

LAKE SHORELINES

February 13, 2008

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, Director of Graduate Studies in Religion at Baylor, will interpret the word from the context of Hebrew scriptures. (For instance, this week our conversation will focus on the word “renew.”) Then Lidija, Associate Professor of New Testament at Baylor, will interpret the same word in the New Testament context. We are glad that these biblical scholars are part of our worshipping community and can guide us toward a clearer understanding of the psalmist’s prayer.

**Worship at Lake Shore
during the Lenten Season**

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 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

**“ . . . and the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13b**

**With gratitude to God,
who loves us and brings us together,
we invite you to join us as**

Pam weds Sunny

**and we celebrate the marriage
of Sunday Simbo and Pamela Ndi**

**Lake Shore Baptist Church
Sunday, February 24
4:00 p m.**

***You are invited to a reception following the
wedding at the church, 5801 Bishop Drive.***

A Case Against Hunger

February 10-24



**Buy a case of food
for Caritas
to help feed the
hungry in Waco**

**Look in the hall outside the office
and decide what you will buy . . .
Tuna? Cereal? Green beans?
Rice? Peanut Butter?**

**Good news! One-third of the cases already
have sold signs on them!**

**Children can buy macaroni and cheese for
50 cents a box.**

From Our Pastor . . .

The New Baptist Covenant. I've been hearing those words for the last year I'll admit with some suspicion. I wasn't sure what one more meeting, even with such heavyweights for speakers, would really accomplish. Quite frankly in my experience anything that big often equals a lot of "watering down" so as not to offend anyone. Nevertheless in late December I decided it was too (potentially) historic not to attend so I made my reservations and turned back to Advent, not really giving it another thought until the time came to go.

How glad I am now that I decided to go. It's been a long time since I've been at a Baptist meeting where I felt that kind of energy and excitement, where the absence of great controversy was given over to inspiration. What a thrill to be at a meeting where I felt both spiritually nourished and challenged. I'll echo David and Bill's words from last week and mention Marian Wright Edelman as someone whose words were particularly compelling. Focusing on the scripture passage of Luke 4.18-19, those three days held speeches and sermons on poverty, hunger, prisoners, refugees, immigration, love, the environment and stewardship of the earth, and justice—each a reminder that if Christians, if a church, isn't centered in dealing with these issues, then we have missed the heart of the gospel.

It remains to be seen what exactly will come out of this meeting. For now what I'll be carrying with me is new inspiration for continuing our efforts to work on poverty issues, to care of children in our midst, to discern what it means to love our neighbor, for conversations about our part in the environment. I'll admit it felt good that many of these were conversations and ministries that are already present at Lake Shore, but not in a way that translated as complacency or self-congratulation. Rather it was inspiration to continue to challenge ourselves in new ways for how we do these ministries and how we live out the gospel together.

Dorisanne

Prayer Concerns

Don Rowan's sister, Jeanette Sue McMurtrey, died last Thursday in Dallas after a long bout with cancer. Services were Saturday. She also was also Myrl Luper's cousin.

David Tatum's mother, Frances Tatum, had heart surgery in Houston last Thursday morning.

Ken Casner is scheduled to come home from Quality Care on Saturday.

Jeff Zurheide, former Lake Shore staff member who pastors in New London, New Hampshire, has been in Little Rock for chemo and a stem cell "boost."

Trinette (Lockwood) Jones is at Hillcrest for testing.

Celebrations

Pattie Herbert was one of seven family childcare workers honored Saturday at a reception sponsored by KWBU. Pattie's center will be featured on a television program.

Rufus Spain received today his diamond pin for 50 years of service at Baylor University, Bob Baird, his 40-year pin, and Dianna Vitanza, her 30-year pin..

Palm Sunday Soup Bowl Supper

March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Each year on Palm Sunday evening our church members gather for a community meal to begin our Holy Week journey. Bowls local potters make remind us of the single bowl of soup or rice that many people in the world hope to eat each day. They also remind us of our dependence on our Creator for each day's sustenance.

This year's Soup Supper project will celebrate five ministries that depend on Lake Shore's resources of money and/or volunteers to do their work:

Lake Shore Meals on Wheels kitchen
Family Self-Sufficiency
Thursday morning breakfast and food pantry
Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
Shalom's Children's Center

"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.**



Katie and Chris Brennan Homiak are eager to welcome a group from Lake Shore this summer for the YAC mission trip. They currently are involved in ministries with Burmese refugees and neighbors who are homeless or under-employed, both at their church (see kcrevolution.org or revolutionnews.org) and at a new intentional Christian community in their neighborhood called Cherith Brook (cherithbrookkc.blogspot.com). If you come to Kansas City, you could be: playing with and tutoring Burmese refugee children; offering showers and meals to neighbors who are homeless; learning about big(ger)-city poverty; tending the garden; helping improve/clean/paint spaces at Cherith Brook; or enjoying Kansas City's fountains and legendary barbeque.

