

LAKE SHORELINES

June 18, 2008

BRIDGE BUILDERS 2008



Bridge Builders 2008 (l to r) Louise Marie Morin, Rachel Sciretti, Allison Nichol, Ryan Davis, Kenz Love, Chase Dradah, Mikhayla Evans, Crystal Jones, Mackenzie Sullivan, Travis Burt, Terri Evans, Jon Kelly Gervais, Ryan Foss, Devin Siebel, Pattie Herbert, and Chandler Evans

Were you aware that there is a rice crisis occurring in the world today? If you watch the news or read new publications you might be. But if you are a 9, 10, or 11 year old, chances are you are clueless. Through research and critical thinking, the Bridge Builders got to the bottom of the rice crisis. They discovered that the high prices of fuel and bad governmental policy are two of the major factors contributing to this crisis.

Even though the Bridge Builders might not feel the effects of a global rice crisis, they understood the worry of families around the globe. They feel the "tightening of the family belt" because they are with their parents when they fill up the car with gas or check out their groceries. All of this contributed to the children's compassion for families around the world, in our Waco community, and even in their *own* families.

Probably the children's favorite activity was the "World Banquet." They were randomly distributed into country groups and served lunch according to the "lack" or "plenty" of that region. Magi Davis taught us how Japanese parents recycle rice by making rice balls for their children's school lunches. We learned about the earth's cultivation through cutting apples and working with fractions. The children delivered Meals on Wheels and repackaged food at Caritas. A special thanks goes to Terri Evans for her insightful leadership.

If it is possible, this year's Bridge Builders was the most engaged and enthusiastic group of 4th-6th graders in recent history. May they keep building bridges!

Worship at Lake Shore
The Ninth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God
June 22, 2008

"Border Crossings
Sharlande Sledge

The Scripture
Psalm 90:1-2, 16-17; Acts 16:9-15

Ministry Focus:
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Grant-Writing Workshop
Monday, June 23
5:30-7:30 p.m..

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.

Mary Rowan, chair of the Children's Center Board, notified the board that the grant-writing workshop is so important that it will replace the usual June meeting of that board. She says: "This is an excellent opportunity for us to explore creative sources of funding. There are many grants available that are not awarded for lack of applications and it would be wonderful for us tap in to those. Susan Duecy is very well versed in the grant writing process and we are fortunate that she has agreed to come and work with us. I can see how this could be very beneficial both now and in the future by providing us the opportunity to minister in new and creative ways."

E-mail Beth_Kilpatrick@baylor.edu or call the church office for a reservation.

Prayer of Blessing for Daniel Farris

*offered in worship on Daniel's his first Sunday in worship at Lake Shore
June 15, 2008, by Judy Prather*

Creator God, you created sound and silence, but even more. You added rhythm and melody, making music that permeates creation: the percussion of rain on a roof or of waves on the shore, the string serenade of birdsong or water over river rocks, the breath of your own Holy Spirit.

Yet after all this beauty, your composition was incomplete, so you sang out man and woman—Imagine! in your own image!—and you breathed into each of us, so that we come alive, just as your first creation did.

But even more. You conceived the miracle of language and you invited us to communicate and create alongside you, to play and sing and paint and dance the richness of human experience.

But even more. Wise and loving Creator that you are, you placed us in community, where we could blend our varied voices. You created the church because none of us is made to always sing alone.

Thank you for Lake Shore, where for five decades, a group of struggling-to-be-faithful pilgrims have met each week to rehearse our faith. We confess at times we have botched the harmony, yet week after week the melodies in this room lift even sorrowing hearts to you for hope and healing.

Thank you for musicians in the past who have guided our efforts—for Barbara Johnston, Ed Wilson, Richard Aslanian, for Teresa Boyce, Stephen Distad, Karrin Ford, Aaron Garcia—and a chorus of others who have led us in worshipping you.

But even as we raise our voices in gratitude for the past, we humbly ask your blessing today—as we open this new music, take a breath, and begin to sing.

We especially ask your blessing on Daniel. Bless his talent, his playful and gentle spirit, his dedication and passion for his craft, his love of you and your people, his desire to serve in your name.

Thank you for Baylor and Truett Seminary for equipping him for ministry, and First Baptist Church of Mertens, for being a place of growth and grace for Daniel and Rachel these past years, for loving them well and for blessing them on their way to us.

Thank you for your perfect timing in bringing Daniel here—that he was ready for us just as we were ready for him. Help us to embody grace, acceptance, and hospitality, to surround Rachel and Daniel with your kind of love, as they make this church their home. Bless them as they continue to compose their life together.

As Daniel ministers among us, as he leads this congregation in expressing our own unique and authentic voice, may he continue to discover his own new songs as well. Teach him to honor the rhythm of work and rest you built into his soul. And as he adds his voice to this very gifted staff, may he feel that he has come down in “the place just right.” Our prayer, dear God, is that measure by measure he will grow closer to how you imagined Daniel Farris when you created him.

And now, life-giving God, we join our hearts in an invocation for your continued presence and a benediction of your abundant grace. May the life of this congregation be a lasting hymn of praise and gratitude.

Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

Prayer concerns

Beloved Lake Shore member Nancy Rivers died at Hillcrest late Monday morning with David by her side. She was in hospice care for two weeks. Her memorial service was Wednesday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m. at Lake Shore. May our prayers continue to surround David with God's love and light.

Joe Morrow is in hospice Care at Wesley Woods.

Gordon Lawrence is at home after a heart procedure at Hillcrest Hospital on Tuesday.

Our mission trip group will return from Kansas City on Friday. Traveling mercies.

