

LAKE SHORELINES

April 9, 2008

Bring Communities Together for Children
Week of the Young Child
Bring Communities Together

The **Week of the Young Child**, April 13-19, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the week is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and recognize early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

Playground Dedication

April 16 5:30 p.m.

a fried chicken supper and activities on the lawn

sponsored by the Children's Center

Children's artwork will adorn the halls and adult education classrooms.

Waco Community Celebration of the Week of the Young Child

Saturday, April 19 at the South Waco Recreational Center

Special concert for children as well as many booth activities

sponsored by local child development centers.

If you have two minutes to give this week:

Write a letter. This website gives info about a "two-minute letters" to a legislator. If you have six minutes, write three letters!

<http://www.bread.org/take-action/ol2008/sample-letter.html>

Address them to: [Washington DC 20510]

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Office Bldg.

Sen. John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg

Rep. Chet Edwards, 2369 Rayburn Bldg,

If you have an hour to become more informed:

Watch Bill Moyers' Journal Friday night at 9:00 on PBS as he continues his discussion about hunger in America with David Beckmann of Bread for the World. This site is worth checking out.

(see <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index-flash.html>)

If you have a morning to join in community advocacy:

Participate in Farm Day at the World Hunger Farm as we offer our letters in community with other churches.

Worship at Lake Shore The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Worship of God

April 13, 2008

"In All the New, Familiar Places"

Sharlande Sledge

The Scripture

Acts 2.42-47

"Lake Shore, This Is Your (Congregational) Life!"

Wednesday night seminar, April 16

after playground dedication and dinner

- What percentage of our congregation voted in the last presidential election?
- Which hymn would win in a contest between "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" and "When God Is a Child"?
- What percentage of our congregation has been here 20 years or more?
- What percentage has come in the last five years?
- How many church members live within less than five minutes away?

Our church survey results are in!

Come hear the answers to at least a few of these questions. along with many others, on Wednesday. We'll review some of the particulars of the report we got back from the congregational survey we took last fall. It'll be a fun, informative night, ending at least in part with the question, "So now what?"

Remember to fill out a Music Survey

by April 17 available in the hall or at

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

"Practicing Resurrection"

"Some people will buy anything," I thought, "as long as it's on sale."

Surely that was the case with the woman at Target in Houston. She was standing in line to pay for nothing more than a worn-out garden several dozen plants that did not look worth the price of the plastic pots holding their drying roots together. No doubt the sale prices on the hopeless creations must have been slashed and cut and marked down and slashed and cut again. Why else would she make such foolish purchases?

Though it was mid-February, these were hardly the lively daffodils and hyacinths wrapped in shiny foil that grace store shelves in late winter or the red and pink tulips that tempt us at Valentine's Day. No, these were definitely the plant department's end-of-the-year rejects: a pot of pothos ivy with one small, sad leaf on the end of a trailing vine; a left-over Christmas cactus with no holiday spirit left in it; a sad Norfolk pine that never got chosen as a tabletop Christmas tree, adorned with one lonely bell and a red velvet ribbon hanging on for dear life; a variety of other unidentifiable plants in the jungle of spiky stems, wilted blooms, and crumpled leaves in the bottom of the basket.

My nosy inspection of the shopping cart confirmed my suspicion that these were indeed foolish purchases. I finally risked curiosity, disguised as friendly conversation. "You must really love plants," I asked. "Were all those on sale?"

"Oh, no," she told me, her aging eyes taking in my puzzled ones. "They were going to throw these out. They told me they thought they were dead."

"But some of them look like they *are*," I insisted.

"Not these. These aren't dead. They're alive. All they need is someone to believe they're alive."

I followed her to her car, listening to her talk about the plants growing in every room of her house. "I've even got them in the bathroom. I'll take anything and give it a chance," she told me. "These will revive by spring." I watched her tuck each new plant she'd rescued into a secure spot in the trunk with tender, loving care.

Wendell Berry's phrase "Practice resurrection," sprang to life in my mind. Experienced gardener that she was, she plotted to outwit the inevitable and give the tiniest shoots of life a new beginning.

