

LAKE SHORELINES

June 11, 2008

Kansas City . . . Kansas City, here we come!

We send our mission trip team to the heart of Kansas City with the blessings of our whole congregation. Our group will minister alongside Chris and Katie Brennan Homiak, who are part of Lake Shore's extended family. Remember our group in prayer as they travel on Saturday and return a week later: Kathy Gardner, Charles Conkin, Capucine Morin, Louise-Marie Morin, Andrew Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds, David Miller, Ashley Thornton, Craig Thornton, Pam Allen, Laura Smajstrla, Eric Clark, Brad SoRelle, and Michelle Stokes. And thanks to the SoRelles for helping with the driving!

If you can bring non-perishable breakfast foods (cereal, nutrition bars, peanut butter, bagels) or snacks (pretzels, cheese crackers, etc.) to the church by Friday, that would be wonderful!



LAKE SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bridge Builders - Now in progress

Eleven fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are learning about rice, the current rice crisis, hunger, and how to fight hunger in our own community. On Tuesday we held a World Banquet, researched the global rice situation, and made rice balls. Wednesday and Thursday we will serve with Meals on Wheels and Caritas.

**Tune in to LSBC-TV
Each Wednesday night this summer
we will change the channel!**

Are You Smarter than a Lake Shore Kid?

Wednesday, June 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Have you seen or heard of the Fox TV game show, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" This delightful show challenges adults in their knowledge of elementary school material. Join us in the sanctuary as Lake Shore adults and kids go head-to-head. Subjects to be covered: Social Studies, Science, Math,

**Worship at Lake Shore
The Eighth Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

The Worship of God
June 15, 2008

"Body Work"
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Romans 12.1-8

Ministry Focus: Choir

*We celebrate the ministry
of Daniel Farris,
our new Minister of Music,
and eagerly anticipate
Daniel and Rachel's
first Sunday at Lake Shore
June 15, 2008*

Grant Writing Workshop

Monday, June 23 — 5:30 p.m.

Susan Duecy, director

Grant Writing Center, Waco Public Library

In many committees and study groups the past few years, the topic of grant writing has come up as a possibility for Lake Shore. Susan Duecy, who has written many grants for non-profits in Waco in conjunction with the Waco Foundation, will present a clear, concise process with many examples. Susan is retiring at the end of June, so we're fortunate that she can be with us. E-mail Beth.Kilpatrick@baylor.edu or call the church office if you would like to come.

A reflection on gathering for a meal

by senior Brad SoRelle, Youth Sunday, 2008

When I began writing applications for college, one of the short answer questions that was sometimes asked was: what three people would you like to invite to your fantasy dinner? This exercise was supposed to show some of an applicant's personality. I remember that my selections were Aristotle; Bear Grylls, the host of the Discovery Channel survival program *Man vs. Wild*; and Vince Young, the current Tennessee Titans quarterback and University of Texas football hero. These seem like three very unlikely dinner companions, considering that they are so different from each other ... but with time spent together, they would likely enjoy each other's company.

One instance of truly sharing a meal that I remember in particular was with Mike Sciretti on the Youth Group Spring Retreat three years ago. For an entire day, the youth group was to remain in silence. The purpose of the silence was to focus inward and on what God was saying to you. Even though we did not talk at all, I feel like we all were able to communicate in a special way. It required us to relax and listen to our surroundings; while at the same time focusing on each other's actions to comprehend our own wants. The silence allowed the outside distractions to dissipate. Through the day, each of us spent time independently in silence. It was at the mealtimes when we came together, and though there was no verbal communication, the feeling of togetherness and friendship was evident. For me, this was a special time.

Eating meals together is a way of forming lifetime relationships through actions and conversations. The act of being together is important enough but when we can actually open up to each other and listen, it seems to be more important than simply just being around one another. I particularly enjoy sharing a meal with people that I feel a connection with, usually friends and family. I still eat many dinners with my parents. This consistency seems to bring a sense of unity to my family, which I really have liked and enjoyed.

This is why I think the Last Supper was so significant. Jesus chose his closest friends to share his last meal. This act of friendship signified to them how dear they were to Jesus. On the night before his impending death, these were the people he chose to be with. When I think about it, I realize that Jesus must have felt some sense of fear and anxiety on this night. What better people for him to share his last meal with than his closest friends.

