

# LAKE SHORELINES

March 26, 2008

*So friends, every day do something  
that won't compute.  
Love the Lord. Love the world...  
Practice resurrection. — Wendell Berry*

“The remarkable variation among the gospels suggests that the early church had a rich tradition of resurrection stories and that the evangelists employed narrative and theological freedom in incorporating these traditions into their gospels.” So writes New Testament scholar Gail O’Day, reflecting on the lack of unanimity in the gospels when it comes to stories of resurrection appearances. She gives us an important reminder not to put walls around the story of Christ.

Taking a page from these forebears in the faith we, too, have a variety of stories to share when it comes to how we perceive resurrection happening in our lives or in the world around us. We can admit, however, that variety is not something that’s

“automatic” when it comes to our awareness of it. That’s why we’re using the phrase “practice resurrection,” from one of Wendell Berry’s poems, as our theme for this Easter Season.

“Practicing” resurrection comes first in making a point to look for resurrection, to grasp hold of its truth, to weave that awareness into our lives. And like the disciples of old, we may find some moments of great clarity and many other moments of stumbling along the way.

We’ll begin our series this Sunday with a special service of music and reflections from this community’s current and former members who will say what resurrection and practicing resurrection mean to them.

**March 30**

“Practicing Resurrection”

*John 21.25*

**April 6**

“Now I See...Through a Glass Dimly”

*Luke 24.13-35 (Dorisanne Cooper)*

**April 13**

“With Glad and Generous Hearts”

*Acts 2.42-47 (Sharlande Sledge)*

**April 20**

“Then and Now”

*Acts 7.54-8.1 (Dorisanne Cooper)*

**April 27**

“An Unknown God”

*Acts 17.16-31 (Dorisanne Cooper)*

**May 4**

“Knowing Where to Look”

*Acts 1.6-14 (Dorisanne Cooper)*

## ***Called Business Meeting***

**Wednesday, April 5 — 6:15 p.m.**

### **Recommendation of Emily Gist as Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center**

Since January the Children's Center Board has conducted a search process for a permanent director. The search committee was composed of Debbie York, chair; Mary Rowan, Helen Hastings, and Gary Miller from the current board; Naomi Fox; Jo Pendleton; and Sharlande Sledge, staff liaison. Mary, Gary, Helen, Naomi, and Sharlande were on the Children's Center Self Study task force last spring. The search committee refined the job description, advertised for a director, narrowed the search to qualified candidates, interviewed, and made a recommendation to the board.

Throughout this process we kept in mind the qualifications outlined by the Self-Study task force. The first intervention requirement was to hire and retain an experienced, dynamic director and qualified teachers. The director would need to maintain an environment supporting high quality, developmentally-appropriate teacher-child interactions. The director would also need a formal education in early childhood development, management experience, and a philosophy in agreement with our Christian mission.

The Lake Shore Children's Center Program Board is thrilled to recommend Emily Womack Gist as the permanent director of the Children's Center. We believe she meets all the requirements listed in the self-study. Emily has served as interim director since April 30, 2007. In this position she has been a stabilizing and unifying force for the center. She has provided a deeper connection with the church by participating in weekly staff meetings, leading in worship, and helping us define ways that the center is a mission and ministry of the church.

Emily is well-versed in the financial, legal, and state standards for operating a child development center. She has conducted high-quality, motivational teacher in-service sessions. She and board members have worked

on individual classroom evaluations and follow-up teacher conferences to suggest improvements. She has implemented W.E.E. (Weekly Early Education) Learn Curriculum in all the classrooms, a Christian-based curriculum that children, teachers, and parents are responding to favorably. Emily is in the process of evaluating and improving the nutritional value of the children's snacks, as well as creating a master inventory of all the educational materials in the center. She has hired qualified teachers and a new part-time assistant director. She has also been instrumental in the processes to update our indoor and outdoor learning environments with new furnishings and playground equipment.

Emily comes with many outstanding qualifications. She is creative and mature beyond her years. She grew up in Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, where her mother has been Minister to Preschoolers for more than thirty years. Emily took advantage of every opportunity she could to learn and serve through church childcare centers, day camps, and elementary classrooms. She has a B.S. in Education from Baylor as well as a Masters of Divinity from Truett Seminary with a concentration in Christian Religious Education.

We feel very fortunate that God has led Emily to us and believe she will make an outstanding director.

#### **Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center Board**

*Mary Rowan, chair, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Helen Hastings, Frances Koen, Faith Kopplin, Gary Miller, Rosemary Richards, Lynn Williams, Debbie York*

**At the business meeting we will also vote on housing allowances for our ministers.**



### **An Invitation from the Music Study/Search Committee**

You are invited to listen,  
learn and express your opinions  
as we talk about the direction of the  
music program at Lake Shore.

Some of us met last Wednesday, but others may  
attend a second meeting on:

**Sunday, March 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
in the "blue room"**

Contact Bruce Evans or Judy Prather  
if neither time works for you,  
but you have thoughts to share.

### ***Prayers for ...***

Rachel Sciretti's sister Casey Willoughby Sproul died Thursday afternoon in San Antonio. We surround Rachel, Mike, and their whole family with our deepest love and prayers.

