

# LAKE SHORELINES

July 8, 2009

## PASSPORTmissions

On Sunday morning the youth are traveling to Beaumont, TX to serve in Passport Missions Camp. While in Beaumont some of the youth are helping individuals rebuild after Hurricane Ike hit the coast last fall. Other youth will partner with local social service agencies to help in various ways from playing with children, visiting nursing homes, mowing lawns, and sorting items at the food pantry.

This year we are taking 11 youth and 4 sponsors. Please commit to praying for these while they are at camp.

### Youth

from Lake Shore:

Eric Clark  
Maya Davis  
Chelsea Jones  
Clare Losey  
Dakota McDurham  
Louise Marie Morin  
Capucine Morin  
Rebecca Mosley  
Cassie Pruitt  
Matthew Reynolds

from Meadow Oaks:

Shawn Hillard

### Sponsors

from Lake Shore:

Charles Conkin  
Michelle Stokes  
Dorisanne Cooper

from Meadow Oaks:

Ryan Busby



**Worship at Lake Shore**  
**The Sixth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

**The Worship of God**

*July 12, 2009*

*"The Whole Truth"*

*Dorisanne Cooper*

**The Scripture**

*Mark 5.21-43*



A Children's Musical

Join us this Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. for the performance at Seventh & James Baptist Church. Everyone is invited! Our very own Daniel Farris is the accompanist. Shannon, Molly, Isabelle, Chandler, Mikhayla, and Noah will also share a song in the morning worship service at Lake Shore.

## Our Community Garden

Our garden is growing and we continue to harvest food for use in our weekly food pantry. There are some tasks that need to be completed. We need to water on Thursdays and Sundays for a few hours. The two remaining un-mulched rows need to be mulched with straw. The bales are located around the perimeter. The garden also needs to be weeded. And, one row was never planted. It is available to anyone who would like to plant it.

You are welcome to work in the garden at your leisure, or during one of our Wednesday evening garden work nights.

If you have any questions, or would like to commit to regularly tending the garden, please let us know.



**Car Wash**  
**for Children's Camp**  
**Wednesday, July 15**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Leave your car with the children and parents at the back of the church. We'll wash your car while you enjoy dinner. Donations will help fund children's camp.



## A Reflection on Gratitude

*Written by Carol Younger and read as part of the worship service on Sunday, July 5*

I'm 49 years old and I've finally figured out that what I want to be when I grow up is grateful. I want to write the kind of thank you notes that flow from somewhere deep inside—and actually get them into the mailbox. I want to not only say thanks, but feel it when I do. I want to be extravagantly grateful—like a homeless woman I met one day in the Adult Clothing room where I worked. She came in with a hardened face and few resources. But after receiving her clothing, she insisted on digging into her pockets and leaving an offering of all that she had. I wanted to stop her, because I knew she could use that money, but something told me that what she needed even more was the thrill and dignity of expressing her gratitude. She was having a worship experience next to a rack of jeans. I want to know that kind of abundant thanksgiving that transforms a life, and deepens it, and moves that life forward.

In her book, *If You Want to Write*, Brenda Ueland talks about how a teacher can help writers develop their full potential. Ueland believes in the power of circling what is right in a piece, rather than fixing attention on what doesn't work. Rather than slashing through whole paragraphs, using what I imagine would be a pen with fiery red ink, look for the signs of life on the page and points to those, using what I picture would be a pen with soothing purple ink. If the writing needs to be stronger, circle what is potentially strong, imagine the idea more clearly, and add more to what is already there. Look for what works, what connects, what can grow. Let the rest go. Not trying to fix all of the mistakes. Put your energy on what moves the piece forward. This grace-based approach raises the best writers. We might wonder if that's true. If all the mistakes in a paper aren't corrected, will students ever learn all they need to know? It seems a little risky.

The older I become the more I believe in the grace-based approach to writing and to life. Most of us have spent time with a fiery red pen in our hands, trying to critique our lives by underlining all the mistakes we can find. We consider what we'd take out of our stories; we're tempted to cut full paragraphs, maybe even pages or chapters. We can approach whatever we see with such a critical eye that we see no path to something better, and we wonder if we'll ever learn to write, or speak, or do something useful, or dream something worthwhile, or build something that will last.

If we pick up the purple pen, the pen of gratitude looks for what there might be to celebrate, or build on. We can move to new levels in our relationships, in our church, in our work and in our faith. We can let go of trying to fix everything and be grateful for the life we find.

