

# LAKE SHORELINES

October 22, 2008

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS OCTOBER 29

### FALL AND WINTER BIRDING IN CENTRAL TEXAS

'Tis the season -- almost! -- for new birds at your feeders. Lake Shore member Roy Smallwood will help you identify fall and winter birds through the photographs of local bird photographers and give ideas for attracting a variety of birds to your backyard. Roy is the owner, president, CEO, office manager, and custodian of kingbirdfeeders.com a company that provides spotting scopes, feeders, and binoculars to birders and birdwatchers.

### "I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT HIV/AIDS"

If you missed Ana Marie Houser's visit with Sojourners this summer, we want to make sure you have another chance to hear her informative and passionate words about the toll HIV/AIDS is taking on the people of South Africa where she is involved in supporting caregivers of orphaned and vulnerable children and people affected/infected by HIV/AIDS. Ana Marie serves with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

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

The Worship of God

October 26, 2008

*"Minimizing the Risk of Faith"*

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Exodus 32.1-14

### Volunteers for choir library

We are entering the choir library into a catalogue program. We need people to take a packet of music, fill out a form for each piece in the packet, and return it to the church. This is the first step in the process, and with over 400 pieces we need a lot of help! Please call the church office, or let Daniel know if you are willing to help with this project. We will call for volunteers at a later date to help enter the forms into the computer. —Daniel Farris



### Operation Christmas Child Ready-Set-Go Family Party Sunday, November 2 in the Blue Room after worship

Missions is a family affair, that's why we really want to encourage parents and children to plan, shop for, and pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. At our party we will learn about Samaritan's Purse, and how this international ministry works. Families will learn how to pack a shoebox with needs (like toothbrushes and soap) as well as fun things (like toys and crayons). We think this ministry is so important that each family will leave the party with a box and a pair of socks to get started. Who knows, before you even get home from church you might stop, shop, and fill your box.

Join us for lunch on November 2. We'll provide the sandwich fixin's and drinks. Please sign up in the hallway, email, or call the church office. When you sign up, let us know if you will bring chips or dessert.

All OCC shoeboxes are due back at Lake Shore on Sunday, November 16, for "The Blessing of the Shoeboxes" before they make their journey around the world.

### Speaking of volunteering...

Are you interested in serving on a committee or task group in 2009? Or in volunteering to serve in one of Lake Shore's many ministries? Pick up a "Places to Serve" sheet from the hallway, or print it off the website, and turn it in by Sunday, November 9.

Business Meeting  
Wednesday, October 29  
BGCT messenger election

# For all that has been . . . thanks!

*Thanks. . .*

for agape love

for working together at “11 on 11” – and event that made something good come out of the horror of 9/11

for Marketplace 29 A.D. and Trunk or Treat

I’m thankful for the man who welcomed everyone on Sunday morning and said this was a place to ask hard questions.

for the outreach of our church to the local community

for my faithful friend, Barbara Johnston, who took a lot of time with me

for the open-minded attitude and diversity of members

for people who know why they are here – not for prestige, but for a growing relationship with God and each other

**For all that has been, we give thanks to God . . .**

Thanks for Rhea Gray who set LSBC on its inclusive path.

when I used to slide down the banister when I was a child

for the Joy Shop when children from East Waco met with our children and the adults taught them for *three* weeks

I’m thankful for getting to work on the Fellowship Committee with people who were fun, creative and engaged.

***Thanks for Wednesday night dinners . . .***

for the ice cream social

for the pie fellowship after the Thanksgiving service

for *all* the times we eat together

***and for the ways we share our abundance with others***

I always said I wish I knew people to help; now I can do that.

I remember the time we volunteered to remodel the kitchen at Compassion Ministries on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I like shopping for food for The Gathering; that helps me meet a concrete need.

Our kindness and support for Shalom in Ghana has stretched me and our church.

the Soup Supper and the Bike-a-thon

I like picking our ornament off the mission tree.

our breakfast on Thursday mornings

for the thought that went into building our playground

***We are grateful for times when Lake Shore has been a caring community to each other:***

Lake Shore is my home away from home.

we were overwhelmed by kindness when our son was hurt

A lot of people find spiritual mentors here – for me, it’s Rufus Spain.