Missy Davis had rotator cuff surgery to her right arm on Tuesday and is recovering at home.

Charlene Eakins' daughter, Virginia Messer, began chemotherapy on Monday.

Sudie Adams returned home from rehab today.

### ***Celebrations ...***

It was a great spring break for Professor Bill Bellinger, Chair of Religion and holder of the W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Chair in Bible at Baylor. Bill received the John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award presented by the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS) at its annual meeting in Irving. The award is presented annually in recognition of a scholar's distinguished work. Previous Baylor recipients include Bruce Cresson in 2000 and Glenn Hilburn in 1992.

## Bread for the World Emphasis 2008

The United States has promised to help reduce global poverty by committing to the Millennium Development Goals. However the United States is lagging behind other developed countries in keeping its commitment. The first Millennium Development Goal would cut in half the number of people who are hungry and the number of people living on less than \$1 a day.

...Bread for the World's Offering of Letters this year will focus on the Global Poverty Act that would (1) make that first goal an official part of U. S. policy and (2) require a coordinated strategy to achieve this goal through U. S. aid, debt relief, and trade policies. The strategy would emphasize cooperation with other countries, international institutions, faith-based groups, and the private sector.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

### Lake Shore's Offering of Letters Schedule

#### **Wednesday, April 2**

- The first opportunity to write letters to your legislators
- Seminar discussing this year's Bread for the World campaign and hunger issues by a panel including:
  - Jon Singletary** – Offering of Letters workshop leader for years; attended National Gatherings in Washington, D.C., and G-8 Summit in Scotland to present issues in this year's theme.
  - Matt Hess** – Director of Education at the World Hunger Relief Farm a partner organization with Bread for the World
  - Ashley Thornton** – Volunteer with Seeds of Hope, Inc.; member, Lake Shore missions committee

#### **Wednesday, April 9**

- The second opportunity to write letters to your legislators
- Seminar discussing the role of Christians in advocacy

#### **Saturday, April 12**

- Celebration and offering of letters with other churches at Farm Day at the World Hunger Relief Farm, 10:00 a.m.

## Children's Corner

### It's **BIKE-A-THON** time!

Sunday, April 6, 4:00 p.m. followed by a picnic supper

Children can pick up a pledge envelope and start getting pledges. The money children raise will benefit Lake Shore's five major missions – LSBC Children's Center, Shalom Children's Center, Family Self-Sufficiency, Thursday Morning Food Pantry Ministry, and Meals on Wheels.

#### **SWBCCA Children's Camp**

July 21-25, \$175\*

Camp Compass, Denton, TX

For children in 3-6 grades

We need a head count and a \$50 deposit by April 6.

Contact Rachel.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FRIENDSHIP RETREAT**

May 3-4, \$40\*

@ Three Mountain Retreat Center

### **Case Against Hunger Report**

This year's Case Against Hunger was the most successful ever, with \$6,076.76 raised for Caritas. Each of you who bought a case or a box made a difference in the life of a Waco person who needs food.

A special thanks goes to our "super shoppers," the Baxters and the Casners. Once again, Charles Murff from HEB, Hewitt, coordinated the food order and ensured its timely delivery to the church. The HEB points earned from the large purchase will supplement Lake Shore's food pantry.

### **Camera**

Please put on your thinking cap. Did you use the church digital camera to take pictures of a church event or anything else? It is not in its usual place in the main office desk. We would like hints as to where we should look.

### **Church Directories**

The church directory will be printed in the next few days, so e-mail any recent changes to cadavenport@hotmail.com ASAP.

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, March 29**

2:00—Family Fair @ Calvary

**Sunday, March 30**

9:30—Music Study Meeting  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship

**Monday, March 31**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, April 1**

9:00—Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, April 2**

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

**Thursday, April 3**

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

**Looking Ahead**

**April 6**—The Gathering  
**April 6**—Bike-a-Thon  
**April 8**—Runoff Election  
**April 8**—Women's Bible Study  
**April 16**—Playground Dedication

**Wednesday Night Supper  
April 2, 2008**



*Meatloaf  
New Potatoes  
Green Pea Salad  
Dessert*

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, March 30**

Infants: Karyn Miller  
Toddler: Deb Vardiman  
Becca Mosley  
Preschool/K: Davis Family  
April Scales  
Visitor Cards: Steven Burt  
Devin Seibel  
Offering: Prudencia Tonghou,  
Karen Matkin, Ashley Thornton  
Ushers: Sunday Simbo  
Mike Umble

**Youth News**

Breakfast: Reynolds  
Supper: McDurham

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. Cost is \$65.

In the church hallway there is a sign up sheet for anyone interested on going to **Kansas City June 14-20** on a mission trip.

**Coming Up:**

March 30: J2A  
April 6: Passport Deposit Due  
May 2-4: Spring Retreat  
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

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 104,301	\$ 81,792	\$ (22,508)

*Garage Sale*

Have you been doing some spring cleaning? Remember to save and donate your items to the Youth Garage Sale, June 28.