

LAKE SHORELINES

February 6, 2008



Worship at Lake Shore During the Lent Restoration

When something is restored, it doesn't simply revert back to its former state, but instead is changed, transformed, strengthened, made new. During the season of Lent, we'll be looking at the theme of Restoration and the many ways it takes shape in our lives.

February 10—Lent I

Matthew 4.1-11,
Restoring Identity

February 17—Lent II

John 3.1-17,
Restoring Understanding

February 24—Lent III

John 4.5-42, Restoring Judgment

March 2—Lent IV

John 9.1-41, Restoring Vision

March 9—Lent V

John 11.1-45, Restoring Life

create . . . renew . . . restore . . . sustain

Wednesday night seminar series, February 13-March 5

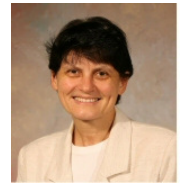
Led by Bill Bellinger and Lidija Novakovic

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

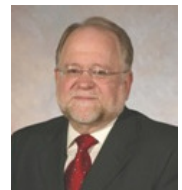
— Psalm 51.10-12

Each week we will examine a different word from Psalm 51:10-12: “create,” “renew,” “restore,” or “sustain.” First, Bill will interpret the word from the context of Hebrew scriptures. (For instance, this week our conversation will focus on the word “create.”) Then Lidija will interpret the same word in the New Testament context. We are glad that these biblical scholars are part of our worshiping community and can guide us toward a clearer understanding of the psalmist’s prayer. Dorisanne will conclude our time by focusing on the word’s meaning for us today.

Lidija Novakovic was born in former Yugoslavia. She holds BS in economics from the University of Belgrade, a B.D. and Th.M. from the Baptist Theological Seminary Rüsclikon, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (New Testament) from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently serving as Associate Professor of New Testament in the Department of Religion at Baylor University. Her research interests include the Gospels and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Her dissertation, *Messiah, the Healer of the Sick: A Study of Jesus as the Son of David in the Gospel of Matthew*, was published by Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, in 2003. She is one of the editors of two volumes of the series *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Texts with English Translations*, also published by Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen. She and her husband, Ivo, have two children. Lidija read our gospel lesson in worship last Sunday.



Bill Bellinger is a native of South Carolina. He received the B.A. degree, *Magna cum laude*, from Furman University, the M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge. He has done additional study at the University of Notre Dame and taught at Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, before joining the Department of Religion at Baylor University in 1984. He served as Director of Graduate Studies in Religion, 1991-2000 and 2003-2006 and holds the W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Chair in Bible. His current tenure as Chairman of the Religion Department began in January 2006. He has published seven books, including *Psalms: Reading and Studying the Book of Praises*; a *Hermeneutic of Curiosity and Readings of Psalm 61*; and *Leviticus and Numbers*. His numerous articles have appeared in dictionaries, study Bibles, books, and journals. His wife, Libby, is Assistant Director of Central Texas Senior Ministry. They have a daughter, Gillian, and a son, Chip.



New Baptist Covenant Meeting in Atlanta

I have hardly heard anyone describing a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, as a pilgrimage. Even before I left for Atlanta Wednesday, January 30, I hardly thought of myself as embarking on a pilgrimage; but that is how I see the journey now. This short piece deals with the beginning of this pilgrimage: my first morning at the Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant.

I unceremoniously arrived Atlanta at about 11:30 p.m. and after a short wait at the airport, Robert and Christiana Owusu, with whom I stayed during my time there, took me home. Thus, I did not attend the opening session of the Celebration, which took place earlier that night. My time at the conference began the following morning when I attended one of the plenary sessions, which were basically worship services. These sessions were characterized by uplifting and edifying music but the sermons, messages, and testimonies were consciousness-shaping. The sermon for the first morning was delivered by the notorious Tony Campolo and he focused on the Christian difference. His call for radical Christian discipleship was so loud, so bold, and so clear that it made me wonder how long he could last as the pastor of a church! "If prophets preach like that," I thought, "then running them out of town or church is justifiable." Yet my imagination was captured by what such radical discipleship could mean for me and my church.

Following Campolo, Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Children's Defense Fund, spoke movingly of the plight of children in America, using harrowing statistics. "People are used to asking what's wrong with our children," she chimed. Her answer: "Adults are what's wrong with our children." When adults set wrong priorities, fail to display moral clarity, it is difficult to see how children will not suffer the consequences. Listening to her, it was difficult not to be convinced that adults have grievously wronged children. This placed Lake Shore's ministry to children in a new light for me, although Edelman implored the church to go further: be a prophetic voice for justice on healthcare and consider adopting at-risk families in order to give children a better future.

These two voices, Campolo's and Edelman's, set the tone for a two-day conference that called on Christians not to give up seeing new visions, dreaming new dreams, and embracing the holy in unlikely places. And so it came to pass that Atlanta became a holy site for me.

—David Tonghou

"Forty-five years ago, a native son of Atlanta, a Baptist pastor, shared with all of us his dream: One day, on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners would be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. Today, here on those red hills of Georgia, Baptists have come together to take a step in the long and difficult journey toward achieving Dr. King's great dream. After generations of putting up walls between us -- separation, division by geography, by theology, but most of all division by race -- a new day is dawning."

Those words of Mercer University President Bill Underwood suggest the significance of the large and diverse crowd gathered for the Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant. I note three impressions. The first is the remarkable diversity of music at this gathering: from violin to saxophone to flute, choirs made up of people from various races, different styles of music, all well done. The second is the pressing needs in our world as articulated by many speakers but especially by Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund and Hanna Massad, the Pastor of the Gaza Baptist Church. The third is that Baptist Christians can make an important contribution in mending our broken and pained world and can do so more effectively when all the diverse members of our tradition are involved, as suggested by John Grisham. The conference was not organized around interpretations of our faith but around the practice of our faith, centering on Luke 4:18-19 and the call to love God and the person standing before us at any one time. It was refreshing to hear that call.