Called Business Meeting

February 20

Next Wednesday the church will vote on two search committees named this week by the Deacons (see names in left column.) With any search committee's work as they begin their time there will first come a period of conversation and gathering information about the direction of these ministries. The Music Search committee in particular has been asked to conduct a congregation wide conversation about the various music ministries at Lake Shore and the hopes and dreams and ideas that we each bring to this area. After these conversations each committee will create or refine the job descriptions for these positions (in consultation with the Personnel Committee) and commence the search process.

Music Director

Kay Avant
Angela Dennison
Bruce Evans, co-chair
Helen Hastings
Dorothy Lynn
Judy Prather, co-chair
Mike Raymond
John Salvesen
Jenny Howell



Minister to Youth

Jeff Davies, co-chair
Barbara Francis
Kathy Gardner, co-chair
Van Jones
Caryl Miller-Compton
Brad SoRelle
Deb Vardiman

Children's Center Director Search Committee

The Children's Center Board search committee is in the process of naming a permanent Children's Center Director. Four members of the committee were on the Children's Center Study Committee last spring. Naomi and Debbie are at-large church members; the others are currently on the board.

Naomi Fox
Helen Hastings
Gary Miller
Jo Pendleton
Mary Rowan
Debbie York, chair
Sharlande Sledge,
staff liason

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 1 language Bibles, children's, Bible story books, pencils, crayons, and other supplies. The suitcase is by the office.

Children's Corner

Children's furniture move
this Friday & Saturday!

We need all the help we can get.
Call Rachel if you can help.

Furniture for Children's Classrooms

Out with the old, in with the new! The preschool and children's ministry is very blessed to receive some gently-used furniture from Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston. Emily Gist, our Children's Center director, grew up at Tallowood where her mother has been the preschool minister for many years.

Friday evening, the deacons will meet at 5:30 p.m. to empty the classrooms receiving new furniture. On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., we will unload tables, shelves, home-living center pieces (sinks, stoves, refrigerators) book racks, buggies, a vinyl climber, coat racks and place them in toddler, twos, preschool, prekindergarten, and 1-3 grade rooms. Room leaders will guide the process. Area churches will come by later in the day to take away the old furniture and we will retain our chairs and purchase new chairs in the coming weeks.

We are very excited about the changes and very thankful to Tallowood for their generosity.

New Sunday School Class "Lost Christianity"

taught by Mike Sciretti

"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God." ~ Jesus

In a sense, Lake Shore's newest Sunday School class is about how to experience the level of being Jesus calls "purity of heart." The Christian Wisdom tradition suggests that it is impossible to truly love when our hearts are weighed down by so many "things." To be pure of heart means to have interior freedom. Somewhere along the way, it seems we forgot about this important part of the Christian spiritual journey and too often think we already have this kind of freedom! The small group that met this past Sunday represents some of the people who desire to use this time of Lent as a "springtime of the soul." During the next five weeks, the group will learn some of the "lost" ideas and practices that generations of spiritual seekers have used to help them freely love. And they'll try some of them on, too! If you would like to join them for the next few weeks, please contact Mike Sciretti (Michael_Sciretti@baylor.edu) so he can email the weekly reflective questions, daily exercises, and contemplative prayer suggestions.

New cookbooks & directories

You may pick up a **cookbook** from this year's Smorgasbord in the hall outside the office. We will publish a new **Church Directory** soon. Please stop by the proof copy in the hall and make any changes necessary to your listing by February 25 or email changes to cadavenport@hotmail.com.

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

Friday, February 15

5:30—Unload Furniture

Saturday, February 16

9:00—Arrange New Furniture in Children's Classrooms

Sunday, February 17

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

Monday, February 18

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 19

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

5:30—Supper

5:35—LSBCC Board

6:15—Children's Activities

6:30—Seminar

7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 21

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast

9:00—Food Pantry Opens

5:30—Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead

**Wednesday Night Supper
February 20, 2008**



*Beef Tips over Noodles
Green Beans
Jell-O Salad
Dessert*

Extended Care

**Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, February 17**

Infants: Karyn Miller
Toddler: Judy Bowman
Preschool/K: The McNeil Family

Visitor Cards: Mackenzie Sullivan
Ryan Davis

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

Ushers: Missy Davis
Joyce McKee

Youth News

Breakfast: SoRelle
Supper: Morin

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**

The **Spring Retreat** will be on May 2-4 at 3 Mountain Retreat. Sign up in the Teen House if you plan to go.

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

Coming Up:
Feb. 17: J2A
Feb 24: New Members' Lunch
May 2-4: Spring Retreat

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
\$ 52,150	\$ 41,889	\$ (10,260)

One Book, One Waco



TSTC Book Discussion Event, IDEAS Center, February 15 at 3-4 p.m.

Baylor Campus-wide Event, February 19 Miller Chapel at 4 p.m.

Book Review and Discussion MCC Conference Center, February 26 at 4 p.m.

Unity in the Community Event: Come Meet Authors Ron and Denver Waco Hall, March 3 at 7 p.m.