

LAKE SHORELINES

April 2, 2008

We will practice resurrection
in the name of Christ our Lord,
raising joyful "alleluias"
in each kindness, deed, and word;
living in faith the daily habits,
helping your grace and hope unfurl.
This our Easter prayer and purpose:
"Love the Lord" and "Love the world."*

Words: Sharlande Sledge; *last line, Wendell Berry
Tune: NETTLETON

Worship at Lake Shore The Third Sunday of Easter

The Worship of God

April 6, 2008

"Now I See ... Through a Glass Dimly"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Luke 24.13-35

The Celebration of Communion

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself:

Biblical Principles for Global
Advocacy

Wednesday night seminar,
April 9

led by Beth Kilpatrick

This study, in the form of a discussion, will look at Biblical themes that inform our Christian concept of advocacy. We will discuss the concepts of loving your neighbor, jubilee, and justice to gain insight into our role as advocates for those in need around the world.



The Gathering

The first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. This month we can use dried beans, canned corn, cereal, and peanut butter. We distributed food to 103 families (or 581 people) during March, thanks to your gifts at The Gathering and the food we receive from Caritas and the Capital Area Food Bank.

The Music Study/Search Committee Wants Your Input!

It's an exciting time as we plan for the future of Lake Shore's music ministry. A big thanks to all who participated in the recent focus groups. Now the we have one more request.

We've created a simple survey that we'd like all Lake Shore members to take (including children and youth), even if you participated in the focus groups. It should take no more than 10 minutes.

If you have internet access, you can take the survey on-line at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227MHDUBK6L>

Simply position your cursor over this address and click to follow the link.

We will also send this address to you by e-mail in the next few days, which will allow you to copy it and paste it into your browser address window or to access the site by clicking on it as a link (you may have to depress the Ctrl key at the same time to do this).

If you do not have access to the internet, we will be sending you a survey in the mail and also will have paper copies available in the church office, along with focus group questions in case you have something else to add. Return your response to the box outside the office by April 17.

Thank you for your help, your insights, and your desire to improve the music ministry at our church. For more information on the music search, see:

<http://lakeshorewaco.org/MusicSearch.htm>

Thank you, Jo Polansky

On April 7 Jo Polansky will begin a new job as an accountant at Family Practice Clinic. This position is an ideal mix of her professional goals — the chance to work in a non-profit in the medical community with the flexibility she needs for her family life. In her seven months at Lake Shore, Jo has been able to focus on the financial piece of our office, church, and Children's Center life. She brought Lake Shore many gifts — a warm and generous spirit, a sharp intellect, a strong work ethic, a good fit with our staff team, a resonance with our missions and ministries, and, of course, her strong knowledge of all things financial including bringing the Children's Center and church finances under one umbrella and transferring our accounts to QuickBooks. We knew this day was coming, but we're nevertheless sad that it's here. Jo, our prayers and support go with you. Our loss is the Family Practice Center's gain. We will miss you.

Practicing Resurrection

On Sunday morning, Ashley Thornton charged us to "rise and shine."

Rise and shine!

This might be the day you see the neon edge
of a cloud at sunrise.

It might be the day the moon looks like a smile in the sky.

Rise and shine!

You might sing out loud with Mavis Staples in your car today.
You might hear your husband's heartbeat.
You might find that the perfect black pen
costs less than \$2.00.

Rise and shine!

This might be the day you see the red flash of a cardinal.
You might hug someone.
You might take a hot shower today.
You might sign your name with particular flair today.

Rise and shine!

You might laugh so hard your sides hurt today.
You might discover honey-crisp apples.
This might be the day a hairy dog jumps in your lap and
licks your whole face.
You might touch a baby's soft, perfect ear today.

Rise and shine!

You might smell onions cooking today.
You might eat soup.
Family Circus might actually be funny today.
You might fall in love today with all the people at H.E.B.
. . . especially the little woman in the pink double-knit pants
who is marching purposefully through the misty rain to her
car wearing a plastic grocery bag over her hair-do, the
handles hanging down around her ears like giant, dangling,
hoop earrings.