Lake Shore Blessings Buddy and Louise Powell



We send Buddy and Louise to Galveston, after thirty-one years at Lake Shore, with our blessings, our tears because we'll miss them, our great memories, and two folding chairs! Bertha Cain will move to a nursing home in Galveston. Buddy will be Vice-President for Instruction at Galveston College, and Louise is looking for a job in education. We can't wait for them to retire and move back. Meanwhile, let's have a retreat at their new home!

Buddy and Louise Powell
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Celebrations

Lauren Fontaine, daughter of Steve and Sharon Fontaine and of Lake Shore, and Matt Ferguson were married June 14 at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Richard Groves, Brett Younger, and Sharlande Sledge all led in the marriage ceremony. Everyone attending from Waco had a marvelous time.

Scott Houser is here from South Africa to see his family this week. He will return to Waco in August to teach at Baylor for the fall semester.

Sandy Sadler's painting of Taos, NM, was named Painting of the Month by Central Texas Watercolor Society.

Cynthia (C.J.) Jackson, director of Communication and Marketing at Baylor's Hankamer School of Business, and the team of *Baylor Business Review* have been awarded a 2008 Golden Quill Award of Merit—the worldwide “Oscar” of business communication.

Called Business Meeting Wednesday June 25 — 6:15 p.m.

We will be voting on the Personnel Committee recommendation of Melinda Reynolds as Administrative Secretary/Office Manager. Melinda comes to us from the Baylor Graduate School office. She has a B.A. in church business administration and has been looking for the right opportunity to work in a position like ours. We will also be voting on the designated housing allowance for Daniel Farris.

Tune in to LSBC-TV
Each Wednesday night this summer
we will change the channel!
(except this week when the broadcast was
postponed due to technical difficulties)

Are You Smarter than a Lake Shore Kid?

Wednesday, June 25 — 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, English, and Bible.

Lost and Found

Did you break a necklace or bracelet? The clasp is in the lost and found in the office. You may want to check other items also.

Staff Notes

Dorisanne will be in Chautauqua, New York, for continuing education June 19-26.

Scholarships

The Youth still need scholarships; please contact Charles if you want to sponsor a youth for Passport.

Children's Corner

Music Camp registration is due to Rachel this **Sunday, June 22**.

Li'l Helping Hands

Twos – Preschool; June 22, 4-5 p.m. in the Blue Room.

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. – **12 p.m.**; \$10

Kindergarten - 3rd Graders will learn and experience many ways their hands can show God's love.

Ministry Focus: Choir

by Kay Avant

Music has always been a big part of my life. I don't remember a time when I didn't sing. Most of my father's folks are singers, and so are many of my mother's. Both my parents sang in the church choir *after* my sister and I were old enough to sit in church by ourselves and behave reliably. So it was natural for me to join the church choir myself when I was about 14. I've been singing in church choirs ever since. Whenever I joined a church, I joined the choir — even in Oslo, Norway and Melbourne, Australia. I have been in the choir loft for so many Sundays over the years that I feel weird when I sit in a pew. I mean you can actually see the minister's *face!*

Music and singing are my best ways to worship. I feel closer to God in music than in any other way. God gave me the gift of a singing voice. *Not* to use it to worship would be, in my mind, a waste of that gift. Singing is just as significant a way for me to minister as my nursing care is.

Singing in the choir is my way of helping lead in worship. Every Sunday the choir makes an offering to God. When the choir does a really good job and I see or feel the congregation's response, it gives me joy that we have contributed to someone's worship experience.

And a good choir is a little like a family. There is a sense of camaraderie and support in choirs everywhere I have been. Choir members see themselves as “all in this together”. So there is a lot of fun among us. We tease each other and laugh our heads off when we really screw up in rehearsal. And we cry with each other when one of us is hurting. We have parties and we play together.

But the practice of leading in worship through music is not without commitment and effort. Members of a choir have to rehearse, and practice. We are committed to being here on every Wednesday night and Sunday morning, if we can possibly make it. Some of us have even driven through the night to get here because we knew the choir would be short-handed that Sunday. Like anyone else might, we worry when we don't get everything just right. We feel bad when we make mistakes. We may sit with lights blinding us and wear robes even when it's hot. But we show up again and again because it is who we are and what we do as ministers. And in the final analysis, we are always about the music and the worship.

The choir is a bit like the extended care ministry we heard about last week. The choir is always “just there” in the choir loft doing its job and loving every minute of it.

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
Gordon Lawrence, Custodian
Sarah Randles, Interim Office Manager
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Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 22

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, June 23

12:00—Newsletter Deadline
5:30—Grant-Writing Workshop

Tuesday, June 24

9:00—Staff Meeting
9:00—Helping Hands
5:30—LSBCC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 28

7:30—Youth Garage Sale

Looking Ahead

June 29—Playground Picnic
October 18—All-Church Retreat

Wednesday Night Supper June 25, 2008



Outdoor Grill

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, June 22

Infants:	Pam Allen
Toddler:	Jerri and Kenz Love
Preschool/K:	Sunday Simbo and Pamela Ndi
Visitor Cards:	Ian Gervais Lawyah Kari
Offering:	Gary Miller Beth Miller Tom Charlton Becca Sharpless
Ushers:	Andy Powell Paul Smajstrla

Youth News

Breakfast: SoRelle
Supper: Smajstrla

Sunday Night: Getting Ready for the Garage Sale Pizza Party

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.

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

Coming Up:

June 28: Garage Sale
July 13-18: Passport

Errata

A few weeks ago we published an incorrect address for Bob Wayne Ousley. His correct address is 15818 Riverside Dr W Apt 4J, New York NY 10032-1030

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>
\$208,602	\$156,809	\$(51,792)

Deacons On-Call

June

Bill Bellinger
Bruce Neatherlin
Deb Vardiman