

LAKE SHORELINES

April 16, 2008

“Appreciative Inquiry” Steering Committee Retreat

Saturday, April 26, 8:30-4:30

Lake Shore has a big birthday next year – we are turning 50! In our individual lives, momentous birthdays are grand opportunities to reflect, count blessings, generally re-focus on the important things in life, and to think about the future. So too our church birthday gives us a good excuse to celebrate our past and look toward our future with great anticipation – as a group. Most of us have plenty of experience reflecting and refocusing as individuals, but how can we do that as a group? How can we capture the richness of our diversity — the diversity of our experiences, our thoughts, and our hopes? How can we crystallize what we love about Lake Shore and make plans to carry those treasures with us into whatever adventures God is calling us to next?

The process the staff and deacons have decided to use is a technique called “Appreciative Inquiry” or AI for short. The full name is a mouthful, but it is very descriptive of the gist of the technique. It is a process for getting a whole group of people to think together about the future by *appreciating* what is already good about an organization and then *inquiring* into what they want the organization to become. It is a technique based on thoughtful conversations, on telling stories on listening and reflecting and asking questions – and to top it all off, it’s fun! Do you see why we thought AI would be perfect for Lake Shore?

We will be kicking off the process April 26 with an all-day appreciative inquiry planning/training retreat in the Blue Room. Seventeen folks have already agreed to serve as a steering committee. The 26th will be their opportunity to learn more about AI and begin to think about how we will use it in this church. Join us if you would like! One of the wonderful things about AI is that it just gets better the more people you have participating. If you don’t think an all-day retreat is for you, stay tuned! We will be inviting the whole church to “learn all about it” soon.



The Evening after Earth Day

Wednesday, April 23
6:30 p.m.

Wear your earthy clothes to supper. After we eat we’ll tend to the little corner of the earth here at Lake Shore Baptist Church. We’ll hand you a garden tool and a task; no experience required.

*“The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it,
the world and all those who dwell in it.” — Psalm 24:1*

Worship at Lake Shore The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Worship of God

April 20, 2008

“Then and Now”

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Acts 7.54-8.1

The Dedication of Zoe Sciretti

“Goin’ to Kansas City”

Do you want to...

- meet a new person at Lake Shore?
- visit Kansas City?
- see Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak?
- feed the poor of Kansas City?
- help refugees from Burma?
- participate in various ministries in Kansas City?
- share the Love of God?

If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions, come this Sunday night at 5 p.m. to the Teen House to a meeting for anyone signed up for or interested in traveling to Kansas City on a mission trip. The trip will be June 14-June 20 and will cost \$55. Hope to see you on Sunday.

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

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I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

We sang this Sunday morning in worship and Tuesday at Beverly's service. Ever since we discovered it in the Chalice Hymnal, it's been one of Lake Shore's favorite hymns because it speaks to all the seasons of life. We wish you could hear the music via this newsletter. The tune is WATERLIFE by John Ylvisaker and the words are by him also.

Special thanks . . .

. . . to Cheryl Chapline who created watercolor sketches of playground details that we presented to Faith Kopplin and Donovan McNeil at the Playground Dedication in appreciation for their hard work in guiding our playground process last year.

. . . to Robert Denton who gave our church the great gift of getting the labyrinth back in wonderful condition.

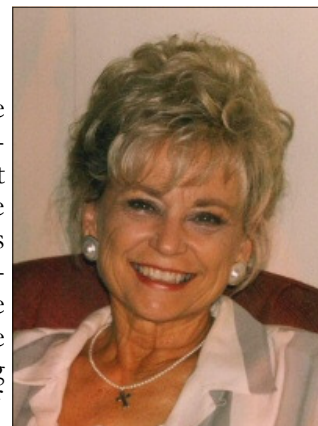
Prayer Concerns

The family and friends of Beverly Johnston as we grieve the loss of their mother, sister, grandmother, church member, and dear friend.

Catherine Campbell, who had foot surgery on Wednesday and will be recovering at home for four weeks.

With gratitude for the life of Beverly Johnston

Lake Shore grieves the death of one of its beloved members. Beverly Johnston died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, where she spent her professional career as Director of the Social Work Department. Her zest for life, her passionate concern for people and her fierce determination not to miss anything kept her going, even to the last day of her life.



Her memorial service was Tuesday afternoon, April 15, with Sharlande Sledge, Dorisanne Cooper, Bob Baird, and Roger Paynter officiating. Aaron Garcia came back to play the organ for the service, and Richard Aslanian directed the choir.

Beverly was the first social worker at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, where she saw the need for social work services and began the hospital's social work department. Under her leadership, the department expanded, and through her influence, countless lives in the Waco community have been touched and thousands of needs met.

Beverly was a charter member of Lake Shore Baptist Church, where she joined with her family in 1959. She served as a deacon, a member of pastoral search committees, a member of the Children's Center Program Board, a Care Group leader, a Sunday School teacher, a choir member, and a college leader. She went on five mission trips to New York City to prepare and deliver meals to persons living with AIDS.

