

LAKE SHORELINES

October 15, 2008

All~Church Retreat

Saturday, October 18

8:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

2008 has been a year of dozens of conversations at church, in homes, over coffee and tea, and through e-mail about the role Lake Shore has played in our lives. This Saturday we will first remember the grateful responses we heard in the interview process. But the interviews focused not only on "what has been" but also on "what will be"-- hundreds of dreams and wishes for the future. The Steering Committee grouped all those hopes into broad categories. Here they are . . . our hopes, our prayers . . . and some are our starting points for our Saturday conversations.

Do justice, love kindness

serving our community and world through missions, advocacy, and dedication to peace

Learning to live into the fullness of Christ

spirituality and spiritual formation

The fellowship of Lake Shore

knowing, loving, serving, supporting, caring for and enjoying each other

Who is my neighbor?

reaching out to the immediate neighborhood

Let all who need it, find a home with us

church growth and getting our name out in the community

Building on the legacy

attracting young people and young families to Lake Shore

Come let us reason together

adult Sunday School and Christian education opportunities

A spirit of generosity and gratitude

being good stewards of our finances, gifts, talents and other resources

Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

music at Lake Shore

Fun for all ages!

connecting the generations

The gift of years

taking good care of our elderly members

This is a holy place

stewardship of our building, spaces and land

It takes a village

nurturing Lake Shore's children and the Children's Center

Worship at Lake Shore
The Twenty-sixth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God

October 19, 2008

"Whatever"

Philippians 4.1-9

Dorisanne Cooper

The Baptism of Dylan Losey

jubilee

October 22

Wednesday Night Seminar

Jubilee is a time of celebration or rejoicing. In the Old Testament, the Jubilee year occurred every fifty years. As we enter Lake Shore's 50th year, Bill and Libby Bellinger, co-chairs of LSBC's 50th Anniversary Committee, will explore the origin of the idea of Jubilee in the Old Testament with its emphasis on remission of sins, caring for the poor and the stranger, and the first and only ecological legislation from ancient history.

Your Prayerful Consideration is Needed

As many of you know, we, as a congregation, approved our current year budget and contributions plan just about a year ago. Through September, we're running significantly behind the contributions level we need to offset our expenses. This means we could have a sizeable deficit at the end of the year if the current trend continues.

All members and friends of the congregation can help maintain current church programs and mission efforts for the remainder of 2008 if each prayerfully considers increasing the amount of his or her contribution for the remainder of this year. Even the smallest increase would make a difference and be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration,

The LSBC Finance Committee

From our Pastor...

My days in South Carolina last week were invaluable —the catching up with my lectionary group friends, the work we did (it was extensive), the meals we shared (they were delicious). One thing we did differently this year was to make an agenda for the week. (Beyond just our assigned work, we have always found that our “free time” and meals are filled with rich conversation -- and this year an apparent South Carolina tradition called “Redneck Golf”). We asked “Is there something you’d like to have this group’s time and wisdom and imagination to talk about?” at the beginning of the week to make sure we got to everyone’s topic, even as we spent relaxed time letting the conversation flow.

Amy told us she’d like to have some time to interview us as a group for her D. Min. (Doctorate of Ministry) project. Someone else said, “I’d like to know the mechanics of how you all put together your worship services each week.” others said. “I’d like to talk about how you all work out your budgets.” and “I’d be interested in how you help foster community among people with such busy lives.” More topics than we could cover! Still, we made time for most of them, finding ourselves energized by hearing other perspectives, imagining what might be, and gaining from each other’s ideas.

That’s what I’m most excited about for this coming Saturday’s all-church retreat. In a sense, what we’ve been doing with all the interviews is gathering our agenda for this coming weekend. Does one of these topics on the front of the newsletter appeal to you? These are the broad-themed areas that the AI Steering Committee has come up with for discussion on Saturday, based on the responses to the interview questions. They cover everything from stewardship of our space and building in the future to building community to how we do missions to how best to let people know that we’re here. You’ll get to pick the conversation areas you want to be involved in. And you’ll be a part of deciding how best to keep these conversations going and help them grow toward fruition this 50th year of ours that starts Sunday.

I know that many, many of you have other commitments Saturday that cannot be avoided. We’ll miss you but bless you as you go (to weddings, anniversary trips, college visits, reunions, the Advocacy Run . . .). If you’ll be in town and can make it to the retreat but haven’t signed up, we’d still love to have your voice and imagination! In the meantime, continue to keep this special day and process in your prayers that we might all be inspired by the Spirit of God to be the family of God in this place for the 50 years to come.

Dorisanne

Gifts for children affected by Hurricane Ike

Thanks for gifts you brought Sunday for children in Galveston. Louise Powell is Grant Coordinator with G.I.S.D. and suggests that we help through Operation H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Everyone Achieve Recovery Together).

Bring any of the following items: standardized dress attire – solid colored collared shirts; khaki pants, shorts and skirts in black, tan, or navy blue all sizes (grades PK – 12); Specific new items include: packaged underwear, belts, socks, bras, shoes all sizes/ages (no flip flops), school back packs, school supplies grades pre K – 12, blankets.

Operation Christmas Child



This is the time of year when we minister side-by-side with churches around the world with the common purpose of packing shoeboxes for children. The concept of Operation Christmas Child is one that preschoolers through senior adults enjoy. First, it's a simple and fun - a hands-on missions project that allows you to shop at any time to fill a shoebox with small gifts. Second, it's meaningful -- it's an immediate way to make a difference in the life of a child who may never receive the kinds of

gifts you pack in the box. Since 1993 more than 61 million shoeboxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered. Think of Operation Christmas Child as your first Christmas gift this year.