When I think about this place, this church, you people, I am comforted by your presence. We have shared many meals together. You have traveled with me throughout my life...and now I'm about to begin another part of my journey. Though I was able to choose the college I'm going to attend, I don't yet know the individual people. I expect many of them to be quite different from me and others to be more similar. It reminds me a little bit of Jesus' fear and anxiety. I will share meals with people who I don't know at first...but some of these people will become my closest friends. This thought helps calm my fear.

The challenge for each of us is to find community where we are – to find our seat at the table. The constant is God's abiding presence.

As I leave this community of Lake Shore Baptist Church, I will take with me the memories of your love – an expression of God's love for me. I will know His presence each time I gather with others for a meal.

Prayer concerns

Last Friday, June 6, Lake Shore member Frances Fox died peacefully at her home here in Waco. Her daughter, Martie Sauter, and son-in-law, Vern, were with her. Visitation was Monday night and a graveside service is scheduled for Friday in Abilene. Our prayers are with Martie, Vern, Jennifer, Mandy, Vince, Gracie, and Laney.

Nancy Rivers remains in hospice care at Hillcrest. Our prayers for peace and comfort continue to surround Nancy and David.

Catherine Campbell has moved to re-hab at Hillcrest.

Judy Prather's nephew Jacob Henderson and his wife, Amanda, received the extremely sad news that their one-year-old son, Noah, has been diagnosed with Tay-Sach's, a rare and fatal genetic disease that causes relentless neurological deterioration. Jacob and Amanda, missionaries in Mexico City, are awaiting confirmation of the diagnosis and need the sustenance of our prayers.

Michelle Stokes' father, Michael Stokes, suffered a heart attack Tuesday night at his home in Jessup, Georgia. He is in the hospital in Savannah.

Children's Corner

Are You Smarter than a Lake Shore Kid?
Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. (see page 1)

Li'l Helping Hands
Twos – Preschool; June 15, 22; 4-5 p.m. in the Blue Room. Yes, we are meeting. This week's helping activities revolve around first-aid. We will hear the story of the Good Samaritan, practice using band-aids, and make first-aid kits for the families who come to our food pantry. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal!

Helping Hands
June 24-26; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Kindergarten - 3rd Graders will learn and experience many ways their hands can show God's love.

Music Camp registration is due to Rachel on **Sunday, June 22.** (Don't make me hunt you down!)

The Focus on Ministry: Extended Care

Each week in June we are focusing on a different ministry through which Lake Shore members faithfully serve, sometimes in ways that are not visible to the whole congregation. On June 8 Kay Neugebauer reminded us of the vital ministry of extended care, and Rachel Sciretti offered a prayer of blessing for all who minister to children..

“Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that aren’t yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt someone. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Live a balanced life. Be aware of wonder. Remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned — the biggest word of all — LOOK.”

Former Wacoan Robert Fulghum is a self-proclaimed philosopher with an official “Storyteller’s License” taped to the wall over his desk. In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* he shares “wisdom found not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday School.”

Here at Lake Shore Baptist Church we have a sand pile called Extended Care. It’s a special ministry that involves each week 3-6 volunteer adults, teenagers, big brothers and sisters, a couple of paid workers, and a precious assortment of children between the ages of a few weeks through the summer after 2nd grade. The mix of participants is always unique each Sunday morning from about 10:30 to about 12:15.

Extended Care is NOT doing free babysitting and missing the sermon about 6 times a year. Extended Care IS an opportunity to Share, Live a Balanced Life, and Look for 1/10 of your year’s Sunday mornings.

Through the ministry of extended care, we share,

- Our church’s facilities. The Children’s Center uses the space, and toys, and playground five days a week. Neighborhood children

share the playground almost every evening in Spring, Summer and Fall. Our preschool-aged children share the same spaces on Sunday mornings.

- Our grown-up abilities and preschoolers’ needs. Together we change a smelly diaper, burp an air bubble out, wipe a nose, dry and soothe a teary moment, read a book, answer a question, or “spot” a future gymnast on the new playground equipment.

- Our responsibility that we promised at Baby Dedications. We share the love God has revealed to us. We share the future of these small ones as we guide them to trust other adults.

