- Family friendly magazines
- Pringles cans with lids
- Fabric or felt (large scraps)
- Cell phones
- Telephones (especially rotary)
- Computer keyboards
- Cardboard egg boxes

If you have any of these items, please clean and leave them in the box outside the Children's Center office. We would love for you to begin collecting these on a regular basis for our classrooms! — *Emily Gist*

## **Bring shopping bags for Lake Shore's food pantry**

Large shopping bags with handles are great for our clients to carry diapers, toilet paper, cereal, and other items. The bags from Olive Garden, Outback, Chili's, Panera, and even B&N are great. Restaurants will usually give you extras if you ask. When Whole Foods offers you paper bags, say “yes,” not just for the environment but also for our food pantry.

## **Attend the UrBanquet to support Mission Waco**

Each year the UrBanquet helps promote Mission Waco's holistic ministry among the poor. This year's Banquet is Tuesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Waco Convention Center. The guest speaker is Larry James, President/CEO, Central Dallas Ministries. If you would like to sit at a Lake Shore table, contact the church office by Thursday, January 31. Tickets are \$25.

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth  
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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, January 27**

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship & Baptism  
4:45—Committee Chairs Meeting  
5:30—Smorgasbord

**Monday, January 28**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, January 29**

9:00—Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 30**

5:30—Supper  
6:15—Children's Activities  
6:30—Seminar  
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 31**

8:30 – Food Pantry Open

**Looking Ahead**

February 3—Libby Bellinger Preaching  
February 6—Ash Wednesday/ Lent Begins

**Wednesday Night Supper  
January 30, 2008**



*Mexican Stack-Up  
Chili con Queso  
Praline Apple Pie*

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, January 27**

Infants: Faith Kopplin  
Toddler: Gin Courtney  
Preschool/K: Juli Rosenbaum  
David Tatum

Visitor Cards: Jonathan Pendleton  
Chandler Evans

Offering: Kathy Gardner, Karen Matkin, Judy Bowman, Jo Pendleton  
Ushers: Barbara Hobbs  
Willie Hobbs

**Youth News**

Breakfast: Pruitt-Jones  
Supper: No Supper

**Save the Date:** We will be attending Passport in Macon, Georgia during the week of July 13-18. There will be sign-ups and deposits due later in the Spring.

**Thanks** to all those youth and adults that spent last weekend and the annual Youth Mid-Winter Retreat.

This Sunday Night we will be participating in the church **Smorgasbord**. Be here at 5:30.

February 3 there will be a **Super Bowl Party** at Charles' apartment. Bring snacks and drinks. Directions and information will be on the Whatchamacallit or you can email charlesconkin@hotmail.com.

**Coming Up:**

Jan 27: J2A  
Feb 3: Super Party at Charles and Michelle's Apartment  
Feb 10: J2A  
Feb 24: New Members Lunch

**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>
\$26,075	\$16,922	\$(9,152)

**Committee Chair Meeting**

January 27, at 4:45 p.m.  
before the Smorgasbord  
Room 204