

LAKE SHORELINES



September 17, 2008

Celebrating 7 years at Lake Shore Rachel Sciretti

September marks Rachel's seven years of service here at Lake Shore! Her joy has touched the lives of many people, and for it we say:

thank you **THANK YOU** thank you
We love you!

Morning Prayer

Oh God, it is not unusual for us to come with ambivalent feelings in prayer. Although we are thankful yesterday's path of destruction spared our community from powerful winds and water, we grieved as we learned of deaths and viewed pictures of homes destroyed in other communities not far from us. The pictures remind us that our earth and homes are more fragile than we would like to think.

Help each of us to reach out to those we know need our help and assistance. Help us to care for our earth to reduce the exploitation that our consuming lifestyles have caused, and to reduce the predicted dangers to come, remembering that we are only temporary stewards of this earth, and not its owners.

Help those who experience harm and destruction to be comforted; help them cope with their loss; help them rebuild their lives and futures; help them support their immediate neighbors.

People all over the world live in dangerous places, not only from the forces of nature, but also from the harm and killing that humans inflict on other humans. We pray for peace among enemies in so many places. We pray with people everywhere that there will be peace on Earth. Help us to let it begin with us.

We cannot change the past, we cannot *not* remember the past, nor should we. But we can forgive others as well as ourselves, knowing that you have forgiven us. With forgiveness we take a burden off our minds; then there can be new beginnings in our beings; we can be freed to restore relationships, freed to reach out and care for others, freed to work for peace and to take care of the earth.

May peace and forgiveness and restoration begin with us,
Oh Lord, Amen. —David A. Kopplin, September 14, 2008

Worship at Lake Shore

*"Where Two or Three are Gathered,
There Will Be..."*

*A September Sermon Series
on Community*

September 21, 2008

*"The last shall be what?"
Matthew 20.1-16*

September 28, 2008

*"The Yes and No Brothers"
Matthew 21.23-32*

Wednesday Nights

September 17 & 24, October 1 & 8

In lieu of our usual seminars, we are offering two choices in spiritual formation & ministry.

The Power of Forgiveness

leader: David Davis

The film *The Power of Forgiveness* traces its roots to the act of radical forgiveness by the Amish community when a group of little girls was killed at school two years ago. Clips from the film and group conversations will help participants understand their own attitudes and beliefs about what forgiveness is -- and is not, examine the often difficult act of self-forgiveness, and address forgiveness as a way to engage the world's critical issues, not just politically and economically, but with attention to our spiritual roots.

Developing Responses for Disaster Relief

leader: JoLeen Eiklenborg

In the midst of our preparation for this seminar, Hurricane Ike slammed into the coast of Texas. Now we engage this questions from a new perspective: Is there anything I can do to minimize known risks from disasters? How can I respond to as a member of faith community? After we hear from people whose lives were suddenly uprooted because of disasters here and in Thailand, as well as Red Cross and other responders, we will study how our church can respond..

The Gift of Years Growing Older Gracefully

A few weeks ago in Fort Worth I bought a copy of Joan Chittister's new book, *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*. It is a marvelous collection of essays that looks at the many dimensions of aging – productivity, limitations, forgiveness, legacy, wisdom, sadness, memories, meaning, letting go, fulfillment – and thirty more that grow out of Chittister's carefully tended spirituality and a life well-lived.

By the time I had read the introduction and the first essay, I wanted to buy a copy for everyone I know over fifty, so we can talk about it together! Impossible – there are so many of you (so many of us!)

So here's a different plan: We've ordered box at Barnes & Noble. You pick up a copy at church at a reduced cost -- \$14 (or e-mail Sharlandes@aol.com to reserve one) and take your time reading it this fall. Mark the places that are meaningful or thought-provoking to you. In January we've scheduled a Saturday morning retreat to discuss the book.

Here's what others are saying about the book:

"*The Gift of Years* brims with insight, pluck, verve, and courage – and trust that finally in God's love 'all will be well.'"