I’m thankful for people who act like surrogate grandparents to my children.

for Joe and Bessie Baxter inviting my wife and me, a couple in our 20s, over for dinner one Sunday

for a friend who took me under her wing when my husband died

for my circle of friends who sit near me on Sunday morning when I crossed the road to the Teen House to officially become a youth

I’m grateful to my friends from Cameroon and Ghana who have stretched my world view a lot.

***We say “thanks” for all the times of worship when we feel God’s presence.***

on Good Friday when the choir sang the *Faure Requiem* and for the gray rocks and candles on the communion table

at my ordination

at Sunday and Pam’s wedding when the “whole village” brought food

for sermons with substance

I’ll never forget the Katrina Remembrance service.

I love Dorisanne’s benediction.

and “the sound of the new carillon bells”

when they sang “Down to the River to Pray” at both my children’s baptisms

My prayer group calls me to spiritual focus.

***I’m grateful for Lake Shore’s intentionality***

Thanks . . . for the conscious effort to build bridges with local and international communities.

the intersection between Christian faith and environmental and economic issues

trust in each other

comfort with silence — and comfort with ambiguity

I’m thankful that I can look around and see several generations of Lake Shore folks all in one room at the Christmas Eve Service, holding their candles and singing “Silent Night.”

As a youth, Lake Shore was my retreat; as a child, it exposed my eyes to missions and those in need. Bridge Builders, Helping Hands, youth group, and mission trips, youth and children’s camps and retreats all allowed me access to adults I may not have interacted with otherwise.

God’s given me so much, I want to return some of what I have.

God’s given *us* so much, we want to respond in love.

***For all that has been . . . THANKS!***

# For all that will be . . . yes!

## Yes!

Yes . . . to balancing our activity with reflection  
Yes . . . to a garden  
Yes . . . to caring for those who helped build the church  
Yes . . . to making our youth & children's programs priorities  
Yes . . . to the neighborhood right around the church  
Yes . . . to a wide range of music  
Yes . . . to a generosity of spirit  
And yes, to continuing to be discerning about where we spend our money  
Yes to being responsible with the gifts God has given us . . . time, money and people resources  
Yes to being spiritual formation that nurtures each member into the fullness of Christ  
And yes to small groups of people who listen to our stories and pray with us  
Yes to young families who keep church vibrant and growing  
Yes to the energy of college students and young adults  
Yes to attention to our homebound members  
Yes to letting the community know that Lake Shore Baptist Church is here for those who don't have a place of worship  
Yes . . . to the word that anyone is welcome here

. . . and that we are a church that values conversations about things that matter and talk in ways that people can hear  
Yes . . . to being the best informed people in the community who are working to heal poverty and educating Waco about systemic issues and how we can help  
Yes . . . to stewardship of our building, spaces, and land  
Yes to the needs right around the church – and to our Children's Center families  
And yes for more all-church projects like the playground  
. . . to continuing to build international bridges  
. . . to entering the digital age a bit more and using the web-site and multiple pathways to get our message across to the community  
. . . to providing opportunities to letting members know all the ways they can be involved  
Yes . . . to knowing, loving, serving and enjoying each other  
Yes . . . to being vulnerable and allowing healing to happen  
Yes . . . to serving our world through advocacy and dedication to peace  
Yes . . . to living into the fullness of Christ in this time and in this place.  
Yes . . . to a spirit of gratitude

*For all that will be . . . YES!*

## Children's Corner

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

In lieu of Picnic & Play... let's meet at the **Pumpkin Event** at the Art Center on Sunday, October 26 from 3-6 p.m. Cost: FREE!

### Trunk or Treat

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

#### 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.

### Good News

Emily Gist has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Smart Start Child Care Association which exists to be a resource to local child care centers and homes by providing training, consultation, practical educational materials to support early childhood developmental "best practices," and to assure consistent and comprehensive assistance for raising the quality of child care.

### Prayers for . . .

Nancy Chinn who is at home between chemo treatments.  
Virginia Messer, Charlene Eakins' daughter, who is in hospice care.  
Charlene Eakin, who broke her foot and is in a "boot."

### Deacon Nominations

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee invite church members to participate in the deacon selection process. For more information about the criteria for deacon nominees and a list of current/previous deacons, please refer to the Deacon Nomination Form available in the hallway by the office. Ballots should be submitted by Sunday, November 2.

