

LAKE SHORELINES

July 16, 2008

Southwest Baptist Children's Camp

Camp Copass, Denton, TX ~ July 21-25

Q: What's packed, excited, and counting the hours, just longing for bunk beds, camp food, new friendships, crafts and kid-friendly worship?

A: It's a Lake Shore Children's Camper! Kenz Love, Crystal Jones, Christina Houser, Mikhayla Evans, MacKenzie Sullivan, Zane McDurham, Travis Burt

Q: What's resting up, excited, and counting the hours to spend time with some really incredible kids at meals, on walks, and in church group time?

A: It's a Lake Shore Children's Camp Counselor! Jerri Love, Bruce Evans, Thomas Miller, Debbie York, Laura York, Dorisanne Cooper, and Rachel Sciretti

Next week Lake Shore will join First Baptist-Austin, Highland Park-Austin, University Baptist-Austin, Church of the Savior-Austin, Second Baptist-Lubbock, Royal Lane-Dallas, South Main-Houston, Austin Heights-Nacogdoches, and First Baptist Oklahoma City for a week of fun, worship, swimming, study, and friendship. Dorisanne is the Camp Pastor and Rachel is the Bible Study writer.

Please pray for our campers and sponsors as they prepare, travel, and receive all that God has for them this week.

(We are still in need of scholarships. If you are interested, in helping out, contact Rachel Sciretti.)

Worship at Lake Shore The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God

July 20, 2008

"Awakening to Holy Ground"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Genesis 28.10-19a

The Dedication of James David Anderson

LSBC-TV — KWBU

Wednesday, July 23; 6:30 p.m.

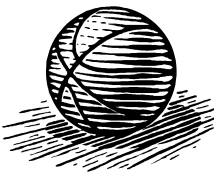
Wednesday Night Seminar

Who lives around Lake Shore? What are the real needs? Are there others we can join to meet the needs? What is Lake Shore's role in the community today? A group of BSW students at Baylor did a community assessment this spring that answers many of these questions. Come and hear what they learned!

Invitation to

Tuesday Night Basketball

Are you an insufferable jock? Can you shoot lights out? Do you play above the rim? Then disregard this message.



The rest of you, of all ages and either gender, are invited over to Talitha Koum on Tuesdays at 6:30 for the No Name Basketball Klatch (not its name -- it has no name.) For several years several Lake Shore legends bridging decades and generations of varied shorts lengths have convened at the old Boys Club at 13th and Clay. They've included Brett and Graham Younger, Dr. Bob and Matt Brown, Skip Londres, Les Neugebauer, Buddy and Keith Prather, Steve and John Salvesen, Roy Smallwood, and Craig Thornton. They play hard (in spurts). They jump (on special occasions). They laugh. They limp. Be there. If you're looking to make a name for yourself in the sport, be elsewhere.

School Supply Drive

Can you believe it is time to start thinking about school supplies already? But, it is. Here are some ways you can help make for a great start to school for some special kids:

- Buy some school supplies for Mission Waco. Put them in the box in the hallway. You have until August 3.
- Buy gift cards to HEB, Target, Wal-Mart and deliver them to the office.

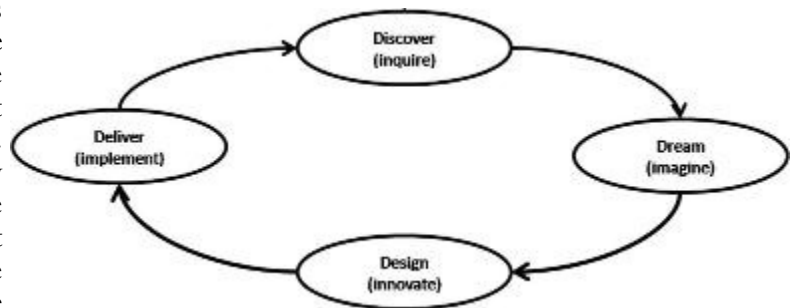
What the heck is “Appreciative Inquiry?”

In last week’s *Shorelines* you read, “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.” Then Wednesday night we told you that we were going to be using a model called “Appreciative Inquiry” for this adventure, or AI for short. The best way I can think of to explain it is by relating it to a personal experience.

When Craig and I were living in Houston we came back to Waco almost every year for Baylor homecoming. Those weekends were the best! We loved laughing and visiting with our dearest friends. Although we rarely attended church in Houston, we almost always made the effort to attend Lake Shore at homecoming. I’m not sure we knew it at the time, but I think we yearned for a “church home” and all the riches that phrase implies. One year as we were preparing for our annual visit, we thought, “Wonder what would happen if we moved back to Waco?” We could be a part of our friends’ lives instead of just swooping in once a year; we could be members at Lake Shore. Once we had that picture in our minds, all kinds of large and small pieces seemed to fall into place to make it happen. I found a job; we found a house; Craig found a job – in a few months we were living in Waco!

By picturing the future we wanted -- a future based on bringing about more of what was best and most important to us – we took a big step toward making that future happen. I bet you have had a similar experience. If you have, you know that there is some planning involved, but you also happen upon a lot of opportunities that you could never have planned. A chance conversation in a restaurant leads to a job interview. An old magazine in the doctor’s office just happens to have the information you need. It’s not always structured or step by step, but because you have a picture in mind of what you want the future to be like, you are able to move toward it with a natural flow; it begins to almost have a feeling of being “meant to be.” It happens as much in fits and spurts and happy accidents as by carefully planned steps. It’s fun.