Take a chance on looking foolish for Christ's sake. Be persistent. Wake what slumbers and sleeps. Be the person who believes in new life. Keep practicing the resurrection, for God sifts through the promising soil with hopeful hands to bring life out of death and gardens from unlikely places.

Sharlande Sledge

abridged version of worship reading on March 30

Prayers for . . .

Pat Ritter, whose mother, Marie Kinnard, died Tuesday morning. Graveside service will be Friday at 2:00 p.m. in Gatesville.

Our beloved friends—Sudie Adams, Hazel Henderson, Bertha Cain, Frances Fox, and Judy Bowman., who all need extra care and prayers right now.

Welcome to LSBCC, Lesley Ratcliff



We are pleased to introduce and welcome the new assistant director of Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, Lesley Ratcliff. Lesley brings a rich educational and experiential background, and she radiates a joy that is truly infectious.

Lesley was born and raised in the Mississippi coastal city of Ocean Springs. Upon graduation from high school she attended Mississippi College in Clinton, earning a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with minors in Education and Christian Studies. Lesley did student teaching in junior high and high school.

During college and after graduation, she also served in children's ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, an inner-city congregation in Jackson. The church defined six areas of the neighborhood for outreach and began praying, meeting families and identifying ways to minister to their needs. Calvary cooperated with Christian Women's Job Corp and started a Monday night Bible Club, soon attended by 250 children; it is still a mainstay of Calvary's outreach. Lesley recently returned for their 10th Anniversary Celebration of community ministries.

Lesley began her graduate work at Truett Seminary in 2005. She married Brock in July 2005. The Ratcliffs live in Riesel where Brock, who holds a Master of Divinity in Theology from Truett, has been the pastor of First Baptist Church for three and a half years. Lesley serves as the congregation's children's minister.

In May, she will graduate from Truett with a Master of Divinity in Christian Education. Children's Center director, Emily Gist, is glad Lesley answered her ad in the *Truett Times* for an assistant director: "Lesley has a passion for ministry to children that is a perfect fit for our center. Her love for our staff, parents and children has already been a blessing, and I am thrilled to have her support in administration."

Staff Notes

Rachel will be in San Antonio from Wednesday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 15.

Dorisanne will be in Corpus Christi this Thursday, speaking at chapel for Logsdon Seminary's satellite campus on the topic of Injustice and Gender, focusing on Women in Ministry in Baptist Life. On Saturday she will fly to North Carolina to preach next Sunday at the ordination service of Jennifer Ingold Asbill at Ridge Road Baptist Church in Raleigh. Dorisanne was Jennifer's youth minister from 6th through 12 grades. She'll be back in the office on Wednesday, April 16.

Welcome to Our New Members

Jim and Melanie Nogalski come to Lake Shore through a variety of avenues as they have a rich and vibrant history in Baptist circles. Though they know many people in multiple Waco churches through close alliances, they visited Lake Shore first...and it stuck.

Both Jim and Melanie have experienced full and fascinating lives as evidenced by their travels through various academic and career moves. It is these changes that best prepared them for their current job positions. Jim is Professor of Old Testament at Baylor University where he works with Bill Bellinger. Melanie began her new position in January as the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) Coordinator and works with David Hendon.

Their roots are in Louisville, Kentucky, where they were married at St. Matthew's Baptist Church. They continue their close ties to Louisville as each has parents and siblings who continue to live there. Following their completion of their masters of divinity degrees in Pastoral Care at Southern Seminary, they moved to Rueschlikon Seminary in Switzerland where Jim obtained his Masters in Theology and Melanie engaged in postgraduate studies. Though Melanie had left Rueschlikon by the time Sharlande studied there, coincidentally, she was Sharlande's main contact when she was seeking a sabbatical placement there years ago. It was also at Rueschlikon where the Nogalski family met the Novakovic family in 1987.

While in Switzerland, Jim did his doctoral work at the University of Zurich where he studied with Dr. Odil Hannes Steck. Since this time, Jim and Melanie have ventured back to Southern Seminary, then to Northern Baptist Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, and then to Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, where Jim taught Hebrew and Old Testament in the Divinity School. It was here that Melanie furthered her interest in Spiritual Formation with her work on a Lilly grant entailing work with high school youth exploring vocation. She completed her Doctorate of Ministry degree in Christian Spirituality from Columbia Theological Seminary last May. Melanie now serves on the executive board of the Advent Spirituality Center, located in Mars Hill, North Carolina.