Rise and shine!

You might live today.

Festival of Faiths

sponsored by the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Activity Center 2910
Speight, Sunday, April 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Readings, music, dance, and drama from five different faiths
will be followed by a diverse selection of foods.

No charge.

Celebrations

On April 2 Bill Bellinger will receive The Richard
Furman Baptist Heritage Award, which recognizes a
Furman graduate who reflects Baptist ideals by thinking
critically, living compassionately and making life-changing
commitments.

Bobbee Watts is celebrating both the wedding of her
grandson Brent in Corrales, New Mexico, and the birth
of her second great-grandchild, Brianna Faith in Lufkin.

Prayer concerns

The oldest sister of Sudie Adams and Dulce Brooks,
Bess Muirhead Estes, passed away last Tuesday in Dallas.

Donovan McNeil's nephew, Tyler, has had a Grand
Mal seizure. The McNeils asks your prayers as Tyler's
doctors continue their evaluations.

Judy Bowman has been diagnosed with systemic
inflammation of blood vessels, an autoimmune disease
She will receive results from more tests this week.

Rachel and the entire Willoughby and Sciretti families
continue to need our prayers.



Prayer Shawl Group

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.

Judy Prather's home, 2700 Glendale

This is an opportunity for handwork, fel-
lowship, and learning knitting and croch-
eting (lessons available). The people in this
ministry make shawls to give comfort and assurance to
people who need that.

Children's Corner It's BIKE-A-THON time!

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

It's time for the annual Missions bike-a-thon, a long
held Lake Shore tradition. Preschool and school-aged
children will ride their bicycles, tricycles, scooters,
strollers, and other wheeled means of transportation
around the back parking and the back lot of the
church to raise money for the five major Lake Shore
missions — Children's Center, Shalom Children's
Centre, Family Self-Sufficiency, Thursday Morning
Food Pantry Ministry, and Meals on Wheels.

Children can pick up pledge envelopes in the Sunday
School classrooms or from Rachel. We rely on the
helping hands of parents and the Children's Education
Committee to make this much-anticipated event
happen. The most recent record of 20 laps around the
back lot was set by Matthew Reynolds, Laura York,
Kenz Love, and Maya Davis in 2006.

Lake Shore children will seek your pledges of
support over the next week. Give generously to the
children's efforts to do their part for Lake Shore
missions.

SWBCA Children's Camp

July 21-25, \$175*

Camp Copass, Denton, TX

For children in 3-6 grades

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

Contact Rachel.

3RD-6TH GRADE FRIENDSHIP RETREAT

May 3-4, \$40*

@ Three Mountain Retreat Center

Clifton, TX

*Full or partial scholarships are available.

Welcome to Our New Members

Abanda Zofoa

This congregation of believers will be challenged and enthralled by the forthright enthusiasm of our new member Abanda Zofoa. Abanda was drawn to Lake Shore by his cousins, Sunday Simbo and Prudencia Tonghou. Because of their extremely close bond while growing up in Cameroon, Abanda considers them his brother and sister.



Abanda moved to Waco from China where he taught English. He is currently living in Waco to study Criminal Justice at McLennan Community College with plans to attend law school in the future. Abanda is an activist who seeks to fight injustice in society and foster the rule of law. His goal is to return to Africa one day to represent the oppressed who are taken advantage of by others.

Family relationships and the lessons they've shared are clearly important to Abanda. From the time he was six years old until sixth grade, Abanda lived with his aunt and uncle. This uncle was a close personal mentor and inspiration. When his uncle died suddenly, Abanda took his uncle's first name in dedication to him.

Abanda shares that his father, who died in 1999, was the 24th ruler of the Babungo clan, and it was during his reign that the growth of Christianity was fostered. Although Abanda's mother has gone through all the hardship, sickness, poverty, marginalization, and difficulties of an African woman, her faith is strong and has influenced him greatly. "It is thanks to her care and love that I am here today."

His grandma, Ncho (meaning queen's mother), is a Baptist Christian, and the Baptist church in his local language is often called 'Ncho's Church'. He says she is still alive and will hardly conclude a discussion without mentioning God or lifting her joined open palms (meaning God is great).

