



Advent Worship at Lake Shore

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7

“Preparing for the Lord”

Luke 1.8-38

Fabuín Kari Dedication

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14

“God of the Upside-Down”

Luke 1.46b-55

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21

“Pondering Love”

Luke 2.1-20

Contemplative Advent Service

4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m.

Crowd at the Crèche

We invite you to be part of the crowd at the crèche. Bring a small figure or representation of yourself to place by the nativity scene in the downstairs foyer. The figure may be of any sort: plastic animal, cartoon character, fast-food toy, Star Wars character, dinosaur, Christmas ornament, or Lego figure. The possibilities are endless.

Place your name on the figure if you want it back. This is just a light-hearted activity to involve children, youth, and adults in Advent worship and to symbolize that each of us will be watching and waiting for Christ to come.



Christmas can [still] change the world

Advent Sunday School Class
December 7

The story of Christ's birth is one of promise, hope, and revolutionary love. So what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of the savior somehow turned to a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it is over many are left with debt, gifts we don't need or want, and an empty feeling of missed purpose. Join us for part two of our two-week series on the "Advent Conspiracy" (adventconspiracy.com). We will admonish one another to worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Jo Pendleton and Rachel Sciretti will guide this group meeting at the back of the sanctuary.



Preparing the Way for Advent

Thank you to everyone who participated in Lake Shore's Advent preparations.

This year's banner is given in memory of Joe Morrow. It was designed and created by Pam Allen, Joyce McKee, Bobbee Watts, Harriet Morrow, and Mary Rowan.

Catherine Davenport is coordinating the missions tree projects. Rachel Farris designed the ornaments for the tree. Lori Jones took Rachel's ideas and created all the Christmas carol ornaments you're taking home for your own trees. Thanks to Carolyn Rodabough, Pattie Herbert, Rufus Spain, and Patty Field for working on the musical notes.

The Advent book is possible because of all the writers who shaped their thoughts and stories about Mary's song into our 24th collection of meditations called "My Soul Magnifies the Lord." Pam Allen created the cover art for the book. Those who helped in the various stages of preparing the book were Gladys Hudson, who proofed; Leslie Rosencrans, Rachel Farris, and Melinda Reynolds, who formatted the publication; and



Jan Williams, Catherine Davenport, Penny Parker, Meredith Holladay, Gwen Luikart, Annette Brister, Deborah Harris and Deborah Vardiman who assembled it and prepared it for mailing. Thanks to the care group leaders who delivered the books on Sunday afternoon.



And a big thank you to all who spent Saturday preparing the sanctuary: Steve Fontaine, Bruce Neatherlin, Becca Sharpless, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Joyce McKee, Pam Allen, Bill and Libby Bellinger, and Roy, Pam, and Kate Smallwood—and the Davenport's grandsons who brought the tree.

—Sharlande

Youth Holiday Help

Tired of putting up Christmas decorations? Call the YAC group to help. They will put up trees, lights, wrap presents, and more. Donations will help the YAC group on their pilgrimage next summer. Call Kathy Gardner (776-2757) for more information.



Missions Tree

Early Sunday morning the Missions Tree in the hall was decorated with over 100 ornaments made from miniature images of Christmas carols to remind us of the Magnificat, Mary's song. After worship many of you chose ornaments that

represent ways you will help in our community and our world this Advent season. Now the tree is decorated with musical note ornaments bearing the names of you who are giving in so many ways.

Take time to look at the ornaments on the tree. Here are a few ways you may choose to give:

- Give a scholarship to a child at Shalom Children's Center.
- Bring food for our food pantry breakfast one Thursday in January.
- Choose a book to give one of our Children's Center classrooms.
- Buy a backpack for a child at Provident Heights.

Remember to wrap your gift and label it with the number of your missions tree ornament. If you have new items of clothing or other items you are not using to give to adults or children in the families we are help, please place these unwrapped in the large box beside the tree. We do not need used clothing except heavy coats.

Advent Craft Workshop

Sunday, December 7

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Lake Shore's annual craft workshop.

Fun for the whole family!

Call Jan Williams (848-4750) to lead a craft.

Missions Around the Tables

Wednesday, December 10, after supper

wrapping Self-Sufficiency Christmas gifts
preparing food pantry breakfast
making birthing kits for Haiti

Some of you have missions tree ornaments for the birthing kits like the ones the youth made at Passport. They will be sent to Haiti through Global Women. You can help by bringing any of these supplies for the kits: cotton balls, 4x4 gauze squares, pill bottles, 1-inch medical tape, Ivory soap, Betadine, disposable gloves, large Zip-Loc bags.

