

LAKE SHORELINES

July 9, 2008

YES!
For All That Will Be

Wednesday, July 16

*Join us for supper at 5:30
followed by an introduction to
"Yes!"*

Lake Shore's Appreciative Inquiry Process

"For all that has been – Thanks! For all that will be – Yes!"
-- Dag Hammarskjold

"Yes!" is our theme for this year's process that engages the whole church in an appreciative, inquiring conversation celebrating what we love about Lake Shore and making plans to carry those treasures with us into whatever adventures God is calling us to next.

Dag Hammarskjold's words fit this time in our church life. The phrase "For all that has been" celebrates our memories and gives gratitude for God's faithfulness through the years, so we say "Thanks." The words "For all that will be" blesses all that we anticipate and affirms our vision as we look into a future bright with the promises of God, so we say "Yes!"

Next year we celebrate 50 years of Lake Shore. In our individual lives, momentous birthdays are grand opportunities to reflect, count blessings, re-focus on the important things in life, and to think about the future. So, too, our church birthday gives us good reason celebrate God's gifts to us and to decide how we will say "Yes!" to these gifts as we offer them to each other and the world in Christ's name.

- **July 16**
Come to supper and an introduction to "Yes!"
For reservations for supper Wednesday night, please call the church office by Monday, July 14.
- **July and August**
Participate in a "Yes!" dinner and/or interview time
- **October 17-18**
Attend the church-wide "Yes!" retreat.
Celebrate our past and look toward our future with great anticipation – together..

Worship at Lake Shore
The Twelfth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God
July 13, 2008

"Birthright Blues"
Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Genesis 25.19-34

Car Wash
for Children's Camp
Wednesday, July 16th at 5:30 p.m.



Leave your car with the children and their parents at the back of the church. We'll wash your car while you enjoy dinner. Donations will help fund children's camp.

"Oh, Jonah!"
A children's musical
Sunday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.
Seventh & James Baptist Church

The children of Lake Shore and Seventh & James have been hard at work this week learning and rehearsing, "Oh, Jonah!" a musical about the life and times of Jonah. Join us for an evening of worship, storytelling, music, and laughter.

Welcoming Melinda Reynolds to our Church Office



In reading through the applications for administrative secretary/office manager last month, I was startled for a moment as I read Melinda Reynolds' application. She listed her college major as "Pastoral Christian Ministries emphasis in Church Administration" and wrote, "My educational experience at Oral Roberts University in church administration was a balance of ministry and business classes which prepared me to work in the organizational areas of the church. I recognize the relationships between a well-managed office and kingdom-effective ministry and I believe I would be a great fit for this position." Church Administration as a major was new to me, but it immediately made a lot of sense. Organizational skills and efficiency in the church office are essential, if the church's ministries, led by pastors and members as well, are to be effective.

When Dorisanne and I met with Melinda for her interview, we both knew immediately, with just looking at each other, that this was the candidate we wanted for our church office. Her knowledge of church life, her experience in several offices, her computer skills, and her business savvy were impressive, but what captured us are her engaging personality, sensitivity, and excitement for this position. Lake Shore and Melinda appear to be an excellent fit. We welcome Melinda to our church office, and we look forward to her ministry among us.

*Dave Kopplin, Chair
Personnel Committee*

Appreciative Inquiry Process

To the Saints of Lake Shore Baptist Church, Greetings.

In the coming weeks we are going to be rolling out information about the very important Appreciative Inquiry process (that we are calling **Yes!**) which the steering committee of the process has been exploring for our church. As we move towards celebrating our fiftieth anniversary, we thought it would be helpful for us to appreciate and inquire into those things that make us most approximate the Church of Jesus Christ so that we may continue to hone our gifts and ministries in more focused ways. Thus, this process is conceived to help us discover, dream, design, and deliver those things that enliven, motivate, and make us thrive as the church that God is calling us to become.

It is in this light that in the coming weeks, we would be reflecting on some of the themes of upcoming worship services in light of the Appreciative Inquiry process. This coming Sunday our worship will begin focusing on the theme of blessing. There could be no more appropriate way to start rolling out this process than to reflect on the theme of blessing. This is especially because, as the well-known song goes, one of the things that this process helps us to remember is "to count our blessings" and "name them one by one." In this process, we are going to begin to count our blessings, those strengths of our church that propel our ministries into God's glorious future. It is with deep faith that we pray that this process should help us sharpen our vision and strengthen our mission. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the process.

Members of the **Yes!** PR Committee:

Emily Fau
Scott Myers
Rachel Sciretti
David Tonghou

Prayers for . . .

Catharine Campbell, who is recovering at home from a fractured bone in her right foot

Patty Field, who is at Providence following knee replacement surgery on Monday

Nancy Chinn, who continues her chemotherapy at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Her address is:
3500 Gaston Avenue
Attn: 4 Collins
Room 429
Dallas, Texas 75246

A word of appreciation

David L. Rivers sends his sincere thanks to Lake Shore. Below is a portion of the letter he sent.

"I want to most especially thank all of our friends of the Lake Shore Baptist Church who expressed their condolences on Nancy's passing. Your kind cards and spoken words have meant so very much to me during these most sad and stressful days. Your loving care will not be forgotten."

Staff news

Sharlande will be on vacation next week, July 11-18.