Jim continues to write, with his main interest being the Book of the Twelve (that is, the Minor Prophets to the rest of us), and has published numerous articles and books on the subject. He serves on the steering committee for the Book of the Twelve group (a group he helped form) through the Society of Biblical Literature. Jim has also translated four books from German into English.

Jim and Melanie's two greatest joys are their daughters, Megan and Toni. Megan is a junior at Stetson University in Florida where she is majoring in finance. Toni remained in Boiling Springs this year to complete her senior year of high school. Though her parents live in Waco now, Baylor will be "going away" to college this fall for Toni. While Melanie loves to garden, knit, sew, quilt, and read, Jim enjoys woodworking, reading, playing his guitar, and writing music.

Jim and Melanie, we open our arms to you as we join in this Christian journey together. May you find God's love, peace, and community within this group, which is called Lake Shore.



Children's Corner

BIKE-A-THON REPORT

Clear skies, warm sunshine, steady wind, and the eager faces of children – all the makings of a great Bike-a-thon. Twelve children and their cheering parents gathered



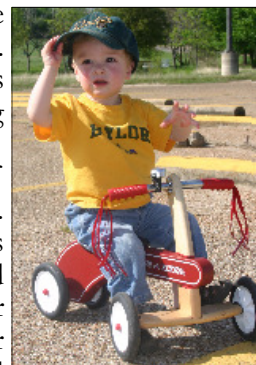
with bikes, trikes, and wagons to raise money for Lake Shore's five food ministries.

Sixth grader Kenz Love now holds the record for the most laps at 22 laps. Kindergartener Shannon Anderson came to the event with her goal in mind – 10 laps around the back lot – and she didn't stop until she achieved her goal. Second grader Jonathan Pendleton learned



how to ride his two-wheeler the week leading up to the Bike-a-thon. One lap around the back lot was his goal. Jonathan not only did one big lap, but four small ones also!

These children are examples of the hard work of *all* the children. They rode and walked 75 laps around the back lot and 33 around the parking lot. To celebrate their efforts the children and their families gathered on the playground for a hot dog supper and playtime. A wonderful ending to a wonderful day.



Sign-ups are going on now!

3rd-6th Grade Friendship Retreat
May 3-4, \$40*

SWBCCA Children's Camp

July 21-25, \$175* For children in 3-6 grades
*Full or partial scholarships are available

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 12

9:00—Spring Farm Day @ WHF
2:00—2-Step Across the Brazos

Sunday, April 13

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

Monday, April 14

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 15

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

5:30—Playground Dedication
5:45—Supper & Family Activities
6:30—Seminar—Church Survey Report
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
9:00—Food Pantry Opens
6:30—Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead

April 20—Care Group Leaders' Meeting

**Wednesday Night Supper
April 16, 2008**



*Fried Chicken
Tenders
Potato Salad
Fruit Salad
Cake*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, April 13**

Infants: Pam Allen
Toddler: Juli Rosenbaum
Preschool/K: Jim & Emily Fau

Visitor Cards: Chandler Evans
Ian Gervais

Offering: Pamela Ndi,
Sarah Randles,
Annette Brister,
Lynn Williams

Ushers: Faith & David
Kopplin

Youth News

Breakfast: Rosenbaum
Supper: Miller

Hurry and get your deposit in to reserve a spot for **Passport**, June 13-18. If you need a scholarship contact 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:
June 1: Youth Sunday
June 28: Garage Sale

**Mission Trip Meeting
April 20 1:30 p.m.**

This will be an introductory meeting of all people, of any age, of any occupation, who think they might like to go on this summer's mission trip to Kansas City, June 14-20, to work with Katie and Chris.

Opportunity

If you want to sponsor a youth for Passport please contact Charles at the church or email at charlesconkin@hotmail.com

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>
\$ 121,684	\$ 102,378	\$ (19,305)