

LAKE SHORELINES

April 30, 2008



Give us this day our daily rice.

a Chinese translation of the Lord's prayer

Billions of people around the world depend on rice for their "daily bread." You've seen the headlines about record food prices which have led to violence and panic around the world. The U.N. Secretary-General said last week hunger has reached a crisis level in all the 121 poorest countries it has recently surveyed. According to the World Food Program, high food

prices are "creating a silent tsunami threatening to plunge more than 100 million people on every continent into hunger." Even here in the United States, stores like Sam's are starting to ration sales of rice.

According to *Newsweek*, in the recent global boom— five years of synchronous growth that lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty, forged new trading links and brought the hope of a better life to the developing world — the availability of plentiful, cheap food was generally taken for granted. But now much of the recent progress is being threatened by expensive food. And like oil, expensive staples are inflicting widespread economic pain.

What can we do?

Reforming food aid through the Farm Bill, now in conference committee, is an important step in making sure that the poorest of the poor do not remain hungry. This link on the *Sojourners* website gives you a simple way to urge Congress to vote to ensure that hungry people around the world are able to receive rice and other food in the quickest and most cost effective manner by shifting one-quarter of U.S. food aid to local and regional procurement.

<http://go.sojo.net/campaign/foodaid/wnw6b5gr97wmkbiw>.

We can also bring rice to our Gathering this Sunday.

Click through *Newsweek's* photo gallery on global food shortages at www.newsweek.com/id/131518.

May our nation's leaders pursue a policy that will benefit those hungry for rice and justice.

The Gathering

The first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food pantry. You might use this opportunity to bring rice. This month we can especially use tuna, dry spaghetti, mac and cheese, canned fruit, and dried beans.



Worship at Lake Shore Ascension Sunday

The Worship of God

May 4, 2008

"Knowing Where to Look"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Acts 1.6-14

The Celebration of Communion

FIGHTING GOLIATH: TEXAS COAL WARS

Directed by Mat Hames and George Sledge
Narrated by Robert Redford

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 p.m.

Followed by a discussion
led by Wacoans Bob and Mary Darden,
who appear briefly in the film.

The thirty-minute film *Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars* takes a look at today's energy challenge of powering communities in a way that supports the economy and protects public health. It focuses on the rush toward coal and follows the story of Texans fighting a high-stakes battle for clean air. The film introduces unlikely partners — mayors, ranchers, CEOs, community groups, legislators, and citizens who come together to oppose the construction of 18 conventional coal-fired power plants slated to be built in Eastern and Central Texas. This provocative and beautifully crafted film looks at the impact of conventional coal plants and offers the situation in Central Texas as an example of what can be done to protect the economy, the environment, and public health when people have a common purpose.

Thanks to Steve Gardner for arranging this seminar.

Appreciative Inquiry

A group of church members spent last Saturday learning about and practicing the process we will all be participating in during the next few months. At the end of the day, we understand, our oldest participant, instead of being tired from a full day of thinking, dreaming, discerning, and synthesizing information, was so energized that he went home whistling and watered the yard! We asked several people to write their reflections of the life-giving day.

A few Lake Shore members gathered Saturday to learn about Appreciative Inquiry, a strength-based, inclusive process that allows an organization to look forward while celebrating and *appreciating* its history.

As we entered the Blue Room, we discovered tables adorned with everything from pipe cleaners to stress balls. Uh oh, stress balls? What were we in for? As it turned out we were in for a day full of getting to know and *appreciate* our fellow church members and church staff. We meditated, listened, dialogued, laughed, cried (Ashley, overcome with *appreciation* for those assembled before her), brainstormed, and dreamed.

Ashley Thornton and Beth Kilpatrick introduced us to a process that will encourage the entire body of Lake Shore members to review where we've been, where we are, and where we want to go. This will take several months of all kinds of interactions from group meetings to individual interviews. But, based on what we experienced Saturday, it will definitely be enjoyable. Because of this experience, I have a renewed *appreciation* for those that founded this church and continue to mentor us today. I also look forward to the future knowing that we can actively influence the direction our course will take us.

