

# LAKE SHORELINES

March 5, 2008



## Palm Sunday Soup Bowl Supper March 16, 6:00 p.m.

For twelve years the symbol of soup bowls at our Palm Sunday meal has reminded us that every day God gives us what we need to eat. So, too, we pray that the vessels of our lives will be ready to receive what God is ready to pour into us during Holy Week.

At the Soup Supper you will have a chance to choose a bowl and, this year, a Texas-style soup to go in it. The bowls are made by two of Lake Shore's potters, Barbara Francis and Glenda Ramsower, or others in our community. These artists give their time and skills so that we may each have a bowl to take home to remind us that many people in the world are literally dependent on no more than a bowl of rice or soup to nourish them each day.

This year's supper celebrates 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 Children's Center

\$12 per adult  
\$5 per child

Sign up by  
in the hall  
or call the church  
by March 13.



## 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.

March 9—Lent V  
*John 11.1-45, Restoring Life*

## From "Hosannas to Alleluia" Palm Sunday and Easter Music

Come join us as we sing special anthems on these two high holy days. If you can sing with the choir for one or both of these days, come to choir practice on Wednesday nights.

## "Called to Create"

ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS  
CONVOCATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

March 28-30, 2008  
St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church

Several people have expressed an interest in going. For more information, e-mail Sharlande.

## From your associate pastor

I couldn't even get to point A this morning until I cleared my desk of jumble of papers beside my computer, tossed a couple of cups from yesterday, decided which rough copies of the newsletter were rough enough to send straight to recycling, refreshed the water in the vase of tulips, and found a pen that still writes.

My messy desk. My messy Jeep. My messy kitchen. My messy in-box on my computer. My messy cell phone system. In these days when everyone's talking about spring break, a bit of promise is in nearly every conversation or committee — hopes of spiffing up the church, cleaning closets, boxing things for a garage sale — in short, restoring a sense of order to the space around us.

A fresh beginning is about more than whisking used clothes out the door and making sure there's a place for everything and everything is in its place. My heart can take a lesson from every reminder to wash and scrub and restore — to repent of the messiness inside.

We're closer to Easter now than to Ash Wednesday when we started this journey to new life. Yesterday I needed a reminder to stay the course —or, more accurately, to start over. So I read one of the best Lenten pieces I know, "My Messy House." It's by Kathleen Norris, who writes about a time when she was teaching the Psalms to children because the writing process offers a safe haven in which they can work through their own feelings of loss, abandonment, sadness, even anger at God.

"One boy wrote a poem called, 'The Monster Who Was Sorry.' He began by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him: his response in the poem is to throw his sister down the stairs, and then to wreck his room, and finally to wreck the whole town. The poem concludes: *Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, 'I shouldn't have done all that.'*"

Norris writes, "'My messy house' says it all: with more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage and also gave him a way out. If that boy had been a novice in the fourth-century monastic desert, his elders might have told him that he was well on the way toward repentance, not such a monster after all, but only human. If the house is messy, they might have said, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?"

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*



**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend so you won't be late for church! The time changes at 2:00 a.m. early Sunday morning.**



On Saturday, March 8 we will clean the church, inside and out. Look at the list of possibilities below to see the variety of jobs. It will be helpful to know if you are coming to get the supplies and equipment ready for each job, so sign up in the hall this week or call the church office if you know

you can come.

### Outside Possibilities

- Fell dead tree east of sanctuary; stack for firewood
- Weed labyrinth and area near front door.
- Remove garden on toddler playground
- Mix two dump trucks of soil into sand east of church
- Plant herb garden on old toddler playground and set up watering system
- Lay new mulch in herb garden and areas around front door
- Repair some sprinkler heads

### Inside Possibilities

- Clean inside windows in Children's Center
- Clean and organize music in Choir room
- Clean walls in upstairs Sunday School rooms
- Clean mini-blinds

*If you have other cleaning projects we can help with (at church!), let us know!*

### Prayers for

Rhea Gray, former Lake Shore pastor, who will have extensive mouth and jaw surgery on March 6 to combat the return of the cancer for which he was operated on earlier this year. He and Sharon will be at Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa FL 33612-9416, for 10 to 14 days

Beverly Johnston, who is in ICU at Hillcrest.

Kurt Kaiser, DaySpring member and friend to many at Lake Shore, who had heart surgery March 4 in Houston.

Frances Fox, who has moved to Lake Shore Village for rehab from her operation.

Ken Casner, as he is in chemotherapy treatment.

