

LAKE SHORELINES

May 21, 2008



Daniel Farris Nominated as Minister of Music

The Music Study/Search Committee is pleased and excited to recommend Daniel Farris for part-time Minister of Music at Lake Shore. This recommendation follows several weeks of study, including a meeting with a church music consultant, development and implementation of tools for congregational input, revision of the job description based on

that input, and finally interviews with qualified applicants. (See the article inside for more about our study.)

From the feedback you gave us, we were looking for a minister/collaborator/teacher/encourager—a well-trained musician who can breathe new life into our music program and nurture the valued role music plays in our congregational life. We are delighted to have found all those qualities in Daniel Farris.

A recent graduate of a Baylor-Truett Seminary dual-degree program, Daniel was awarded the Master of Divinity and Master of Church Music degrees just last week. In 2004, he earned the bachelor of music education degree from Baylor, graduating magna cum laude and receiving the Senior Award for Outstanding Music Educator. He has been serving as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Mertens (near Hillsboro) since his freshman year at Baylor, and for the past year has also been developing a choir program at University High School. He did student teaching at both Waco High School and Hillcrest Professional Development School, and this will be his second summer to serve as musical director of the Waco Children's Theater. With the recent retirement of Dr. Leta Horan, Daniel will also assume the role of directing Baylor ShowTime! in the fall.

He and his wife, Rachel, are natives of Deer Park near Houston. They met in high school when he was drum major and she was on the flag corps, and they have been married for four years. Rachel will bring her own skills and interests to Lake Shore as a graphic artist, avid scrapbooker, and lover of children.

Without exception, those who have seen Daniel at work describe him as “mature beyond his years,” and several who know Lake Shore believe he is “a perfect fit.” He has now met with the committee, staff, and choir, and we enthusiastically agree. Daniel is thoughtful, articulate, organized, confident, and collaborative—with a strong ministerial identity, great energy and openness, and a sense of humor to boot.

Worship at Lake Shore
The Second Sunday
After Pentecost

The Worship of God
May 25, 2008

“Enough for Today”
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Matthew 6.24-34

Called Business Meeting
Wednesday, June 4

6:15 p.m.

**to vote on the recommendation of
the Music Search Committee
to recommend Daniel Farris
as Minister of Music**

Jenny Howell said, “I was most impressed by Daniel's desire to help the congregation ‘sing its own authentic voice.’ Everything about that statement virtually screams Lake Shore! I think he will do an excellent job of picking up on the church's strong sense of self and help us articulate it even more deeply in music.”

So, it is with unanimous agreement and great excitement for the future of Lake Shore's music ministry that we recommend Daniel Farris as Minister of Music.

Music Study/Search Committee
*Bruce Evans and Judy Prather (co-chairs),
Kay Avant, Angela Dennison, Helen
Hastings, Jenny Howell, Dorothy Lynn,
and Mike Raymond*

A Prayer for the World

offered in worship on May 18 by Sharlande Sledge

*O God of mercy, who cares for us
as if you had no one else to care for,
yet cares for everyone even as you care for us,
we offer you our own needs
but also the needs of all this world to which we belong.*

We don't know how to respond to all the information that comes to us through our newspapers and computers about what is going on in the world and what needs to be done.

We know we can't do it all and we also know the world cannot afford for us to do nothing. Though we can start by meeting the needs in front of our faces, you also call on us to put a face on sorrow and despair far away from us.

But we must live in this realm of here and there, for it is another creative tension we know in this world. We must live in it because you call us to go into all the world . . . not only body but also through our prayers.

Through our prayers, Lord, join us with the people in Myanmar today. We do not know how to grieve with these who have lost everything to a cyclone's fury except through the mystery of prayer. Use our prayers as instruments of comfort to their suffering hearts and hope for their next need as we reach out with the agape love of Christ. We pray that you will bring relief to a weary people. We pray that barriers may be lifted so that relief agencies and governments that are ready to help and give aid may have ready access to the places they need to go.

Through our prayers, Lord, join us with the people of the Sichuan Province of China.