Appreciatively, Van Jones

What really stuck with me the most, was how like-minded we all were in regards to the strengths of Lake Shore. In all of our stories that we shared about the high/low points we had at Lake Shore, common themes rose to the top. Themes like: acceptance of imperfection, openness to all people, compassion in times of hardship, willingness to help others, faith in action, ability to listen to those with different opinions, honoring those who have gone before, and cherishing

those who are new to us. In a world of fractured countries, homes, economies, and even churches, it's no wonder that people are drawn to our church family. A family unified in Christ.

—Scott D. Myers

Saturday in the Blue Room was a sight to see. From the eyes of an adolescent, I found myself in the midst of my most respected church members and was so honored to contribute to their wisdom and knowledge as we commenced the process of building the brightest future for our church. From the minds of church figures such as Sharlande, to the minds of intellectuals such as David Davis, the diversity of our church in that room was continuously supplying our astute leaders, Ashley Thornton and Beth Kilpatrick, with a vast amount of ideas for the assurance of the legacy of Lake Shore. My attendance on Saturday gave me the up-most faith that the reputation and foundation of Lake Shore Baptist Church will persevere and develop further in the lives of present and future Lake Shorians.

—David Miller

How do we take the best of what we are, the heart of Lake Shore Baptist Church, and move toward our next fifty years in this community? What pieces of our identity are so tightly interwoven that all members immediately define them as real? These are the kinds of questions that we asked ourselves throughout the steering-committee retreat on Saturday. Founding members, new members, ministers, old friends, youth, new mothers, community leaders, interns – we are an eclectic and energetic core group ready to capture Lake Shore's story and let those stories lead us as we continue our attempts to be hands and feet of Christ within our church, within our local community, and within the world. We are eager to include each of you in this process, both because of how our lives will be enriched by listening to your stories and because our work within the church will be much clearer. Stay tuned!

—Loeen Irons

Prayers for . . .

Boyd Miller, who is in rehab at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Barbara Tucker's cousin, William Drews, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and is not doing well.

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, May 4 5:00 p.m.

(note that this is a week early because Mother's Day is on our usual meeting day)

A note of thanks

My beloved family of faith,

Thank you so much for the out-pouring of love and support for me and my family following my sister Casey's death. Your cards, hugs, meals, and flowers have been a bright spot in such a sad time. Please continue to "lift us to the Light," for grief is a long process.

I love you. Rachel Sciretti

Rachel will be on vacation, both in town and in San Antonio, May 5-11. Sharlande will be out of the office May 5-8.

Good news

Earlier this spring Pattie Herbert's child care center was nominated as a "child care provider of the week" for the PBS shows *A Place of Our Own* and *Los Ninos en Su Casa*. This weekend Pattie and Louise Clark, her co-worker in caring for infants in Pattie's home-based center, will be in Austin for the first annual Texas Caregiver Celebration. Public television is honoring the exemplary care and service of eight directors and their guests for a day of speakers and events, including a reception at the Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room in the State Capital Friday night. Congratulations, Pattie and Lou!

Graduating?

In the next few weeks we'll celebrate Lake Shore family members who are graduating from high school, junior college, college, seminary, and other graduate programs. E-mail us information about your graduation or the graduate in your family, and we'll be sure it gets in the newsletter. High school graduates, we'll print your information May 28. Please send a picture via the internet by May 21. Thanks.

Youth Bake Sale, May 11

Instead of breakfast in bed, consider buying a delicious breakfast at Lake Shore! Please join the youth on Sunday morning, May 11th, for Mother's Day breakfast. The youth will be selling baked goods before Sunday school and church to help allay costs for Passport, July 13-18, in Macon, Georgia. Come to church with an appetite and watch the youth play host to their many church mothers!

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, May 6

11:00

Room 204

Children's Corner

3rd-6th Grade Friendship Retreat

May 3-4 ~ Three Mountain Retreat Center, Clifton, TX
Campers should be at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.
We will depart from the church at 10:00 a.m. and return at noon on Sunday. Don't forget to bring your medical form and horseback riding permission/release form!

