

LAKE SHORELINES

November 12, 2008

Put Your Money in a Guaranteed Growth Opportunity

Many of the trees on the church property are nearing the end of their lives. The grounds committee is looking to replace them this year before the trees are removed in 3 or 4 years. That way we will already have established trees. We are looking for donations totaling \$1,000 to plant 3 new trees. Thank you for your help in keeping this church green. Checks, with “new trees” in the memo, can be dropped off in the church office. We can also use your help with the routine lawn care days as well semi-annual ground care days. Sign-up in the hallway if you can volunteer.

—*Grounds Committee*



Worship at Lake Shore The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Worship of God

November 16, 2008

“Use It or Lose It”

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Matthew 25.14-30

Rite 13 Ceremony

Shoebbox Dedication

Called Business Meeting to Vote on New Deacons November 19 at 6:15 p.m.

The Deacon Nominating Committee proposes the following slate to the addition of the 2009 diaconate: Bob Baird, Catherine Davenport, Genie Dyer, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Emily Fau, David Kopplin, and David Tonghou. Also at the November 19 meeting we will discuss the 2009 budget. We will vote on the budget in worship on Sunday, November 23.

Stewardship

Have you ever thought, “I wish I could give more to my church?” Fulfilling any wish begins with *attitude* followed by *action*. Here’s a workable way to fulfill that wish. First, remove your gifts to the church from your list of *obligations*. Regard your gifts as a *privilege*.

Now, determine what percentage of your income you have given to the church this year. Then regularly give that percentage at the first of each month. This will help you balance your budget and give the church have a more regular income. If you would like to increase that percentage, begin in January to increase your monthly gift by 1% of your income. *You will never miss it*. You can repeat this annual 1% increase as many years as you desire. You will become a *cheerful giver*. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

—*The Stewardship Committee*

Rite 13 Ceremony

Rite 13 is a program designed to build self-esteem in the context of the Christian community. The participants of Rite 13 learn to celebrate God’s gift of manhood and womanhood while affirming individual gifts to effect change in the world. Come this Sunday and join in celebration with Maya Davis, Christina Houser, Chelsea Jones, Crystal Jones, Matthew Reynolds and Kameron Seibel.

All Electronic Newsletter

As part of our continued effort to be good stewards of our finances (and trees!), we will be moving to an *all electronic newsletter* beginning in December. If you aren’t sure if we have your email address on file, please send the church an email (lbaptistchurch@hotmail.com).

We will continue to have some paper copies available in the literature rack at church and will send a paper copy to those church members who do not have email or internet access. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.





A Simple Gift

Last night Anastasia and I packed an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox for a little girl about the age of four. We went to one store for a brush, soap, crayons,

paper, pajamas, hair accessories, and the jewel of the box - a doll. We were looking for a doll with darker skin, since the odds are in favor of the little girl receiving our box having dark skin herself. I was disappointed with the selection of dark-skinned dolls at the first store so we went on to a second store. The selection there was a little bit better, but slimmer than I would expect for a diverse town such as Waco. We found a doll that would work - dark, soft, small enough to fit a shoebox, and definitely sweet, but it came in a set of twins. I was going to have to buy two dolls. I justified the purchase by saying, "I can put the other doll away for next year's shoebox." Good thinking. Anastasia carried the dolls to the check-out counter and held them carefully in her lap as we drove home.

When we arrived at home we sat on the floor of the living room and began to place our gifts in the shoebox. We talked about who the little girl who received the gifts might be. "We don't know her name, but God does," I said. Anastasia said, "Let's call her Maddy," (to reflect her friendship with Sunday School friend Madelyn Powell, I'm sure.) Anastasia help me cut the tape from the box and extract the dolls from the elaborate packaging. She carefully placed the baby doll with the purple and pink onesie into the box with a toy bottle of juice next to her. I fiddled with the box a little more, looked up and saw Anastasia holding the other doll, the twin brother to the doll we placed in the shoebox, the one I had planned on putting away for next year. "Oh, Mommy," Anastasia said in her most sincere voice, "I love this baby." "I know you do," I said. "We are going to give that baby to some other little girl." "Oh, Mommy," Anastasia said, "I want to take care of him." I was caving. I could feel it. I could hear the word's from Dorisanne's sermon on Sunday echoing in my ear about not giving in and buying too much for our children. But Anastasia was so genuine in her affection for this baby doll and I did want her to have a baby with characteristics different than hers.