With this parental Christian background, Abanda has lived a life of faith...and he says that "now is the time to become a child of God." Abanda comes to this church of faith with the desire not only to join in membership but also to proclaim his faith through baptism.

Abanda, we rejoice with you as you approach your baptism. We embrace your presence and welcome you into this family of God.

Jenny Howell

When you look at Jenny Howell's picture, you may think you recognize the pianist who played "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" last Sunday, or the organist who played the beautiful arrangement of "Kum ba Yah" in January, or the young woman who sang "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" on



College Sunday last spring, or a member of our Music Study/Search Committee, or one of the people who talked about "practicing" at Children's Time last week. In every case you would be right.

Jenny's natural gifts for music were nurtured in the vibrant spiritual climate of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, a city "next door" to Pineville, where her father taught history for forty years at Louisiana College and her mother taught English at a local high school. After Jenny's freshman year in college, her parents moved to Liberty, Missouri, where her dad now teaches at William Jewell College. Kate, her sister, received her Master's degree in International Development from the University of Denver last June and is moving to Washington, D. C., next month to work for a non-profit organization.

When Jenny moved to Waco, she started looking for a CBF church, and former Lake Shore member Blake Ellis recommended Lake Shore. She found that one of her professors, Tom Hanks, taught the college Sunday School class. Now Jenny is finishing her junior year as an English major with a particular interest in contemporary literature. (She highly recommends anything by Ian McEwan.) She is in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core in the Honors College and a member of the Crane Scholars, an organization sponsored by the Institute for Faith and Learning.

International travel is a huge passion of the Howell family. Last fall Jenny studied in the Netherlands; one of the great perks of that trip was a three-month Eurail pass. By the time she returned to Texas, she had visited fifteen European countries. Last summer Jenny and her family traveled to South Africa, and in May they plan to travel to Australia.

Jenny works in the acquisitions department at the Baylor Library, "studies a lot," and practices on the piano she got for Christmas. She took piano lessons for thirteen years (starting at four-years-old), organ lessons for seven years, and voice lessons for three years. All her teachers were talented church musicians.

After graduating from Baylor, Jenny hopes to go to graduate school and one day teach on the college level. With her bright personality, keen mind, and commitment to church, in just a short time Jenny has already taught us volumes about the joyful spirit of worship.

Case Against Hunger correction

This year's Case Against Hunger was the most successful ever. However, the total raised was \$8,628., much more than we reported last week!

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Emily Gist, Director, Lake Shore
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 5

10:00—Shawl Group

Sunday, April 6

9:00—The Gathering

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Festival of Faiths

4:00—Bike-A-Thon

Monday, April 7

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 8

7:00—Runoff Election Day

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

5:30—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:30—Seminar

7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast

9:00—Food Pantry Opens

Looking Ahead

Farm Day (WHF)—April 12

Deacons Meeting—April 13

Playground Dedication—April 16

Care Group Leader Meet—April 20

Wednesday Night Supper April 9, 2008



*Ham with Raisin
Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Sliced Pineapple
Dessert*

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, April 6

Infants: Faith Kopplin
Toddler: Jerri & Kenz Love
Preschool/K: Veronique Morin

Visitor Cards: Jonathan Pendleton
Lawayah Kari

Offering: Gwen Kari, Henry Kari,
David Mosley, Deb Vardiman

Ushers: Sarah Randles
David Kopplin

Youth News

Breakfast: Smajstrla
Supper: Salvesen

If you plan to attend **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, this Sunday. If you need a scholarship please see Charles.

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 will be \$65 due April 30.

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:

April 6: Passport Deposit Due

April 6: J2A

May 2-4: Spring Retreat

June 28: Garage Sale

Week of the Young Child April 13-19

Our activities to celebrate this special week include:

Wednesday, 5:30—Playground
Dedication

5:45—Dinner and
Activities from
Children's Center

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
\$ 112,993

Year to date received
\$ 88,645

Difference
\$ (24,347)