

LAKE SHORELINES

February 18, 2009

Ash Wednesday Service February 25

Next Wednesday following supper we will observe Ash Wednesday with a service of scripture, hymns, prayers, liturgy, confession, and the imposition of ashes. The early church observed Lent as a time of repentance and renewal — a way of preparing for Easter. During the eighth century, the church began observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, as a solemn day of confession. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the worshipers receiving ashes on their foreheads as an act of repentance and a symbol of mortality. Come for this reflective service that begins the Lenten season.

Worship at Lake Shore Transfiguration Sunday

The Worship of God

February 22, 2009

"The Tearing of Truth"

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Dear Lake Shore Family,

While I did not imagine myself leaving Lake Shore so soon, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as Director of Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center. My final day of employment will be Friday, February 27, 2009.

Though I was not looking to leave Lake Shore, I have been given the opportunity to join the ministry staff at Harris Creek Baptist Church, where my husband and I are members. After much prayer and consideration, I believe this is where God is leading me as I seek to follow His calling in my life.

I know that God did not bring me to Lake Shore by accident. Each day I am amazed at the changes that have taken place in the Children's Center over the past two years. As a result of the church's self-study and commitment to quality childcare, I believe the Children's Center has become a better place — for children, families, and employees. I deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me to make decisions regarding the direction of the Children's Center. It is my hope that I have been able to make a lasting difference in the lives of the families and employees I have served the last two years.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as Director of the Children's Center, and the support each of you have shown me during my directorship, both personally and professionally. I pray God's blessings for each of you and for the future of Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center.

Thank you,

Emily Gist, Director
Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center

A word from Lake Shore's Children's Center Program Board

We bless Emily's future ministry, even while we acknowledge that the news of her leaving comes too soon for all of us at Lake Shore — teachers, children, parents, the Children's Center Board, and congregation. We will miss her greatly.

We are pleased to announce that the Lake Shore Baptist Church Children's Center Program Board has named Lesley Ratcliff as interim director, effective March 2. Lesley came to Lake Shore as assistant director in March 2008. Look for more about Emily and Lesley in next week's newsletter.



Carrie Newcomer Meals on Wheels Benefit Concert

Thursday, February 26

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Tickets are \$15 available through Libby Bellinger or at Meals On Wheels office 501 West Waco Drive, or by reservation: 752-0316

For singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer, beauty is discovered in the midst of the ordinary. Life is experienced in the spaces between darkness and light. Truth is found in the bond between music and word. Come hear her unmistakable leonine alto voice and guitar interpret the gospel of the ordinary.

Lent, Pancakes, and Benedictions

Michael was a young college student when he was asked to become Lake Shore Baptist's part time Minister to Youth. He wore a sport coat his first Sunday on the platform. Rhea Grey, the senior minister, took him aside and explained the facts of worship life according to Rhea Grey. As a matter of respect for the Almighty and a custom for ministers, he was to always wear a black suit, white shirt and dark tie, the Baptist equivalent of ecclesiastical robes. Worship took place on holy ground at Lake Shore and Rhea expected everyone to dress their best as an outward sign of courteous regard for the One we worshipped.

Years later, an older couple friends of ours, Ed and Mary Torrence, invited us to dinner. As we shared our worship back grounds, this equable affable gentleman looked at me and asked, "Why do we have so many people come to worship in less than their best? I don't care if blue jeans are their best but so many people come dressed as if they were working in a barn or going camping. I know they dress better than that when they are going to a party or to work, even. I think God deserves the same courtesy." We laughed and agreed we were dinosaurs about worship dress code. . . lumbering leftovers from another time. And yet. . . worship is serious business. We are attempting to touch the untouchable, to speak to One we trust will hear us, to ask for guidance and hope in lives that often need direction and desire.

Rhea also taught the five parts of worship to Michael, the call to worship, praise, confession and forgiveness of sins, proclamation, and benediction. All were a part of every worship experience at Lake Shore. Whatever the setting for worship, these elements were always present. One college student retreat had students climbing an old low spreading oak tree calling out the Word of God to each other and God under the bright blue Texas sky. Proclamation was a different sort of sermon that day.

