

LAKE SHORELINES

May 14, 2008

Charles Conkin Nominated as Minister to Youth

The Lake Shore Youth Minister Search Committee hit the ground running after getting its charge from the diaconate in the middle of February. After many weeks of research, interviewing, and soul searching, the committee is proud to make its recommendation for Charles Conkin to be our permanent Minister to Youth.



The committee, co chaired by Kathy Gardner and Jeff Davies, consisted of Van Jones, Caryl Miller-Compton, Andrew Reynolds, Brad SoRelle, Deb Vardiman, and Barbara Francis. Deb, Barb and Jeff are Youth Education Committee members who also served on Charles' lay committee during his mentorship with Mike Sciretti last summer. We started the process by gathering input from various church constituencies on the future of Lake Shore's youth ministry. Based on that information, we revised and updated the position's job description. Finally, we conducted interviews with several well-qualified candidates, but Charles was our unanimous choice.

Charles Conkin was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. While Charles was in high school, his father's job took the family to St. Mary's, Georgia. He attended nearby Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia, where he majored in Christian Studies. During college, Charles served as youth minister at The Oaks Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia. His summer ministries included urban ministry work in Lexington, Kentucky, and camp counselor at Mission Fuge in Jackson, Mississippi, where he led youth in service projects, similar to Passport.

In fall 2005, Charles enrolled in George W. Truett Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue his calling into youth ministry. He graduates Friday with a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Student Ministry.

Charles feels led to engage youth by helping them connect their faith and their culture. "Youth are searching for God through different means due to their post-modern culture. It is in the pop culture of adolescence that many are finding God and connecting with a community of faith." Charles says, "In these pivotal years of identity formation, teenagers need to be pointed back to faith formation. The community's role is to stand beside and help teenagers along their journey of faith."

Charles joined Lake Shore in 2006. During his seminary mentoring internship here last summer he led a youth mission trip to Austin. We have seen him in action at two spring retreats, co-directing this year's Mid Winter Retreat, and in many other activities as interim youth minister. It is most evident that Charles has earned the trust of our youth and the confidence of their parents. He has certainly demonstrated his leadership skills and should continue to be a real asset to our ministerial staff.

Charles met his wife Michelle Stokes from Jesup, Georgia, at Brewton-Parker. Last May Michelle graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State

Worship at Lake Shore The First Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God
May 18, 2008

"Now what?"
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Matthew 28.16-20

The Dedication of
Kristina Asantewaa Addo
and
Vanessa Adobeaa Addo

Called Business Meeting Wednesday, May 21 6:15 p.m.

to vote on the recommendation of
the Youth Search Committee
to recommend Charles Conkin
as Minister to Youth

University in Savannah, Georgia, with a Masters in Education. They were married last summer, and Michelle is now a special education teacher at Mountainview Elementary School, with specialties in learning and emotional behavior disorders.

After meeting with a very strong pool of applicants for the youth position, the committee was delighted to find that we had a unanimous preference for Charles. In a short time, he has made a close connection with the youth and staff. We expect that Charles' ministry to our youth will continue to grow, and that he will make an important contribution to the broader mission of the Lake Shore family.

Good news from our staff search committees

The youth and music search committees are both recommending candidates for Minister to Youth and Minister of Music respectively. The recommendations will be presented to the deacons when they meet, Tuesday, May 13.

Minister to Youth schedule

Wednesday, May 14

candidate will be presented to congregation

Wednesday May 21

candidate will be voted on in called business meeting

Minister of Music schedule

Wednesday, May 21

candidate will be presented to congregation

Wednesday, June 4

candidate will be voted on in called business meeting

(there is no supper on May 28)

Report from Child Care Summit

I just returned from participating in the first Church-based Child Care Summit sponsored by the Center for Family and Community Ministries in Baylor's School of Social Work and Buckner Children and Family Services. It was a wonderful time of being encouraged by others who are daily walking the same path we are as a congregation providing weekday care for children. Diana Garland reminded us of the importance of our job with an example about the parenting habits of gorillas.

In the wild, gorillas typically parent together. One male will act as the father figure to many females and their offspring, and the females will all help with the care of the babies. When gorillas were placed in zoos, the females were separated and put in cages with only their offspring, who they proceeded to abuse and neglect. Zoo workers were amazed when they discovered that once the gorillas were placed back together as a group, the adults went back to caring for their young just as they would in the wild. Gorilla parents simply need to be with other adult gorillas in order to be good parents.

How much is it the same for our parents today? With families becoming more and more isolated from the support systems that were abundant 30 years ago, we must wrap ourselves around these parents and be community for them!

Emily Gist, Children's Center Director

Organizing from the Inside Out!

The youth of Lake Shore would love to help you "organize from the inside out." The youth are collecting well-loved, gently used items to sell in the June 28th Lake Shore Garage Sale. The proceeds from the Garage Sale will go toward the youth's Passport mission trip to Macon, Georgia, July 13-18. Last year's Garage Sale was enormously successful and helped significantly to defray transportation costs, and the youth hopes to do well again. Please contact Charles Conkin or Elizabeth Dell (776-6928) if you have items you wish to donate.

Lesley's Ordination

Lesley Ratcliff will be ordained by First Baptist Church in Riesel this Sunday, May 18. Lesley, who is the assistant director at Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, is also Minister to Children at First Baptist, Riesel, where her husband is pastor. She graduates from Truett Seminary this Friday. We add our blessings to those of her church in Riesel, her friends and family in Mississippi, and all who affirm her call to ministry.