Wednesday Nights:

Playground Fun: 6:05 - 6:40 p.m.

"My Family" Study: 6:40 - 7:30 p.m.

Summer a-comin'!

Summer Children's Ministry 2008 brochure available now!

Dates to know:

Li'l Helping Hands: Sundays from 4-5 p.m.

June 8, 15, 21

Bridge Builders: June 10-12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Helping Hands: June 24-26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Summer Suppers

Wednesday night suppers are a big part of Lake Shore life. The *summer* suppers always depend on the help of others to give the regular Wednesday night supper crew a break. Last year different Lake Shore groups (like the staff, missions committee, youth group, and the Care Groups) each took a week to host a summer supper — everything from cooking farmer's market vegetables to ordering pizza to making chicken salad.

Are you part of a group that would like to help this year? Check with your Sunday School classes, committees, choir, marriage enrichment group, supper club, Care Group, or prayer group to see what date you can fix supper for 80-90 people. It doesn't have to be a fancy meal.

Our Wednesday night meals will begin on June 1. We would like to provide suppers for the months of June and July, but the number of summer suppers depends on the number of Wednesdays we have volunteers to fix them. We particularly need a groups to be responsible for (1) a pizza supper on June 1 and (2) an outside supper on June 28.

Call Catherine (772-1616) or write cadavenport@hot.rr.com to reserve a night!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, May 3, at 11:00a.m.
at Patty Field's home,
4911 Battle Lake Road

This is an hour later than usual because of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure that morning. Since we are starting late, Patty will make lunch. The ride out to the country will be nice; the wildflowers are especially beautiful this year.

Take Hwy 6 E toward Marlin; turn left across the highway onto Battle Lake Rd. Drive about 4 1/2 miles, through the golf course; on the left there will be balloons to mark the driveway. The house is about 1/3 mile off of the road. If you need further instructions, call 876-2817.

This ministry is part of a world-wide effort to offer comfort, thoughts and prayers in the form of knitted or crocheted shawls to anyone in need. Since we started last year we have made and given away over 80 so far. There are instructors on Saturday's to help with questions or to get you started. Everyone is welcome to come knit or crochet or just to visit. Hope to see you there.

—Patty

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, May 3

10:00—Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, May 4

9:30—The Gathering
9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship & Communion
1:30—Missions Committee
5:00—Deacons' Meeting

Monday, May 5

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, May 6

9:00—Staff Meeting
11:00—Women's Bible Study
7:00—Book Group

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

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

Looking Ahead

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

Wednesday Night Supper May 7, 2008



*Chicken Divan
Rice
Jello Salad
Dessert*

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, May 4

Infants: Magi Davis
Toddler: David Tatum
Preschool/K: Judy Prather and Prudencia Tonghou

Visitor Cards: Ian Gervais
Jon-Kelley Gervais

Offering: John Gervais
Kelly Gervais
Don SoRelle

Ushers: Kristi SoRelle
Sunday Simbo

Youth News

There will be no Sunday night activity this week.

Please be at the Teen House by 6:00 on Friday to leave for the **Spring Retreat**. We will return to LSBC on Sunday at 11:45. Cost is \$65

The youth have proposed that one way to earn money for Passport and for other retreats is to put on a **Mother's Day breakfast**. Mother's Day will be on Sunday, May 11th this year. Thus each family of a youth should provide one item, if possible. Possible items are kolaches, bagels and cream cheese, coffee cake, quiche, cinnamon rolls, muffins, egg casserole, breakfast burritos, etc. When thinking about quantity, please think in terms of providing for 15 people. Please sign up on the sheet in the church hall, or email Charles with your item.

Coming Up:

May 2-4: Spring Retreat
June 1: Youth Sunday
June 14-20: Mission Trip
June 28: Garage Sale
July 13-18: Passport

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>
\$147,760	\$112,447	\$(35,447)

Summer scholarships

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