"Will you take special care of this baby, Anastasia?"

"I will," she said.

"Will you love him?"

"Yes, Mommy, I will."

"Yes, Anastasia, you may have the baby."

"Oh, thank you, Mommy!"

We gathered around the box, laid our hands on it and said a prayer for the little girl who would receive our box. I was on the verge of tears. There is a little girl somewhere in this world who will receive the twin sister to Anastasia's little boy baby. This little girl will love the baby, hold her, feed her, kiss her, and cherish her just like Anastasia - maybe even more. Oh, the power of a simple gift.

—Rachel Sciretti

Operation Christmas Child

This Sunday, November 16, we will dedicate shoeboxes in worship. This ministry brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations, and last year, people filled more than 7.6 million shoeboxes to send to children in 95 countries. Email Sharlande or Charles if you'd like information about going to Highland Baptist to wrap packages next week.

Never packed a shoebox before? Here's how:

- Find an empty shoebox—plastic ones are best because children can use them for many things—even carrying water or collecting food.
- 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, toothbrush, hard candy, jewelry, hairbrush.
- Leave out used items, liquids, perishables, medicines, and war-related toys.
- Place the form, along with your \$7 check to Samaritan's Purse, inside an envelope in the box.
- Place your box on the table at the top of the stairs by Sunday morning, November 16.



A baby shower celebrating Sunday Simbo and Pamela Ndi's first baby. It's a boy!



Sunday, November 16
3:30-5:00 p.m. at Lake Shore
come-and-go

Given by the Hummingbirds Care Group
and Missions Committee

Good News

Elizabeth King was recognized at the recent Relay for Life banquet for cancer survivors as being a forty-year survivor. Thanks be to God for her good long life.

Prayers for . . .

Kay Neugebauer, who is having surgery for breast cancer at M.D. Anderson on Thursday morning.

Jan Williams, who is waiting for results of medical tests.

Mary Beaver, who has been ill. She's at home at Stilwell Retirement Center.

Terry and Beth Tice, during his cancer treatment.

Nancy Chinn, who was in Dallas this week for chemo.

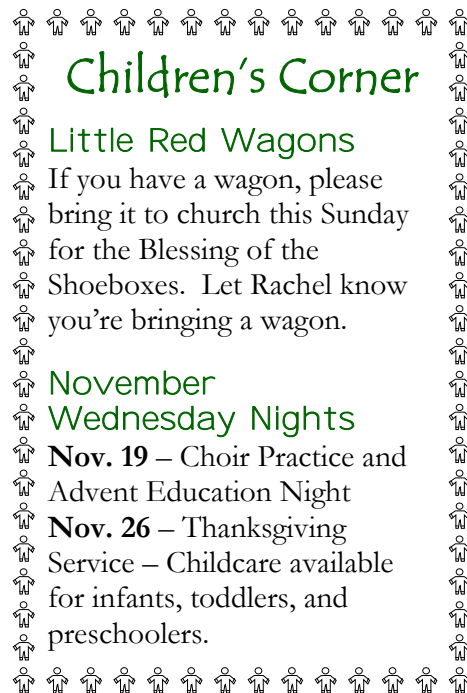
Virginia Messer, who is in hospice care

Thanksgiving Dinner for Children Center Families

Tuesday, November 18 at 5:15 p.m.

We are trying something new for our annual Children's Center Thanksgiving Feast this year - a dinner instead of the traditional Thanksgiving Eve lunch. All of our center families are invited, as well as our staff and their families. Our two older classes will also be singing Thanksgiving songs for our families. This is a wonderful time to join together to thank God for all that has happened in the past year.