One of the elements of worship that I dismissed as less than for years was the benediction. In my little country church, the benediction was short and sweet because everyone was eager to get home to Sunday dinner. The sermon and the choir special were the highlights of worship, not the ending. Then I became a member of a church, Crescent Hill Baptist, where the minister used the same benediction every Sunday. As a young widow struggling to find my footing in this unwanted new world of mine, those words were the words of hope that I waited for every Sunday. Assurance that all would be well... I was loved... I was known. . . I was forgiven. Benediction, the utterance of a blessing, became living water for my grief stricken soul.

Lent is the benediction for my liturgical year of worship. It is the ending, the death that must come before new life can spring forth. Lent offers me time to hear old stories, be a part of old rituals, to consider the year past

with all my mistakes and accomplishments, a getting ready time for what is yet to come.

Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, is a lovely paradoxical beginning for Lent. On this day, traditionally, sinners confessed and were shriven (forgiven) of their sins. In preparation for the restricted diet of Lent, certain foods in the pantry were used up. These ingredients were used to make pancakes, or doughnuts. Fat Tuesday, a splurge of food and feasting, precedes Ash Wednesday with the mark of the cross on our foreheads calling us to remember and let go. They are two sides of generosity. . . the generous feasting on food is balanced by the generous letting go of all that has kept us from God. And in the benediction of Lent, we know there is enough to go around. . . enough food for the soul, enough forgiveness for our sins, enough death that can bring new life, enough new life that can bring me closer to God.

“Lent . . . is the ending,
the death that must come
before new life can
spring forth.”

I share this benediction, used by John Claypool at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, with you, as a reminder to us all that the first word is judgment but the last word is redemption. Both are necessary but grace always trumps judgment. Lent leads us home, home to our truest best selves and home to

God. Then and only then, can we know the joy of being blessed and live our new lives redeemed and loved.

Depart now in the fellowship of God the Father, and as you go, remember, in the goodness of God you were born into this world; by the grace of God, you have been kept all the day long, even until this hour; and by the love of God, fully revealed in the face of Jesus, you. . .are. . .being. . .redeemed.

—Peggy Hester

It's always a treat when I open my inbox and find a story from Peggy Hester about life on the farm where she and Mickey live in North Carolina. This one seemed exceptionally timely since it is about pancakes and Lake Shore history. —SES

Pancake Breakfast

February 24

7:00-9:30 a.m.

\$1 per person



Join us as we prepare for Lent. Centuries ago, to empty pantries and ice boxes of foods that are not eaten during Lent—fats, eggs, milky foods, and some meats, people feasted before Ash Wednesday. Because many of these ingredients are used in pancakes, Shrove Tuesday feasts often include pancakes.

Good News

In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on February 14, 2009, Dennis and Beverly Hill were treated by their family to a Western Caribbean cruise during Christmas week, 2008. We celebrate this special occasion with them!

Prayers for . . .

Elizabeth King, who has a broken rib.

Mary Beaver, who is in Providence Hospital.

Boyd Miller, who is in Providence Hospital.

Terry Tice, who continues to undergo chemo treatment.

Kay Neugebauer, who is in her sixth week of radiation at M.D. Anderson.

Nancy Chinn, who is home after her bone marrow treatment. We continue to pray for Nancy in her healing process.

Bridger Pearson, who continues out patient therapy in Dallas and will be seeing an eye specialist soon. He is looking forward to coming back to Crawford High School.

The Morins, who are in transition after their home fire. They have registered at Target under "Veronique Morin" (you can check this online). You may also give to the fund established at the church.

Lake Shore Baptist Church Beginnings



Tidbit No. 5:

Although the "members" of the Extension Church continued to worship on Sundays at Columbus Avenue during the months of May and June 1959, momentum and enthusiasm for the Mission shifted to the mid-week prayer services held in private homes. These meetings became times of strengthening fellowship and planning.

Participants in the weekly meetings may rightly be called the "founders" of Lake Shore Baptist Church. Opening their homes for these meetings were **Carroll and Betty Jo Martin, R.C. and Dorothy Milam, John and Elizabeth Swindle, George and Barbara Nokes, and the Meltons.**

Leaders at these mid-week pray meetings included **Dr. Melton** and Baylor professors **Dr. Leonard Duce, Dr. John Davidson, Dr. Yandall Woodfin, Dr. George Humphrey (Dorothy Lynn's father), and Professor Bill Tolar.** Attendance ranged between 45 and 64.

The last of the Wednesday prayer services in private homes was held on June 17. On Sunday, June 21, 1959 the mission moved to its semi-permanent location in Mountainview Elementary School where it would meet on Sundays and Wednesdays until September.