We do not know how to grieve with those who have been shaken to the core by the earthquake's terror except through the mystery of prayer. As the death toll at the epicenter of the quake continues to rise, hear the lamentations of the grieving people of China. We pray for those for whom each treacherous step out of a mountain village and city is a step on a journey to the unknown. We pray for those who are journeying back to Sichuan in search of children they have not heard from, for the world community trying to move into the area with blankets, tents, medical supplies, and foods, for those who, even today, may be waiting to be rescued may know that you are with them always.

Through our prayers, Lord, join us with all the people of the world for whom daily food is not a given – all those for whom the high price of rice and other grains is creating a silent tsunami and panic.

O Lord, most of us have never known the despair that comes from not being able to purchase food for our families day after day.

And we pray that, for the millions living without the assurance of food, hunger for something to eat will one day be a distant memory, not a way of life. But we know that it is only through forging links of cooperation between nations and religions that we can make a difference.

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Welcome, Dylan Losey!

On Sunday, we were overjoyed with Dylan Losey's decision to publicly profess his faith and be baptized. Having been dedicated as a baby here, Dylan has grown up among this group of believers. His parents are Jay Losey and Elizabeth Dell, and his younger sister is Clare.

Dylan is a sophomore at Vanguard College Preparatory School where he keeps an extremely busy schedule. He plays basketball and is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, the Vanguard Chemical Society, and the National Honor Society. His primary focus in school, however, is the Lincoln-Douglas Debate competitions (a one-on-one value policy debate) where he won second place in the All-State TAPPS competition this spring. He will compete in the National Forensic League competition for extemporaneous speaking on international issues in Las Vegas in June.

Last summer Dylan volunteered at the Mayborn Museum and tutored students at Mountainview Elementary for the TAKS re-test. In his "spare" time, Dylan takes piano with Dr. Ruth Pitts and enjoys reading science fiction and playing Legos and board games.

Dylan is an active member of the Youth Group. He traveled to New Orleans Passport Camps the last two years and plans to go to Macon, Georgia, this year. He has volunteered with Family Self-Sufficiency and studied our Food Pantry for a project at school.

Silent Auction

Ooh, What Will We Find? The Youth are holding a Silent Auction to help pay for a mission trip to Kansas City to work with Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak. For additional information and list of items see: <http://www.lakeshorewaco.org/auction.htm>

Plea Against Stickers

The Grounds committee is fighting a hand-to-ground battle against weeds and sticker burrs in the playground. We are doing the work mostly by hand to limit chemicals in an area where children are playing on a daily basis. If you can help in the battle please call or email Donovan McNeil. Let's continue to make the playground a wonderful place for all children.



Lake Shore Music Study Results

On page one of this newsletter is the Music Study/Search Committee's recommendation of a candidate, but some of you have also asked about the "study" part of our work. Below are some of the main conclusions; feel free to ask any of us for more details.

During the past two months, our committee held three focus groups (two with adults and one with youth) and administered a music survey to the entire congregation. Sixty-seven people completed the survey, with that many or more participating in at least one of the focus groups. The input was very helpful as we defined what the church wants and as we dreamed the future of Lake Shore's music ministry.

Clearly, music is an important and valued part of the worship experience for this congregation. Most of those responding believe the program has continued to maintain high quality—in selection and presentation and in the effectiveness with which music is integrated into worship. People like the blend of traditional and "good newer music" and would like an even broader variety in styles of music and use of instruments. There was also a desire for more use of amateur as well as trained musicians, and an interest in contemplative and other alternative worship services. Some believed the music program has come to be limited primarily to the adult choir, and they asked for music to be more widely incorporated into congregational life. In addition, there was a desire that this position be given the title of "minister" of music.

The survey revealed a generally positive assessment of Lake Shore's music program with an average rating of 6.6 on a 1-to-10 scale. Those who rated it higher recognized the quality; those who rated it lower did so out of concern that the choir is declining in number and quality of voices and was sometimes under-rehearsed.