More staff updates

Rachel will be on vacation May 19-24 in San Antonio. Sharlande will be on vacation May 20-25.

Good News

Celia Drews was awarded an EdD Friday, May 5, by Tarleton State University. We know that much hard work led up to this award. Congratulations, Celia!

Blessings and Celebrations to our Truett Seminary Graduates!



Charles Conkin

Charles is our candidate for the Minister to Youth position. He has been our youth intern.



Lesley Ratcliff

Lesley is the assistant director in our Children's Center.



Sunday Simbo

Sunday was our mentoring intern from Truett during the spring semester.

Our Labyrinth

Have you walked the church labyrinth lately? If not, this is a great time to do that. Sprig flowers, cool breeze, bird song—all can be found as you unwind and become more centered.

While labyrinths are new to many, they are actually an ancient tool, and recent years have seen a phenomenal surge of interest because of what walking the labyrinth can offer modern minds. When walking among the turnings, one loses track of direction and the outside world, and the result can be a relaxed mental attitude, free of internal dialog.

There's not a "right" or "wrong" way to walk a labyrinth. You just walk the path in, stay in the center as long (or short) as you wish, and then walk back out the same path. It seems simple, but it can actually be quite powerful.

You may wish to repeat a scripture or personal mantra while walking, or you may just take deep breaths and pay attention to the gifts your senses give you. But whether as a tool for contemplative prayer, or just a nice break from the computer—now's a great time to walk Lake Shore's labyrinth. You'll find it sitting silently waiting for you, just behind the Peace Garden.



Baptismal Statement

My name is Awudoa Zofoa Abanda – 32. I am son of His Royal Highness Zofoa II of Babungo and Memuna Christina Zofenyui. A prince from the Babungo tribe, I am from Cameroon, West Africa. My family is in China – son, Princely Yao Zili and his mother, Yao Li Jie (Chinese).

I have a bachelor in Law and presently studying a second degree in Criminal Justice in McLennan Community College, Waco Texas. I wish to be an attorney, judge, philanthropist and community servant. I hope to have a career in a politics – a different vision of politics that puts faith, humanity and environment at the forefront rather than the politics of the stomach that is torturing my continent.

I have live a life of sin but through Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, I come forth in repentance, Baptism, recognition and integration into the Christian community. I come before you to bear testimony to my union with Christ, His Church and the Christian culture.

I am from Africa and with my eyes I have seen the odds of life and heartlessness of our leadership. Our Sisters and brothers languish in poverty, disease, oppression, cruelty, hunger, fear, hopelessness, lack, physical and mental torture and all forms of human rights abuse. Through all these acts of evil and barriers, the Lord has proven to me His love, protection and blessings. Through His Son Jesus Christ I always overcome difficulties and hard times. I gradually came to the understanding that I am where I am because of Him and through Him I have given my life into His hands.

When I look behind, I see people in need not just in Africa but around the world. When I look forward, I see a future, a promise and fulfillment. It is through God that I am here and this is the time to answer to His call – to recognize Him as my father and savior; to come before Him in truth, repentance and appreciation; and the willingness to spread the good news and His infinite love. That is why I am here today.

Children's Corner

Lake Shore Night at CoCo's Snow Cones

Wednesday, May 21st 6:30–7:30 p.m. Bring the whole family and a little money for a snow cone or ice cream.

CoCo's is located on Bosque, just past New Road across the street from Grace Temple Baptist Church.

Picnic & Play

Sunday, May 25, 5:30 p.m. Join other Lake Shore families on the church playground for supper, conversation, and play. Bring your own food, drinks, and a blanket. Everyone is welcome!

Concerns

Boyd Miller will be in rehab at Baylor, Dallas until the end of May. JoAnn appreciates your cards and prayers.

Sneak Peek Party

Saturday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.
2700 Glendale

for Choir Members and
Prospective Choir Members
to meet the candidate for Minister of Music

Call Judy Prather or Bruce Evans for details.

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
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 18

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
12:30—AI Steering Committee

Monday, May 19

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, May 20

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

5:30—Supper
5:30—LSBCC Board Meeting
6:15—Children's Activities-
Coco's
6:30—AI Steering Committee
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 22

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

Looking Ahead

May 26—Office closed
May 28—No Wednesday night activities
June 1—Youth Sunday
June 8—Deacons' Meeting
Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday Night Supper
May 21, 2008**



*Chicken Fajitas
Beans a la Charra
Guacamole
Dessert*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, May 18**

Infants: Alice Baird
Toddler: Gin Courtney
Preschool/K: Jeff and
Judy Davies

Visitor Cards: Travis Burt
Steven Burt
Offering: Pam Burt, Bill Burt,
Dave Kopplin, Faith Kopplin
Ushers: Sunday Simbo
Paul Smajstrla

Youth News

Breakfast: Morin
Supper: Miller-Compton

Sunday Evening: J2A from 5-7

Thanks to the Church for supporting the youth as they raise money for Passport. Thank you for all your donations at the **Mother's Day Bake Sale**. We had a great time serving you.

Garage Sale: Start going through your stuff and find things for the garage sale, June 28. If you need to make room in your house, then you can bring them to the Teen House to be stored. Contact Charles to unlock the door.

Coming Up:
May 25: Picnic & Play
June 1: Youth Sunday
June 14-10: 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>
\$165,143	\$128,521	\$(36,621)

Deacons On-Call

May
Alice Baird
Helen Hastings
Donovan McNeil