Carol Collier, who cared for children at Lake Shore for many years, died suddenly this week. Her service was Wednesday.

### Good News

Karen Matkin was honored at the state convention of Texas Democratic Women with the Dr. Mae Jackson Award. This award is given to an outstanding elected official in Texas.

## Feast of Caring



Thursday, March 13, 2008  
6:00 p.m. Knox Hall

## Women's Bible Study

led by  
Dorisanne Cooper

Tuesday, March 11  
11:00 a.m.  
in Room 204

## A Report from the Music Study/ Search Committee

At a recent meeting of the Music Study/Search Committee, we heard from Dr. Terry York, a joint professor at Truett Seminary and Baylor's School of Church Music. As he shared his wisdom and experience, his main point was this: "Lake Shore has a unique voice. Your job is to listen for that." So as we envision and plan toward the future of our music ministry, we hope to engage in a wider congregational dialogue. Later this month, you will be invited to complete a written survey, and we are planning a series of conversations between March 26-30. Be watching for details soon, and we hope each of you will participate and let your voice be heard.

Judy Prather and Bruce Evans, co-chair

Kay Avant

Angela Dennison

Helen Hastings

Dorothy Lynn

Mike Raymond

John Salvesson

Jenny Howell, consultant

Dorisanne, Sharlande, and Rachel, ex-officio

## Bread for the World Letter-Writing Campaign

Our world has made progress in fighting poverty. For the first time in decades, there are fewer than 1 billion people living on less than \$1 a day. But that's still too many. In April we will write to members of Congress, encouraging them to do all that they can to reduce extreme poverty and hunger. Watch for details about seminars on Bread for the World and advocacy in early April. We will dedicate our letters at the World Hunger Farm in a community-wide offering of letters on Saturday, March 29.



breadfortheworld  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

## "Goin' to Kansas City" June 14-20

This summer the YAC group is organizing a trip to Kansas City to partner with Chris and Katie Brennan-Homiak. Chris and Katie currently are involved in inner-city ministries with Burmese refugees and the homeless or under-employed in their community. They work through their church, Revolution, and at a new intentional Christian community in their neighborhood called Cherith Brook. Chris says, "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." Chris and Katie are eager about our joining them in service and we are excited for this opportunity. If you are interested sign-up in the hallway. Visit: kcrevolution.org, revolutionnews.org, cherithbrookkc.blogspot.com. The cost will be \$55 per person with a deposit of \$25 due on April 20.

## Children's Corner

**Palm Sunday** is March 16. Children of all ages will sing the introit and process with palm branches. Come at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Coming Up:

New Moms' Brunch: March 15

Bike-a-thon: April 6

3-6 Grade Retreat: May 3-4

Bridge Builders: June 10-12

Helping Hands: June 24-26

Children's Camp: July 21-25



## Easter Joy

Every year at Easter, you have the opportunity to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love. This year, we will adorn the front of the sanctuary with blue hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. Please order by Wednesday, March 12.

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I have included \$15 by \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ cash.

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**

**Saturday, March 8**

9:00—Big Spring Cleaning and Planting

**Sunday, March 9**

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship  
6:00—Deacons' Meeting

**Monday, March 10**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, March 11**

9:00—Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, March 12**

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

**Thursday, March 13**

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

**Looking Ahead**

**March 15**—New Moms Brunch

**March 16**—Soup Supper

**March 17-23**—Holy Week

**Wednesday Night Supper**



**March 12  
Spring Break**

**March 19  
Holy Week**

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, March 9**

Infants: Annette Brister  
Toddler: Pattie Herbert  
Preschool/K: The Evans Family  
Prudencia Tonghou

Visitor Cards: Kameron Seibel  
Kenz Love

Offering: Jeff Davies, Judy Davies  
Gary Miller, Beth Miller

Ushers: Sunday Simbo  
Mike Umble

**Youth News**

Breakfast: Miller  
Supper: Smajstrla

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 of \$50 is due on April 6.

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

March 26 – **Youth Supper** (More to come later)

**Attention Youth:** If you plan to go to Passport there will be a few opportunities for fundraising and in order to earn this money you need to participate in the event.

**Coming Up:**

March 16: J2A  
March 30: J2A  
May 2-4: Spring Retreat  
June 14-20: KC Mission Trip  
June 28: Garage Sale

**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>
\$ 78,225	\$ 60,833	\$ (17,392)

**Family Fair**

March 29, 2-5 p.m.,  
Calvary Baptist Church

We need volunteers to be general helpers—no preparation necessary. Contact Beth Kilpatrick or Emily Fau if you can help.