In ranking qualities most desired in the candidate, 61 percent chose "willingness to work as a team member with the pastoral staff" as either their first or second choice, and 58 percent said it was the person's ability to direct the choir. Between 12 and 16 percent believed "ability to foster a sense of community in the choir" and ability to attract new members was most important. As with any interim time, there is great hope that the next steps for this area of ministry will bring energy and vitality to this important part of our Lake Shore life together.

So, what about those next steps? Read page one again!

Kay Avant, Angela Dennison, Bruce Evans, Helen Hastings, Jenny Howell, Dorothy Lynn, Judy Prather, Mike Raymond

Prayer concerns

John Mack Ousley died quietly in his sleep on May 16, 2008, at his home in New York City, where he had lived since 1972, living out his gifts in a variety of musical genres, primarily opera. But John Mack's his first home was Waco. John Mack was the oldest son of Lake Shore charter members Jay (a Baylor religion professor) and Erkalene (a piano and voice teacher). He is survived by his brother, Bob Wayne Ousley, also a vocalist in New York City, primarily on Broadway. A graduate of Baylor, UCLA, and the Julliard School, John Mack's opera career included solo performances with the New York Philharmonic, The Metropolitan Opera, The American Ballet Theatre, and The Spoleto Festival in Italy, and under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, Robert Wagner, GianCarlo Menotti and James Levine. But one of his greatest legacies was teaching and mentoring young vocal students. Services are scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. here at Lake Shore. Bob Wayne's address is 158 FDR Drive 18, New York, NY 10002.

Dinner Fundraiser for Kansas City Mission Trip

On behalf of the Eagles Care Group, Gayle Avant and Beth Raymond invite Lake Shore folks and especially parents of our youth to dine Wednesday, May 28 at Best Buffet (565 N. Valley Mills in the Pep Boys Center). Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 and join us at the large tables. Note: There is no supper at Lake Shore that night.

This new Asian buffet is supplemented by sushi and a Mongolian grill. Buffet and drink costs about \$10. The management will donate \$1 per person to our Mission Trip scholarship fund. Our Mission Trip Chapel will be on a table to receive any additional donations.

Good News

Emmett and Marian Funderburk celebrate the graduation of their daughter Holly Baker from South Texas School of Law in Houston on May 17. She and her husband James will continue to live in Houston where they will be able to visit with her brother Eric, wife Jennie (nee Wivagg), and 1-year-old Barrett, who recently moved from Orlando.

Children's Corner

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!

Sign up for

Li'l Helping Hands: Twos – Preschool; June 8, 15, 22; 4-5 p.m.
Bridge Builders: 4th-6th Grade; June 10-12; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Helping Hands: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade; June 24-26; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 25

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
7:30—Picnic & Play

Monday, May 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 27

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 28

5:30—No Supper
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

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

**Wednesday Night Supper
May 28, 2008**



*No
Supper
Served
at Church*

**Extended Care
Visitor Cards/Offering
Sunday, May 25**

Infants: Karyn Miller
Toddler: Deb Vardiman
Rebecca Mosley
Preschool/K: Donna Casstevens

Visitor Cards: Killian McNeil
Lawyah Kari
Offering: Missy Davis
Henry Kari
Sunday Simbo
Donna Slette
Ushers: Sunday Simbo
Paul Smajstrla

Youth News

Breakfast: Losey
Supper: Mosley

Sunday Evening: J2A from 5-7

Wednesday May 28 the youth will meet at the Church from 6:30 – 7:30 to practice for **Youth Sunday**. Please make sure and make it so you can be involved in the worship service.

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:
June 1: Youth Sunday
Jun 14-10: Mission Trip
June 28: Garage Sale
July 13-18: Passport

Summer Suppers

We still have four Wednesday nights Available.

Which night in June or July would you like to prepare and serve supper?

Call Catherine Davenport.

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>
\$173,835	\$132,146	\$ (41,688)

Have a heart for missions?
Interested in teaching the next generation to serve?

Consider being a **teacher** for **Bridge Builders** or **Helping Hands**.

Contact Rachel Sciretti for more information.