Family Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party

Thursday, December 11
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Each year Lake Shore hosts a party for the support groups that meet at Lake Shore and TSTC. If you can help with the crafts for the children, please let Joyce McKee know (662-3255).

Prayers for . . .

Bridger Pearson, who moved to Baylor Medical Center in Dallas on Tuesday for rehabilitation. You may send mail to him at: Our Children's House, 3301 Swiss Ave #209, Dallas, TX 75204

Terry York, who will be having surgery on December 11 to replace an aortal heart valve.

Paul Smajstrla's mother, Frances Smajstrla, is recovering from a fall. She lives with Anne, Paul, and Laura.

Nancy Chinn, Terry Tice, and Virginia Messer who are always in our prayers as they go through cancer treatment.

John Post, whose mother, Alta Ruth Post, died at Quality Care. Services will be in Mart this weekend.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 9

Refreshments at 10:30 ~ Bible Study at 11:00

Join us for a time of fellowship and study. Please bring something for the table: cookies, dip, chips, fruit. We hope to have a larger group than usual for this "pot luck" style gathering.

Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 14

4:00-6:00 p.m.

at the home of Vern and Martie Sauter
50 Carriage Square, Waco 76708



Poinsettias for Advent

You may give a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Please complete the information in this box and send it, along with \$12, to the office by **Sunday, December 7.**

We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on December 14, so that they will still be fresh for Christmas Eve.

Children's Corner

Preschool Cookie Decorating Party

Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to make shaped sugar cookies – trees, stars, stockings, bells, etc. Please let Rachel know if you can help.



Wrapping up for cold weather!

Parents, please send your child to all church activities with mittens, hats, and coats. We like to go outside to play, even in cold weather! As someone said at NAEYC, "there's no such thing as bad weather, only clothing inappropriate to the weather."

We are writing to thank you for helping organize the baby shower and thank everyone who took part in the organization. In our culture in Cameroon we say it takes a community to raise a child. The people of Lake Shore is that community. We take this time to happily thank each and every one who gave us gifts and we thank God for giving us the family of Lake Shore Baptist church who has always been there for us. Thank you all very much for your kind gestures. Special thank you to our Pastors Dorisanne and Sharlande.

— With love from Pam and Sunday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Join us at the home of

Judy Prather, 2700 Glendale

Need a Christmas gift for your medium-sized loved one?

We have several Lake Shore t-shirts, size medium, for sale at a discounted price. Call or come by the church office if you would like to buy one.

I would like to add a poinsettia(s) to the sanctuary for Advent:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

I have enclosed a check for _____

I have enclosed cash in the amount of _____

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth
Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
Daniel Farris, Minister of Music
Emily Gist, Director, Children's Center
Gordon Lawrence, Custodian
Melinda Reynolds, Office Manager
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 7

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship

Monday, December 8

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 9

9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

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

Looking Ahead

December 13—Preschool Cookie Decorating

December 14—Christmas Open House

December 17—Caroling & Chili Supper

December 21—Contemplative Service

December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 28—No Sunday School

Wednesday Night Supper December 10, 2008



*Beef Tips over Noodles
Green Pea Salad
Dessert*

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, December 7

Infants:	Annette Brister
Toddler:	Jerri & Mackenzie Love
Preschool/K:	Robert Denton
Visitor Cards:	Chandler Evans Killian McNeil
Offering:	Vern Sauter Martie Sauter Pam Smallwood Roy Smallwood
Ushers	Andy Powell

Youth News

Breakfast: Smajstrla
Dinner: No Dinner

The **Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner** will be Friday evening December 19. The youth need drivers for the Christmas Progressive Dinner.

J2A will start back on January 4. There is still one group who needs a teacher. If you are interested or need more information please contact Charles.

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.

Barbara Francis Pottery

Annual Christmas
Open House & Pottery Sale
Saturday, December 6, 10:00-6:00
Sunday, December 7, 1:00-5:00
107 N. Bend Ct., Waco 76712

Please remember to fill out your 2009 pledge card. Place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the office, or mail it to the church.

Called Business Meeting Wednesday, December 10 to vote on 2009 committees

A complete list of proposed committee members will be available on Sunday in the hall.

We are still looking to fill spots on the Youth, Fellowship and Orientation Committees. Contact Bruce Evans or Jeff Davies if you are interested.

New Deacons

At the business meeting on November 19 Lake Shore voted in seven new deacons for 2009: Bob Baird, Catherine Davenport, Genie Dyer, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Emily Fau, David Kopplin and David Tonghou.

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>
\$ 417,204.92	\$ 357,753.12	\$(59,451.80)

December Deacons On Call

Barbara Johnston
Steve Gardner
Donna Slette