Never packed a box before? Here's how:

- Find an empty shoebox—plastic ones are great.
- Decide if your box will be for a boy or a girl (age groupings 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14).
- Fill the box with gifts: balls, Hot Wheels, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hard candy, jewelry, hairbrushes.
- Leave out used items, liquids, perishable items - crackers and chocolate - medicines, war-related toys.
- Fill out the form and place it, along with your \$7 donation inside an envelope (checks should be written Samaritan’s Purse)
- We will dedicate the boxes in worship on Sunday, November 16.



T-Shirts are here!

Get to wear to the retreat,
but good for all year!
\$10 Short-Sleeved
\$12 Long-Sleeved

Make checks payable to
Lake Shore Baptist Church,
with T-Shirts in the memo.



Children's Corner

Thank you to all the children who led
in worship on Children's Sabbath!

A.I. Retreat

You can still sign up for childcare. Call the office.

If you have a changing table (or two)
that you would like to donate for the
church's upstairs bathrooms, please see Rachel.

Prayers for . . .

Boyd Miller who fell at Wesley Woods
last week.

Jacque Neatherlin who received
encouraging news from her lung
biopsy and is working with her
doctors for an ongoing treatment

Nancy Chinn who continues her every
three-four week chemotherapy
treatment until she gets her donor.

Robert Denton whose sister, Sharon
Drummond, has cancer in four
locations in the brain and is taking
oral chemotherapy.

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This is our third year to welcome our neighbors to our church for a
safe and friendly evening of costumes and candy. We need all the
trunks we can get!

Three ways to participate:

1. Bring your car to the back parking lot, decorate it, give out
candy to the children who walk by. You can dress-up too!
Please, nothing scary!
2. Bring your child to trick or treat amongst the trunks.
3. Donate candy to the box in the hallway.

Please sign up if you plan to participate with your trunk. See the
display in the hallway, Rachel Sciretti or Jerri Love with any questions.

2009 Deacon Nominations

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee—*Mary Louise Baker, Chair, Henry Kari, Vern Sauter, Mike Sciretti, Craig Thornton, Deb Vardiman, Jan Williams*—were elected at the business meeting on Wednesday, October 8. Now they invite church members to participate in the deacon selection process.

The by-laws state the following criteria for nominees:

A member of LSBC for a minimum of two years; at least 18 years of age; involved in a ministry; committed to regular attendance at deacon meetings and retreats; intentional in his or her quest for a mature faith; regular in attendance in worship and other church programs; committed to regular financial stewardship through the church budget; given to reconciliation and reflective of the biblical model of servant hood and personal moral integrity.

Below is a form on which you may make a list of one to seven names of church members to be considered for deacons. Please submit your list in the box in the sanctuary hallway. Current deacons who will continue their terms in 2009 are: *Annette Brister, Jeff Davies, Steve Fontaine, Steve Gardner, Henry Kari, Helen Hastings, Barbara Johnston, Donovan McNeil, Gary Miller, Bruce Neatherlin, Mike Raymond, Donna Slette, Kristi Sorelle, Deb Vardiman.*

Individuals who complete their terms this year or did so last year are: *Alice Baird, Joe Baxter, Bill Bellinger, Ray Cannon, Virginia Courtney, Bruce Evans, Loeen Irons, Faith Kopplin, Karen Matkin, Beth Miller, Vern Sauter, Don Sorelle, Craig Thornton, Lynn Williams.* They are not eligible for nomination this year.

Please consider your submissions prayerfully and place your selections in the designated box by Sunday, November 2 at noon. I submit the following names of individuals whom I would like to see serve as deacons:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | |

Signature: _____

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
Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 18

8:30-5:00—All-Church Retreat

Sunday, October 19

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, October 20

12:00—Newsletter Deadline
6:00—French Cooking Class

Tuesday, October 21

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

Youth to FBC Waco
5:30—Supper
6:15—Children's Activities
6:30—Seminar
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

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

Looking Ahead

October 25

Relay for Life

October 29

Business Meeting for BGCT
Messenger Election

October 31

Trunk or Treat

November 2

Missions Committee

November 8

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday Night Supper October 22, 2008



Lasagna
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, October 19

Infants:	Karyn Miller
Toddler:	Pamela Ndi
Preschool/K:	Sunday Simbo
Visitor Cards:	Jon Kelly Ian Gervais
Offering:	Bill Bellinger Libby Bellinger Van Jones David Tatum
Ushers	Ellen Brown Faith Kopplin

Staff News: Sharlande will be at the Center for Courage and Renewal North Texas in Fort Worth on Tuesday, October 21, for the conference "Challenges for Leaders in These Times," led by Tom Beech of the Fetzer Institute. The day is designed to strengthen the connection between who we are and the work we do in the world.

Youth News

Breakfast – Pruitt-Jones
Supper – Salvesen

This Sunday is **J2A**.

There is a need for drivers for the **Halloween Scavenger Hunt**. Let Charles know if you are willing to volunteer.

October 22 we will be joining FBC Waco for **Wednesday night** activities.

November 7-9 will be our **Fall Retreat**. Charles is in need of 3 houses and 3 teachers during this weekend retreat. Please email or call him if you are interested.

Central Christian Church

Pumpkin Patch

Picnic in the Patch
October 18, 6-8 p.m.
live music and food

Over 1000 pumpkins, gourds and more ranging in price from \$.50-\$.25. Take photos, buy pumpkins and have a blast in the patch!

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
\$ 356,054.31

Year to date received
\$ 288,139.66

Difference
\$(68,222.88)

Deacons On-Call

October

Bruce Evans
Henry Kari