Most of all, she was a tremendous gift to the congregation in sharing her knowledge of social services resources in our community. She kept up with all of us and she "kept us up." She was a member of the Lake Shore Doves Supper Club for over 40 years where her sharp wit, her amazing enthusiasm, and her love of being with people helped create a spirit of family among friends. Beverly taught everyone how to love deeply. Her love for her children, her grandchildren, and her new great-grandson was unconditional. They were the light of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband PM Johnston; her parents, Judge D.W. and Opal Bartlett; and her son by marriage, Jeff Johnston. She is survived by her son, Bart Jenkins and his wife, Diane; daughters, Janie Burnett and husband, Douglas Booker, and Julie Jenkins.; her children by marriage, Jack Johnston and his wife, Tammie, and son, Jerry Johnston; Linda Johnston, widow of Jeff Johnston; grandsons, Jade Hunt and Justin Johnston; granddaughters, Sarah Burnett, Jennifer Jenkins, Jamie Johnston, Jenna Johnston, and Lauren Burnett and fiancé, Andrew Rigsby; and great-grandson, Jadon Rigsby; sisters, Barbara Martin and Carol Burton Haverkamp; numerous nieces and nephews; her devoted and special friend, Jasper Barrett; and her beloved dog, Dolly.

Memorials may be sent to Community Cancer Association at Hillcrest Hospital, Lake Shore Baptist Church, Fuzzy Friends Rescue, and Meals on Wheels.

Care Group Leaders Meeting

Sunday, April 20
4:00 p.m. in the "Blue Room"

We are grateful to all our Care Group Leaders for their ministry to our congregation, especially in times of grief and hospitalization. They have an irreplaceable ministry in extending the pastoral care of our church as they help us minister to each other.

This Sunday Beth Kilpatrick, our social work intern, will lead us in a discussion on "Confidentiality: Honoring Each Other's Stories." The conversation will include topics such as valuing individuals and their stories, how we process information, how we maintain community and honor confidentiality, and the impact of HIPAA regulations on caring.

Each person in our church is assigned to a Care Group. We have recently up-dated our Care Group lists. They are published in the new directory, led by the following members:

Group 1—Cardinals	Elizabeth Dell
Group 2—Doves	Jim Hooper
	Hope Rouse
Group 3—Eagles	Gayle Avant
	Beth Raymond
Group 4—Hummingbirds	Barbara Francis
	Jo Pendleton
	Donna Slette
Group 5—Finches	Sam Hastings
	Prudencia Tonghou
Group 6—Chickadees	Judy Davies
Group 7—Mockingbirds	Carolyn Rodabough
	Caryn Miller
Group 8—Partridges	Joan Rectenwald
	Harriet Morrow
Group 9—Sparrows	Kay Neugebauer
	Catherine Davenport
Group 10—Wrens	Ladye Ruth Casner

Thank you note from Christiana — for Beverly and with love from across the world . . .

Robert and I are doing fine here and I hope you and the family are doing well too.

It was sad to hear about Beverly Johnston's sudden death. She was always dear to me because she found me the job I was doing before I moved to Ghana and that job helped me a lot. May she rest in peace.

My sister is doing well. I talked with her yesterday and she said that she has received the parcel that was sent from Lake Shore. I talk with my sister all the time since she fell sick but I have never seen her sound so much happy. She said she felt so much loved when she opened the parcel. Among the things sent was something that she says she put under her pillow and sleeps on it every night. The way she describes it sounds like a piece of quilt or something. I think maybe you can tell me what that is. She said I send her money and things and she appreciates it so much, but that is what sisters do, but to receive love, care and prayers from people she does not know is beyond her understanding and she thanks God so much for that. She said with all these, she believes that God is going to heal her from this cancer. She said that she has sent a thank you letter and I don't know if you have received it yet.

Thank you Lake Shore for not limiting your love and care to only Shalom and me but to the rest of my family. May God bless you all.

Love and Peace,
Christiana Owusu

Celebrations

Jim and Lori Hooper's son, Paul, of Kansas City, has been named the Regional Director of Children International for Africa. Paul and wife, Julie, are also expecting their first baby next month.

Upon his retirement after 39 years from the School of Social Work at Baylor, Preston Dyer was honored last weekend with a dinner and the establishment of the Preston Dyer Scholarship.

Library News

The New Interpreter's Bible set is now available for checkout in the church library. These 12 volumes bring the best in contemporary biblical scholarship to enhance the teaching and study of the Scriptures. The full texts and critical notes of the New International Version and the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible are presented, including the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books. This set, purchased with funds given as memorials through the years, replaces our 50-year-old set with a missing volume.

Children's Corner

Wednesday Nights:

New Study: "My Family" - April 23, 30; May 7, 14

3rd-6th Grade Friendship Retreat

May 3-4, \$40

Sign-up now!



Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Interim Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Emily Gist, Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
Gordon Lawrence, Custodian
Sarah Randles, Interim Office Manager
Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 19

10:00—Citywide Celebration, Week of the Young Child

Sunday, April 20

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
4:00—Care Group Leaders' Meeting
5:00—Mission Trip Meeting

Monday, April 21

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 22

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

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

Looking Ahead

April 26—AI Steering Committee Retreat

June 14-20—All Church Mission Trip to Kansas City

**Wednesday Night Supper
April 23, 2008**



*Shrimp/Sausage
Jambalaya
Green Salad
French Bread
Dessert*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, April 20**

Infants: Kay Neugebauer
Toddler: Robert or
 Jeannette Denton
Preschool/K: The Seibel Family

Visitor Cards: Killian McNeil
 Jonathan Pendleton
Offering: David Davis,
 Magi Davis
 Kathy Gardner,
 Ibby Jones
Ushers: Faith Kopplin
 David Kopplin

Youth News

Breakfast: McDurham
Supper: Davis

There will be a **Youth Committee Meeting** on Sunday, April 27, @ 4:30 in the Teen House.

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 in going to **Kansas City, June 14-20, on a mission trip**. There will be a meeting this Sunday @5pm in the Teen House.

Coming Up:
May 2-4: Spring Retreat
June 1: Youth Sunday
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>
\$130,376	\$106,291	\$(24,084)