# Appreciative Inquiry Retreat

A huge THANK YOU to Ashley Thornton and Beth Kilpatrick for all of their hard work on the retreat this past weekend. Thank you also to the AI Steering Committee. We appreciate you all!

If you would still like to purchase a t-shirt, we still have some for sale. Call or come by the church office.

On pages two and three of the newsletter you'll see the text of two litanies that we read in worship Sunday morning, one saying "thanks" for all that has been and the other, saying "yes" to all that will be. All the lines of the prayers came from the interviews with Lake Shore members during the AI process. They are but a sampling of the hundreds of expressions of gratitude and possibilities!

## Retreat Reflections

I felt part of a community...a family...of Grace intent on knowing its heart...its center....in order to live out more fully what we find good and true. I so treasure the role of this 'family' in my own personal search for what is good and true in my own life, and my own quest to try to learn how to live out of that 'center'. I am grateful for the day and look forward to more conversations that will grow out of our time together, extending to those who were unable to be there on Saturday. —Judy Davies

*I thought the retreat was the most inspirational, informative, fun, and exhausting experience I've had in one day. The small group sessions were great! The retreat provided me with an opportunity to develop special friendships with some I've known over the months. —Barbara Hobbs*

Last Saturday's Appreciative Inquiry Retreat was unique in many ways. It was an opportunity to have fun as well as discuss really important issues aimed at shaping the future of Lake Shore Baptist Church. It encouraged creative thinking and fostered participation. For example, participants were asked to pair up in twos and tasked to interview each other and write a brief report based on recurrent themes from printed AI interview summaries. Participants were later asked to break up into groups of varying numbers and tasked with sharing personal views on selected topics and writing "aspiration statements" about those topics, describing how the group thought we as a church are created and called to be in regard to that group's assigned topic. Each group was to come up with one small step Lake Shore could take to move toward that aspiration. Finally, each group was to create a tangible "artifact" that would go along with that step. This resulted in groups creating all forms of "artifacts" such as poems, songs, skits, posters, dance, metaphors such as gardens, etc, to illustrate or demonstrate their views. It was such a thoughtful, creative and fun-filled process, making it a unique event, at least in my view. Ashley Thornton and her collaborators are highly commended and deeply appreciated for planning and leading this great retreat. It is my sincere hope and prayer that this event would have a lasting positive impact on Lake Shore Baptist Church. —Henry Kari

*Saturday's AI Event was GREAT! It was fun, extremely creative, and I heard new stories from folks I thought I already knew. —Libby Bellinger*

At times we understand, as difficult as it is, change is the most permanent emotion we face daily. This Saturday's retreat seemed not to ask us about change, but challenged us to affirm not only what we are doing, but -with loving concern- how we as a Church can do it better. —Bruce Neatherlin

*My reflection was that there was a lot of food. I guess AI = Ate Increasingly. I think the day was worth at least 6 months of Wednesday night fellowships. —Jerri Love*

Saturday's Lake Shore Retreat was "JUST RIGHT"!...So much thanks to all the "behind the scenes people"... who made it go smoothly!! —Barbara B. Johnston

*I felt so blessed to get to know several people I'd seen often, but had never gotten to speak with. Just made me sad we're leaving, however. I was AMAZED at the creativity and cooperation I witnessed within the groups (the sculptures and visual effects were ingenious!). I heard over and over again that distinctive which surrounds LSBC - the desire (always with questions) for inclusivity and diversity while striving to live out Jesus' incarnational intent. By the way...I had no idea the piano doesn't work well! I couldn't tell!!! —Ana Marie Houser*

It was such a gift to be involved with this "retreat!" Although not our typical retreat (location or format), it was just as renewing in spirit. How wonderful to reconnect with longtime members and simultaneously get to know newer ones -- all while knowing we were doing something valuable. My sincere thanks to everyone who made it possible -- especially Ashley. I'm sorry for those who couldn't make it -- they really missed a beautiful thing, and a chance to be "church" with and to others. —Sandy Londos

*Saturday's Retreat was a real treat--and a re-treat as we remembered the blessings of the past and looked forward to the future. As a fairly newcomer to Lake Shore, I gained a great deal of insight into just how the church has come to be what it is today. I learned to know and appreciate some fellow church members who had been just faces to me before. I have a greater sense of community as a result of the day together. —Gladys Hudson*