-- Helen Prejean

"Perhaps you have to be in the second half of life to know how truthfully and helpfully Joan Chittister speaks. We live in a first-half-of-life culture, which makes this wisdom all the more necessary – and all the more wonderful." -- Richard Rohr

"Joan Chittister's reflections are at once wise, mischievous, and comforting. Her book makes us all sorry we're not older!"

-- Lawrence Kushner

"Joan Chittister is a jewel whose work as a spiritual progressive addresses people of every faith and none with a depth and brilliance that startles and delights." -- Michael Lerner

"So uplifting! It's a road map for the rest of your life."

-- Annette Brister

Reading -- and growing older -- with you,



Save the date:

Saturday, October 18

All-Church Retreat

T-Shirt order form now online at

<http://lsbai.blogspot.com/>

Appreciative Inquiry seemed mysterious, even daunting, at first. The name is odd and not necessarily exciting or inspiring. What are we appreciatively inquiring about and why? Do I have anything to contribute? Will I be graded? As a member of the AI steering committee, I guess I had an advantage. I learned about the concept and helped to develop the questions. Ultimately, though, the real proof was in the pudding. By participating in the interview process, I came to understand and value Appreciative Inquiry.

When I was interviewed, I got to ponder and articulate what Lake Shore means to me. And, hey, I was right! AI is accepting of my experience for what it is. By interviewing others, I've enjoyed a unique opportunity to engage a variety of folks about their experience here. What a gift! Their recollections and insights have given me a deeper appreciation of Lake Shore Baptist Church, its history and values, and our shared role as stakeholders in its future. So, if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to participate in the AI interview process. You – and this community – will be richer for it.

—Emily Fau

Book Group *Take this Bread*, by Sara Miles. September 23, 7:00 p.m. at the **Bowmans' 1708 Trinity.**



Sojourners with Leena Lavanya

Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.
light brunch, RSVP by September 30

Leena Lavanya is a remarkable Baptist Indian woman who has dedicated her life to the service of God and the "poorest of the poor" in the state of Andhra Pradesh in southeast India. In the early 1990's Leena, who was already demonstrating her compassionate heart in small ways, determined to dedicate her life to God and to the most marginalized people in Indian society.

Her decision has grown into a remarkable group of ministries called Serve Trust. Through these social and evangelistic ministries, Leena provides hope to those the world has seemingly forgotten. When she spoke at the Baptist World Alliance in London last year, some called her "the Baptist Mother Teresa."

The ministries of Serve Trust include a home with daily care for lepers, a hospice for those with HIV/AIDS, an orphanage for children with AIDS, a sewing school and other rehabilitative programs for former commercial sex workers to provide them with a new way of life, a medical clinic and other assistance to fishing villages stricken by the tsunami, monthly visits to a local prison to preach and provide for physical needs.

Her love, compassion, and faith are a living example of Christ's gospel. Come and hear about one who serves Christ by serving "the least of these."

Welcome, Troy and Lori Jones

Angels come in many forms and share themselves in different ways. One such angel was Lori Jones when she agreed to be our Children Center's Director a few years ago when we were in dire need of leadership. So it was with much delight when Lori and Troy Jones joined this congregation last Sunday morning! Though we had gotten to know Lori through this avenue, we are now fortunate to get to know her and Troy as official members of our church.

Troy's education at TSTI (as it was known at the time) prepared him for his work as an electromechanical engineer at L-3 Systems. Though he has remained steady in this career for 24 years, his employer has changed three times.

Credentialed as a Professional Administer, Lori's love and passion for early childhood education is evident as she shares her history of work as a pre-school teacher, director of Waco's Beary Baby Academy for 10 years, and Director at Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center for 1½ years. Lori now works for Temple ISD as a Project Director for the 21st Century Community Learning Center where she oversees nine elementary and middle school campuses. This program targets low-income students who benefit from before and after school tutoring, homework assistance, and academic enrichment. In addition to her supervisory and management responsibilities, she writes and reports on grants.

One of this couple's favorite topics (and likely favorite two people) is their two children, Aaron and Kyle. Aaron, 23 years old, works as a sound engineer in Austin where Lori and Troy sometimes visit. Their 21-year-old son, Kyle, currently works in Hawaii with plans to travel in Europe later this year.