The Focus on Ministry: Mission Trips

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 29 David Miller reminded us of the important ministry of missions, reflecting on the mission trip to Kansas City. Check the Lake Shore website to read David's report in its entirety. www.lakeshorewaco.org

I first met James in a garden outside of Cherith Brook while weeding. While I can't be positive about his living situation, I believe James, unlike most of the others that attend Cherith Brook, was not homeless, but rather lonely and wanted a place to gather with other people he could relate with. However, James would never let you assume this. James was not shy or discreet. He was anything but shy or discreet. I sometimes even sensed that the people around him most would prefer if he was shy or discreet. To say the very least, he was eccentric. A quick physical description of him would be best characterized as a modern day pirate. He had a long, wiry, point goatee and greasy black hair...and yes he even had the patch over his right eye. He informed me however that the patch was not for simply appearance but was to cover the eye that had blood sitting behind it, which according to him gave everything in sight from that eye a reddish tint to it. James enjoyed the pirate theme he displayed and saw the positive side of having to wear an eye patch. James was a guy that demanded your attention and

would captivate it by his startling wit and wisdom about any given topic of conversation. He had an interesting and troubling past that from what I understood ranged from everything to serving a little bit of time in a foreign penitentiary to being the head gardener at a premier country club in Germany. He even for some time attended seminary, which was the one thing he was discreet about. James was a very verbose and animated character that for some odd reason took a liking to me, which meant he took some time out to lecture me individually. However, the lesson that I learned came not from James himself, but from the information about James that the workers at Cherith Brook disclosed to me. Apparently when James began to attend Cherith Brook he had a reputation for fighting. He enjoyed fighting and thought the injuries derived from fighting were admirable. He would provoke people at Cherith Brook into fights and had become considered at nuisance to the people at Cherith Brook. Multiple times he was taken aside and talked to about this harmful habit. Slowly he transformed

himself into a respectful, caring, thoughtful, wise person. The workers took pride in the new James, and you could see from the way James carried himself, that he took pride too. The constant love and comfort along with the continuous feeling of acceptance built up a new James.

Lessons and teachings derived from word are nothing compared to those learned by actions and experiences. The people I worked with and served taught me that the brutal society that we live in today is no excuse to give up. Everyone I met, no matter how dire their situation, never gave in. Perseverance and determination resonate in these men and women whether they be the impoverished, the homeless, or the forcibly displaced. They endure hardships that many of us have to endure. They are not to be segregated from the rest of our society, because they are a central part of our society. They are one of us, just as much as we are one of them.

-David Miller

Children's Corner

"Oh, Jonah!" Summer Music Camp @ Seventh & James Baptist Church

Saturday, July 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Important dress rehearsal

Sunday, July 13, 5:15 p.m. Cast call and 6:00 p.m. worship/performance

Good-bye, Ms. Frances!

This Sunday, July 13, will be Frances Koen's last Sunday as the Toddler/Two's Sunday School teacher. Please make every effort to come and show your gratitude for all that Frances has contributed to the spiritual nurture of our children.

Children's Camp Camper and Parent Meetings

Sunday, July 13, following the worship service. This is a *required* meeting for every camper and a parent if you did not attend the July 6 meeting.

Receive important information and forms regarding camp. The campers will be commissioned in worship on July 20.

Car Wash for Children's Camp

Wednesday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m. This annual event is a whole lot of fun and raises good money for children's camp. Whether your child is attending camp or not, bring your family to help. We will need towels, sponges, brushes, and buckets. Arrive as early as you can to get set up.

PASSPORT

Saturday night at 11:00 p.m. our youth will leave by bus for Passport Camp at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Sunday we blessed them in worship, and while they are gone we'll pray for their traveling safety and great Passport experience.

Dylan Losey

John Salvesen

Todd Francis

Andrew Reynolds

Matthew Reynolds

Laura Smajstrla

Louise Marie Morin

Michelle Stokes

Cassie Pruitt

Charles Conkin

Meredith Holladay

Clare Losey

David Miller

Brad SoRelle

PJ Kelly

Eric Clark

Capucine Morin

Maya Davis

Becca Mosley

Chelsea Jones

Sunday Simbo

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Daniel Farris, Minister of Music
Emily Gist, Director, Lake Shore
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Gordon Lawrence, Custodian
Melinda Reynolds, Office Manager
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Wednesday Night Supper July 16th



*King Ranch Chicken
Casserole
Green Salad
Texas Sheet Cake
Blue Bell Ice Cream*

*Hosted by Janya Martin
and the Choir*

Youth News

We will be leaving at 11pm on Saturday July 12 to travel to Macon, GA for Passport. Please be at the church no later than 10:30 ready to sleep in the bus. There will be no Youth activities next week.

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 13

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
12:00—Parent Meeting for
Children's Camp
6:00—"Oh, Jonah!"

Monday, July 14

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, July 15

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

5:30—Supper and **Yes!** kick-off
5:30—Car Wash
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 17

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

Looking Ahead

Children's Camp July 21-25

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, July 13

Infants: Annette Brister
Toddler: Prudencia Tonghou
Preschool/K: Seibel Family

Visitor Cards: Devin Seibel
Kameron Seibel

Offering: Ashley Thornton
Hope Rouse
Sandy Sadler
Jerri Love

Ushers: Ellen Brown



Lake Shore members Daniel Farris and Linda Haskett invite you to enjoy this summer's production of the Waco Children's Theatre.

July 9-12—7:30 p.m.

July 13—2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. Call 715-5401 to reserve your tickets today.

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.

Year to date needs
\$234,677.77

Year to date received
\$174,129.42

Difference
\$ 60,548.35

Deacons On-Call

July

Gin Courtney
Mike Raymond
Craig Thornton