## Appreciative Inquiry Topics

Here's an update on what we've done so far: Prior to the retreat, a group from the AI Steering Committee gathered ALL of the interview statements and began to sort through and categorize them according to the various themes that they had in common. Those overall themes (and the comments that made up each of these themes) then became the category topics for consideration at the retreat. During the afternoon, we broke into small groups based on these topics, with people invited simply to go to the group they were most interested in. We then asked each group to come up with an "aspiration" statement for their topic. An "aspiration statement" is a statement written in the present tense describing who they believe Lake Shore is created and called to be with regard to the topic.

Listed below for your continued perusal are the topics (in bold) we worked with and will continue to work with. Below several of them we've printed the working aspiration statements that came out of some of these groups. If you're interested in conversation about one or more of these themes, watch the newsletter for more information on continued conversation and next steps for these areas!

### **Learning to live into the fullness of Christ: spirituality and spiritual formation**

Grounded in the rich traditions of Scripture, prayer and practice, Lake Shore is a community that helps each individual cultivate a life-long process of spiritual formation, moving beyond platitudes into a deeper relationship with the Living God.

### **The fellowship of Lake Shore: knowing, loving, serving, supporting, caring for and enjoying each other**

Intentional fellowship is the core connecting fabric that brings together the diverse members that make up the community of Lake Shore Baptist Church. These relationships provide nurture, support, accountability, challenge and shared interests as we serve, support and enjoy one another.

### **Combined Groups: Building on the legacy: attracting young people and young families to Lake Shore & Let all who need it, find a home with us: church growth and getting our name out in the community**

We are a place that values children, a place of community for all ages. We are accepting of differences, a place where you can be yourself. We are one big family, irrespective of where you came from. We are a thinking, thoughtful church. We are a place where growth is organic, it comes from who we are. We are known in the community for who we are, and people who need our kind of church are attracted to us.

### *Other AI Topics*

**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**

**Who is my neighbor?: reaching out to the immediate neighborhood**

**Do justice, love kindness: serving our community and world through missions, advocacy, and dedication to peace**

**A spirit of generosity and gratitude: being good stewards of our finances, gifts, talents and other resources**

**It takes a village: nurturing Lake Shore's children and the Children's Center**

**All God's children: inclusiveness, diversity and ecumenicalism**

**Come, let us reason together: adult Sunday School and educational opportunities**

**This is a Holy place: stewardship of our building, spaces and land**

**Our Church Staff**

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Wednesday Night Supper  
October 29, 2008**



*Fantastic Chicken  
Rice  
Summer Savory  
Salad  
Dessert*

**Youth News**

Breakfast – Holladay  
Supper – Davis

This Sunday is **J2A**.

October 29 is the **Halloween Scavenger Hunt**. Be at the Teen House at 5:45. Come dressed and ready to search for clues. There will be snacks and prizes. We will finish at 8:00.

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.

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, October 26**

Infants: Alice Baird  
Toddler: Monica McNeil  
Preschool/K: Donovan McNeil  
Visitor Cards: Steven Burt  
Killian McNeil  
Offering: Hope Rouse  
Harriett Morrow  
Joan Rectenwald  
Ushers: Ellen Brown

**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, October 26**

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship

**Monday, October 27**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, October 28**

9:00—Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 29**

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

**Thursday, October 30**

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

**Friday, October 31**

6:00—Trunk or Treat

**Looking Ahead**

**November 2**

All Saints Sunday  
Mission Committee Meeting  
Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 4**

Election Day

**November 8**

Prayer Shawl Gathering

**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

**Staff News:** Sharlande will attend a conference *Bridging the Wisdom Gap* at Seton Cove Spirituality Center in Austin and a workshop *What Lines Should Leaders Be Crossing?: Relationship and Authenticity in a Challenging World*. Both are led by Naomi Shihab Nye. She will also attend the annual pastoral care seminar, "The Unwanted Gift of Grief," at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

**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>
\$ 365,054.31	\$ 296,707.16	\$( 68,347.15 )

**Deacons On-Call**

**October**

Bruce Evans  
Henry Kari