Though still acclimating to having no children at home, Lori and Troy stay reasonably busy. To relax, Troy enjoys caring for his five acres in Lorena, keeping Lori's plants "alive," and vegetable gardening. Lori loves to read for pleasure – sometimes perusing the Lake Shore bookshelves for interesting reading material. For years as a family and now, as a couple, Lori and Troy enjoy camping. In fact, as their 25th wedding anniversary approaches in October, they are planning a camping trip with the cooler fall weather.

Lori and Troy, it is with much excitement and anticipation that we welcome you to our Lake Shore community. May we grow together in God's love being family to one another.

—Kristi SoRelle



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Lake Shore Peace Garden

Bring your pets!

50th Anniversary Cookbook

Send one or more recipe as a Word document to

lakeshorecookbook@gmail.com

or place in the recipe box in the hall.



Care Group Luncheon October 5

Make plans now
to have lunch

with your care group
following morning worship.

Good News

We welcome Boyd and JoAnn Miller as new members. Watch for more information about the Millers.

Prayers for . . .

Lisa Asher, who had successful gall bladder surgery last week. She is waiting for more results from her other surgery in Dallas the week before.

Catharine Campbell, who had an MRI last week.

Ken Casner, who is home after problems with his hip.

Nancy Chinn, who continues to need our prayers for healing.

Steve Gardner, whose mother has moved to Sterling House, a nursing home in Cedar Hill, near Dallas.

Henry Kari, whose aunt, Ruth Kari, died in Cameroon. He is traveling to Bamende, Cameroon for the funeral.

Kay Neugebauer, whose biopsy showed that she has breast cancer. She is awaiting word about treatment.

Rachel Sciretti's grandmother, who is in hospice in San Antonio.

Children's Corner

September Missions Study: The Houser s in South Africa

September 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What's Worship?

Sundays in September following
"Children's Time" until the close of the
worship service in room 201 for 1st-3rd
graders.

September 21: Worshiping with Prayer
September 28: What is Communion?

Picnic & Play

September 28 at 5:30 p.m. on the
playground.

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
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 21

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, September 22

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 23

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

T-Shirt Order Due

5:30—Supper
6:15—Children's Activities
6:30—"Power of Forgiveness"
"Disaster Relief"
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

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

Looking Ahead

September 28

Blessing of the Animals
Picnic & Play

October 4

Sojourners

October 5

Care Group Luncheon

October 12

Children's Sabbath

October 18

All Church Retreat

Wednesday Night Supper September 24, 2008



Meat Loaf
New Potatoes
Spinach Salad
Dessert

Youth News

Breakfast – Losey
Supper – Miller-Compton

J2A will start back this Sunday, September 21.

There are many great retreats, Bible studies, and fun events that the youth will be apart of this year. However, these great things cannot happen without the help of volunteers. If you would like to help in the formation of young lives please contact Charles. There are all sorts of opportunities like: driving, providing houses, teaching, hanging out with youth, and cooking.

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering September 21, 2008

Infants:	Annette Brister
Toddler:	Robert or Jeannette Denton
Preschool/K:	Barb Francis
Visitor Cards:	Steven Burt Lawyah Kari
Offering:	Pamela Ndi Sunday Simbo David Kopplin Faith Kopplin
Ushers	Andy Powell Mike Umble

A Friendly Reminder from the Finance Committee

You may have noticed in the Weekly Budget Report that our Year To Date Needs are running ahead of the actual contributions we've received. While this is not unusual at this point in our Church year, it would still be prudent for us to be aware of it and to do what we can to address it. With this in mind, the Finance Committee asks that anyone who authorizes spending out of the Church budget exercise particular scrutiny in the coming months. Certainly, we want to fulfill our mission, serve our community, and make good on any commitments that we've made. But if there are expenses that can be eliminated or reduced through some "creative thinking," now is the time for it!

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>
\$ 321,595.46	\$ 257,859.56	\$(63,735.90)

Deacons On-Call

September

Annette Brister
Lynn Williams