—Rufus Spain

Looking for a Lenten Devotional?

The Merton Institute is offering free daily Lenten reflections based upon the writings of Thomas Merton. To receive the devotion, email vhurst@mertoninstitute.org and request that you receive the Lenten reflections.

Children's Corner

Thank you to John Post and John Wise for putting together the shelves for the new preschool resource room.

Parents Meeting and Family Lunch

Sunday, February 22 after worship

\$1 per person for lunch

childcare provided

reservations appreciated

Children's Spring Retreat

Three Mountain Retreat Center

Clifton, TX

March 20-21 for 3rd-4th grade

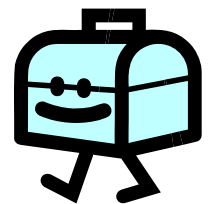
March 20-22 for 5th-6th grade

Sign-up begins this Sunday, February 22.

Food Pantry Luncheon

A conversation for volunteers

Thursday, March 5 at noon



Our Food Pantry ministry depends on volunteers to place orders, pick up deliveries from Capital Area Food Bank, shop for food at Caritas, shelve food, serve breakfast, distribute food to clients on Thursday mornings. The ministry could not happen without the time and energy of all these people, but we never have a chance to be in one room, talking about the purposes and details of this ministry.

Our volunteers will meet with representatives of the Capital Area Food Bank and Caritas. We are able to do so much more because of our partnership with these agencies. Our volunteers include: Charles Conkin, Marian Funderburk, Linda Olson, Trinette Lockwood, Barbara Tucker, Laurel Zeiss, Bruce Neatherlin, Dorothy Neatherlin, Roy Smallwood, Pattie Field, Willie Field, Janie Burnett, Catherine Davenport, Judy Davies, Ana Marie Houser, Carolyn Rodabough, Mary Rowan, Annette Brister, Rebecca Sharpless, Sharlande Sledge, and Brianna Springer. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office.

Children's Center Wish List

Have you ever wanted to buy something for the Children's Center? They have established a wish list on Amazon.com. Just search under "Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center" to find the different books and toys that will enhance our Center's learning environment.

Case Against Hunger
March 15-30, 2009

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

Sunday, February 22

9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—Worship
 12:00—Children's Parents Mtg
 1:30—Missions Committee Mtg

Monday, February 23

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 24

7:00—Pancake Breakfast
 9:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

5:30—Supper
 6:15—Children's Activities
 6:30—Ash Wednesday Service
 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
 9:00—Food Pantry Opens
 7:00—Carrie Newcomer Benefit Concert

Caritas of Waco

Feast of Caring Celebration

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 6:00 p.m.
 MCC Conference Center
 for more information visit
www.caritas-waco.org

{ 50th Anniversary Cookbook }

Send your recipes in a word document to the email below or place them in the recipe box in the hallway.



{ lakeshorecookbook@gmail.com }

Wednesday Night Supper February 25, 2009



Chicken Fajitas
Beans a la Chara
Guacamole
Dessert

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Offering Sunday, February 22

Infants/Toddler: Annette Brister
 Twos & Threes: Emily Fau
 Preschool/K: Jim Fau

Visitor Cards: Lawyah Kari
 Devin Seibel

Offering: Henry Kari
 Sunday Simbo
 Pamela Ndi
 David Tonghou
 Ushers: Ellen Brown

Youth News

Breakfast: Miller
 Dinner: Davis

This **Sunday night:**
 Bible Study 5:00-7:00

Wednesday nights are a time of resting and prayer for the youth group. Come and join the group as we take time to refresh ourselves during the difficult school week.

Attention YAC Group: Please wear work clothes on March 1. We are going to work in the garden.

The **Spring Retreat** is April 24-26 at Three Mountain Retreat Ranch House. Please make plans to attend.

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

Listening for the Heartbeat of God: Celtic Christianity

A lecture & workshop by noted author & theologian J. Philip Newell



March 27-28, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX



J. Philip Newell is a poet, a scholar and a teacher, as well as one of the world's leading authors on Celtic spirituality. He is a Church of Scotland minister with a passion for ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. See Sharlande for more details about the workshop.

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 2009 budget of \$425,655 are \$8,185.67.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 57,299.71	\$ 62,026.25	\$ 4,609.00

Deacons On-Call

February	March
Gary Miller	Donna Slette
Steve Fontaine	David Tonghou