An “appreciative inquiry” is a way for an organization, in our case a congregation, to approach the future together in this same sort of way. The first stage is “Discovery.” We listen to each other tell stories about important moments, times when the church was at its best. This builds relationships and a deep, common understanding of what we value, of what gives life to the church. In the “Dream” stage we prayerfully, playfully and appreciatively imagine together a future based on bringing about more of what is best and most important. This common picture of the future naturally inspires the “Design” stage in which people share ideas about large and small actions that would help bring about that future. The “Design” stage mixes with the “Deliver” stage as people begin to act on those ideas and also to recognize and act on “chance” opportunities to move closer and closer to the future we have pictured together.



“Yes!” will follow this path. We will “Discover” through July and August by listening to each other’s stories at “Yes!” dinners and interviews. In October we will have an all church retreat at which we will use what we have discovered as the foundation for “Dreaming” and “Designing” together. “Delivery” will be on-going as we head into our next 50 years!

As we begin to think together about the future, here are a few principles to keep in mind that will help the Appreciative Inquiry process be most fun and useful:

Positive – Throughout this process we will intentionally focus our attention on where we want to go – not what we want to avoid. To use a golf metaphor, we will be thinking “straight in the hole” not “watch out for the trees.”

Process – The process affects the product. We want the process we use to reflect our values every step of the way. That’s one reason why the steering committee spent considerable time thinking about what questions to ask and how to ask them. The way the question is asked affects the answers you get. The way you go about the process affects the imagination of the people involved.

Participatory – As far as possible, we want to get everyone involved. Part of the power of Appreciative Inquiry is that by getting everyone involved, each person carries the picture of the future in his or her own heart. Each person can recognize those “chance” opportunities that move us closer to the future we have imagined together. Have you ever noticed that the people who come up with an idea and a plan are the ones most committed to it? Casual conversations over lunch and in Sunday school naturally begin to reinforce the values and hopes we identify together. Through wide participation the future we imagine together is woven into the fabric of our life together.

Poetic – Throughout the process we will seek to engage our hearts and spirits, not just our heads. Can you think of anything significant that has ever been accomplished in the world that did not involve the heart?

Practical – Far from being “pie-in-the-sky,” we will be taking the practical approach of building upon what we already know to be working.

At its best Appreciative Inquiry is more than a technique or a one time process. It’s a philosophy, a habitual way of talking and thinking and planning together. “Yes!” is a perfect name for it because it is the habit of always looking together for ways of saying “Yes!” to what is best, to what gives life. We’ll be practicing this habit together for the next several months – may our time together this summer plant the seeds for years full of “Yes!”

-Ashley Thornton

Children’s Corner

Children’s Camp

Campers should meet in the front of the church Monday at 10:30 a.m. We will load and leave by 11:00 a.m.

Car Wash for Children’s Camp

Thank you to all who contributed to the Car Wash—both effort and money.

Wednesday Nights

- July 23 - While we are at camp, Pattie will be available to play with children on the playground.
- July 30 – Mountainview Splash Park Night

“Oh, Jonah!” Music Camp



Last week ten Lake Shore children joined Seventh & James Baptist Church for a week of music, set design, acting, games, and friendship. The week culminated with a performance of “Oh, Jonah!” We hope to make this an annual partnership.

(from top right to left) Mikhayla

Evans, Crystal Jones, Christina Houser, Rachel Sciretti, Erika Houser, Killian McNeil, Steven Burt, Jonathan Pendleton, Molly Hepp, Chandler Evans, Ella Kimbell, Brianna Mann (not pictured)

Stage One of “Yes!”:

Dinner and conversation or the more technical term--
"Discovery Interviews!"

Be watching the newsletter and the hallway for information and sign up for this good time of sharing and visiting – and of course eating!

Prayers for . . .

Nancy Chinn is home and in the process of finding a bone marrow donor.

Nathaniel Longfellow leaves this Sunday for a semester studying in Chile.

Staff Notes

Dorisanne and Rachel will both be at Children’s Camp July 21-25.

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
Melinda Reynolds, Office Manager
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 20

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, July 21

10:30—Children meet to leave
for camp
12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, July 22

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 24

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

Friday, July 25

Children return from camp

Looking Ahead

August 17—Care Group Meeting
July and August—Yes/Interviews
October 17-18—Yes/Retreat

Wednesday Night Supper July 23



Hummingbirds
Care Group

Fried Chicken
3-bean salad

Baked Sweet Potato Slices
Brownies
Dessert

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, July 20

Infants:	Judy Prather
Toddler:	Monica or Donovan McNeil
Preschool/K:	Henry or Gwen Kari
Visitor Cards:	Mikhayla Evans Chandler Evans
Offering:	Sunday Simbo Pamela Ndi-Simbo David Tatum Michelle Stokes
Ushers:	Ellen Brown

Youth News

PASSPORT campers will be returning Saturday, **July 19 at 3:00 a.m.** Please be at the church at that time to pick up your youth.

Photos of camp will be available online. Call the church office for the password.

Office News

It may be helpful for you to know the hours for the church office:

Monday _____ 9:00-5:00*
Tuesday _____ 9:00-5:00*
9:00-11:00 Staff Meeting
Wednesday _____ 9:00-5:00*
Thursday _____ 9:00-5:00*
Friday _____ 9:00-1:00

*office closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch

If you call during the staff meeting or lunch, please leave a voicemail message and we will return your call.

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>
\$243,369.54	\$174,129.42	\$(66,885.12)

Deacons On-Call

July

Gin Courtney
Mike Raymond
Craig Thornton