We could use your help in two different ways. First, we will need help carving the turkeys at 1:00 pm on Monday, November 17th. Second, we will need help preparing the food beginning at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 18th. If you can help in either of these capacities, please let Emily Gist know by Friday, November 14th. (EmilyWGist@gmail.com)



Children's Corner

Little Red Wagons

If you have a wagon, please bring it to church this Sunday for the Blessing of the Shoeboxes. Let Rachel know you're bringing a wagon.

November Wednesday Nights

Nov. 19 – Choir Practice and Advent Education Night

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Service – Childcare available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

NAEYC Report

Last week I attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Expo in Dallas. It was a renewing, inspiring, and educational experience, one for which I am very grateful. I attended several workshops on the importance of play, asking open-ended questions, teaching self-regulation to children, discipline, and the impact of marketing and consumerism in the lives of children. While I left the conference with a mind full of ideas, epiphanies, and new knowledge, my heart is fuller still with a passion to do what is best for children and inspire others to do the same.

—Rachel Sciretti

Dear Lake Shore,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Convention this past week. I attended workshops on play, art, sensory, outdoor spaces, science, storytelling, parenting, discipline, and leadership – all of which challenged me to think outside of the box. I met colleagues in Early Childhood Education from around the world, who are all dedicated to advocacy for young children. Most of all, I returned inspired, empowered, and reminded of the importance of quality education and experiences for the children in our midst.

—Emily Gist



Advent Preparation

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. But preparation for Advent is concentrated in the next three weeks so that we will be ready on Sunday, November 30.

- ≈ Making ornaments for the missions tree (week of November 14-17)
- ≈ Compiling Advent booklets and getting them ready to distribute (week of November 17-22)
- ≈ Picking up the missions tree (Friday a.m., November 28)
- ≈ Preparing the sanctuary for Advent and decorating the missions tree (Saturday a.m., November 29)

If you can help with any of these things or need specific info about times and places, please call the church or e-mail Sharlande (SharlandeS@aol.com).

Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 26

after the 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service

Sign up in the hallway if you plan to bring a pie.



Order Up!

T-Shirts

Did you order an LSBC shirt? It's ready! Stop by the office to pick up your shirt and drop off your payment. If you are still interested in purchasing a t-shirt, we have some for sale: long-sleeved \$12, short-sleeved \$10.

Books

Did you order a copy of *The Gift of Years*? An extra 10 books are here. Stop by Sharlande's office to pick up your book and drop off your payment. The cost for the book is \$14.

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 16

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
3:30—Baby Shower for Sunday and Pamela

Monday, November 17

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 18

9:00—Staff Meeting
5:00—LSBCC Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
9:00—Food Pantry Opens
5:30—Family Self-Sufficiency

Wednesday Night Supper November 19, 2008



Chicken Tetrazzini
Green Beans
Congealed Salad
Dessert

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, November 16

Infants:	Magi Davis
Toddler:	Andy Powell
Preschool/K:	David Davis
Visitor Cards:	Jonathan Pendleton Devin Seibel
Offering:	Gin Courtney Karen Matkin Jerri Love
Ushers	Willie Hobbs Barbara Hobbs

Youth News

Breakfast: Miller
Dinner: Smajstrla

If you are going on the **Rite 13** day trip, please be at the Teen House at 9:30 on Saturday.

If you would like for your house to be a stop on the **Christmas progressive dinner** for the youth, please email Charles.

A special **thank you** to all those who gave their time last weekend for the Fall Retreat. We all had a wonderful time meeting new people and serving others. If you brought food, drove, or allowed youth to stay at your house, the weekend could not have happened without you. Thanks!

Mid-Winter retreat will be January 16-18. Sign-up now!

Passport will be July 12-17 in Beaumont, TX helping with Hurricane Ike recovery.



DO-IT-YOURSELF YARD/GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

LAKE SHORE FRONT PARKING LOT

We'll split the cost of the permit and newspaper ad. You will be responsible for the set up, selling, clean-up, etc. If you'd like to participate, call the church.

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>
\$ 391,129.62	\$ 328,727.16	\$(62,402.46)

Deacons On-Call

November
Kristi SoRelle
Gary Miller