—Bill Bellinger

Prayer Concerns

Ken Casner is still in Hillcrest having difficulties recovering from surgery. His days are randomly up and down. Cards and prayers are welcome.

Barry Francis had surgery on his eye Monday. He is now back at work.

Celebrations

Jacque Neatherlin will be honored as a distinguished alumna of WISD at a banquet on Saturday, February 9, 7 pm, at the Waco Convention Center. She uses her doctorate in nursing to lecture, write, teach, research and advocate in the specialty of neuroscience nursing. Lake Shore proudly claims at least part of her upbringing.

First-grader Devin Seibel received the Principal's Award for being an outstanding student at Whitney Elementary School.

Celebrating the Marriage of Pamela Ndi and Sunday Simbo

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Sunday, February 24

3:00 p.m.

Pamela and Sunday were married in a traditional African ceremony in Cameroon. We are honored to bless their marriage with a church wedding here because, in their words, "Lake Shore is our immediate family here."

A Case Against Hunger



February 10-24

Lake Shore's annual drive to help replenish the shelves at Caritas's food pantry

For the next few weeks the hall outside the office will be filled with cases of food for you to purchase. At the end of the drive, Caritas will pick up the food from Lake Shore and take it to its warehouse to distribute to some of the hundreds of families in Waco who are hungry.

Members of the Missions Committee have worked with Caritas and H.E.B. to choose food that is needed. We'll have many of the same items as in years past—canned meats, boxes of cereal, canned vegetables, and macaroni-²n-cheese. Children may purchase macaroni-²n-cheese by the box rather than by the case. Prices on cases of food vary according to the item. Please consider carefully what you can give to help our neighbors.

“Lost Christianity”

a new Sunday School class
taught by Mike Sciretti

front room of Teen House February 10

You will receive a free copy of our text – Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart*. Our group will focus on two lines of Work: learning new ideas (*knowledge*) and applying the new ideas to our lives (*praxis*). Thus it is ultimately a very practical group experience. We will have time for silence, meditation, reflection, discussion, and sharing our experiences with the task for the week. If you would like more information, please contact Mike at Michael_Sciretti@baylor.edu or 744-7869.



Help pack a suitcase for Babungo Baptist Church, 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 will send things for Babungo Baptist Church there — English language Bibles, children's, Bible story books, pencils, crayons, and other supplies. The suitcase is by the office.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World Workshop

Saturday, February 16
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Austin Avenue United Methodist
1300 Austin Avenue

... to inform about the mission of Bread for the World and this year's Offering of Letters. Later this spring Lake Shore will add our letters to those of others from around the country advocating for alleviating poverty, hunger, and inequality. Call Emily Fau for more information or to be involved Lake Shore's ministry.

Can you volunteer?

... as a substitute teacher in the Children's Center?

Do you love children and have some extra time? Our Children's Center needs reliable substitutes. Recently we had six teachers out sick and no available substitutes. A background check is necessary but hours are flexible, and it is a paid position.

... as a driver for Meals on Wheels? We need a driver for a Friday route. It takes about an hour and is well worth your time. Call Catherine Davenport or Barbara Hobbs.

... as a furniture mover? The new (to us) furniture for the downstairs children's classrooms will arrive Friday, February 15. You can help unload the truck at 5:30 p.m. and help set up furniture Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Even if you don't lift and tote, there's plenty of cleaning and arranging to do. As we proved last fall, it's fun to work together.

Children's Corner

Wednesday Nights for Children
February 6—Meet the teachers ...

4-6 grades: Jerri Love

1-3 grades: Gin Courtney

Preschool/Kinder: Terri Evans

Toddlers/Twos: Libby Sullivan

February 13—Friendship Night
Stories, games, & crafts about friendship

Children's Education Committee Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. in room 203

“Goin’ to Kansas City”

to work in the inner-city
with Chris and Katie Brennan-Homiak.

summer mission trip for youth & adults
June 14-20

planned by YAC (Young Adults in the Church) group.

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Emily Gist, Interim Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 10

9:30—Sunday School
Case Against Hunger Begins
10:45—Worship
5:00—Deacons' Meeting

Monday, February 11

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 12

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

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

Thursday, February 14

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
9:00—Food Pantry Opens

Looking Ahead

February 15-16—New Furniture for Children's Classrooms

**Wednesday Night Supper
February 13**



*Joan's Spaghetti
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Red Velvet Cake*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, February 10**

Infants: Alice Baird
Toddler: Jerri & Mackenzie Love
Preschool/K: Jeff & Judy Davies

Visitor Cards: Jon-Kelley Gervais
Ian Gervais

Offering: John Gervais, Kelly Gervais, Gayle Avant

Ushers: Joyce McKee
Missy Davis

Youth News

Breakfast: Smajstrla
Supper: Davis

If you are planning on attending **Passport** in Macon, Georgia during the week of July 13-18, please sign up in the Teen House. There will be a payment plan this year. The deposit is due of \$50 is due on April 6.

Sunday Night: J2A

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the **Super Bowl party**.

Make sure you reserve a spot at the **New Members' Lunch**

Coming Up:
Feb 10: J2A
Feb. 17: J2A
Feb 24: New Members' Lunch

Church Directory

Is your latest directory, printed last February, torn and tattered and very much out-dated? Let's do a new one!! Look at the old one, and if you have **changes or additions**, please send them to Catherine at cadavenport@hotmail.com. Do it soon so you won't forget.

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.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 43,458	\$ 34,172	\$ (9,286)