Those who participate in this ministry are given an opportunity to live a balanced life. Here at Extended Care we can learn, and think, and draw, and paint, and sing, and dance, and play. Look ... LOOK and see what blessings God provides.

— Kay Neugebauer

Lord, as one whose calling is to minister to and with children, it is with great humility and thankfulness that I voice this prayer. Thank you for all of the women, men, and teenagers who minister on behalf of this congregation. They heard your call to these ministries, accepted, and faithfully serve. They bear the responsibility of representing this larger body and quite honestly, representing you. Each teacher is precious in your sight. They give up their own rights and privileges so that children might receive the developmentally appropriate attention they need to grow healthfully in you.

Sunday School teachers join children on the spiritual journey each week as they join together to open the Bible and study it. They arrive early to make preparations and stay late to clean up.

Extended Care workers experience worship through playing with children on the playground, singing songs and cradling babies, whispering to them that they are persons of infinite worth, created in the image of God.

Wednesday Night Missions teachers make themselves present to children after long days of school and work. These teachers meet children at the point of their need and help them to see more hopeful days ahead.

The Children’s Center staff works to build a strong sense of community and belonging among each class of children. They challenge the children to grow physically, cognitively, and emotionally.

The Food Pantry volunteers feed and play with children while their mothers tend to the business at hand. The Family Self-Sufficiency Support Group volunteers talk to and play with children while their parents receive the encouragement they need to support their families.

I beg your blessing on these individuals and their ministries. Inspire them to see their ministry not just as prose, but as poetry. When they become fatigued, may they know your care for them. Somehow give them back the time they are giving our children. And help us as a congregation to express our appreciation for all these teachers give.

We pray these things in the name of the one who said, “Let the little children come to me.” Amen.

— Rachel Sciretti

Celebrations

Mackenzie Sullivan received the following awards last week from Crestview Elementary: Fifth Grade’s Most Improved Reader, Perfect Attendance Award, Most Improved Academic Award in all subjects, the award for the Most Money Raised for Jump Rope for Heart, a Certificate of Appreciation for behavior, and a Certificate of Appreciation for her year-long leadership and organization of the school’s morning announcements. Way to go, Mackenzie! We are so proud of you!

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers for the people of Parkersburg, Iowa, in recovering from the tornado. I appreciate your cards, emails, and telephone calls during this time of loss. —JoLeen Eiklenborg

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Daniel Farris, Minister of Music
Emily Gist, Director, Lake Shore
Baptist Children's Center
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, June 14

7:30—Mission Trip vans leave

Sunday, June 15

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

4:00—Li'l Helping Hands

Monday, June 16

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 17

9:00—Staff Meeting

5:00—LSBC Nite @ Waco
Water Park

Wednesday, June 18

5:30—Supper — Taco Salad

6:15—Children's Activities

6:30—Seminar—Are You
Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 19

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast

9:00—Food Pantry Opens

6:30—Family Self-Sufficiency

Looking Ahead

June 23—Grant Writing Workshop

June 24-26—Helping Hands

June 29—Playground Picnic

Wednesday Night Supper June 18, 2008



Taco Salad

Hosted by
Marriage Enrichment
Group

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, June 15

Infants: Gin Courtney
Toddler: Andy Powell
Preschool/K: The Davis Family,
April Scales

Visitor Cards: Jonathan Pendleton
Chandler Evans

Offering: Jo Pendleton
Celia Dupree
Joyce McKee

Judy Bowman
Ushers: Willie Hobbs
Paul Smajstrla

Youth News

Breakfast: None
Supper: No Activity due to
Mission Trip

Garage Sale: Due to lack of
room in the Teen House, please
keep all items being donated to
the garage sale until June 21.
During the week of June 21 -27
there will be trucks to pick stuff
up at homes. To make a time
for pick up please contact Deb
Vardiman or Elizabeth Dell.

Youth need to sign up for a time
to work the **garage sale**. Sign-
up sheet will be on Charles'
desk.

The vans for the **KC Mission
Trip** will be leaving at 7:30 on
June 14.

Coming Up:
Jun 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>
\$199,910	\$152,942	\$(46,967)

Deacons On-Call

June

Bill Bellinger

Bruce Neatherlin

Deb Vardiman