I work in a group home setting with about 75 young adults, ages 14-21, who are in the custody of the state of Georgia. I'm learning to put down the red pen, because there is no way to fix every bad choice that our youth have made. I'm slowly learning to pick up a purple pen and look for signs of life to help them circle and put a check beside. No matter what other setbacks there will be in the week ahead, I'm learning to be grateful for the moments we can build on. I'm putting a check by the time a young man whose life had been falling apart for a month went to the mountains for the first time on a retreat and, overcome with the beauty he hadn't seen in the city, began to sketch and made his peers spend time looking at stars and constellations with their new flashlights pointed at the clear sky. I'm putting a check by the day a young woman who has problems with her explosive anger discovered leadership skills she didn't know she had and spent a weekend joyfully serving other youth on the campus through our Student Council.

So I want to say thank you to Lake Shore. For a community filled with so many teachers, you are certainly a church that picks up the purple pen. Through this place, you teach us to major on gratitude and focus on grace. You encourage us to search for what is best and what is true with the diligence of a shepherd looking for a lost sheep, or a widow searching for a lost coin. You encourage us as part of the body of Christ to imagine God's grace and God's call to the church more clearly, to draw a circle around the authentic life and the potential we see, to do the right things and to add more to what is already there. We celebrate the abundant life that come from these 50 years of your using the purple pen, and look forward to the life you'll be writing in the years to come.

### ***Good News***

Daniel Farris is the Music Director for High School Musical 2 by the Waco Children's Theatre. The show opens Friday, July 10. Call 776-0707 for ticket information.

Melinda Reynolds celebrates one year as Office Manager here at Lake Shore.

### ***Prayers for . . .***

Paul Smajstrla, who is at M.D. Anderson where he begins chemo for sarcoma. Our prayers are with Anne and Paul and their children Stephen, Jeffrey, and Laura. If you would like to send Paul and Anne a card while they are in Houston for Paul's treatment the next few months, the address is: Extended Stay Deluxe, Houston Medical Center, 1303 La Concha Lane, Houston, TX 744054.

C.J. Jackson, who continues to recover from surgery at home.

Dorothy Lynn, who is at Providence Hospital undergoing tests.

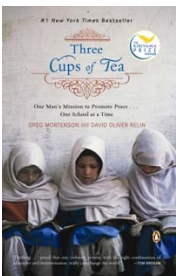
Ginny Brewer-Boydston, who is recovering from back surgery.

**Don't you love technology? Due to a spam filter, we've not been able to receive messages sent to the email addresses that end @lakeshorewaco.org. If you have sent an email in the last month to one of these addresses, please resend it. Our email addresses are listed on page four of this week's newsletter.**

## Summer Reading . . .

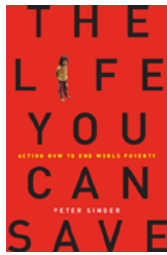
## . . . Fall Conversation

Did you know you can participate in Mission 50 through your summer reading? Here are two books about how much small gifts matter in changing the world—*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and *The Life You Can Save* by Peter Singer. Purchase one or both at Lake Shore, at Barnes & Noble (ask for them under Lake Shore's name at the counter), or order from Amazon. We will discuss them on Wednesday nights in the fall.



*Three Cups of Tea* continues to get five-star reviews not because of literary merit but because of its dramatic, inspiring story. In 1993 Greg Mortenson failed in his attempt to climb K2. Lost and alone he wandered into an impoverished village in the high mountains of Pakistan where he was kindly treated by the people there who had nothing. As he got to know them, he realized their great desire for learning, and he promised to return and build them a school. The story of Greg's determination in spite of overwhelming odds in raising the money and the logistics of getting supplies and materials into the mountains looks behind the headlines and into the hearts of people.

For the first time in history, it is within our reach to eradicate world poverty and the suffering it brings. The people of the developed world face a profound choice: If we are not to turn our backs on a fifth of the world's population, we must become part of the solution. In *The Life You Can Save*, Peter Singer, Professor of Bioethics at Princeton, challenges each of us to ask: Am I willing to make poverty history? Skillfully weaving together parable, philosophy, and hard statistics, he tackles the most familiar moral, ethical, and ideological obstacles to building a global culture of philanthropy, and sets the bar for how we as citizens might do our part to empower the world's poor.



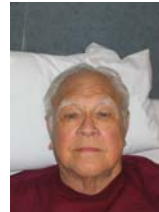
## Lake Shore Baptist Church Beginnings



### Tidbit No. 24:

Seven of our fourteen Charter Members who are still in the church were pictured in last week's Shorelines. The remaining seven are shown below. If you don't know these patriarchs and matriarchs of Lake Shore, seek them out and tell them they are appreciated.

—Rufus Spain



Alton  
Pearson



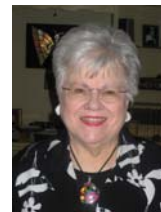
Marie  
Pearson



Edna SoRelle  
White



Jack  
Fortenberry



Barbara  
Johnston



James  
King



Penny Edens  
Parker

## Children's Corner

- ◆ **Summer Sunday School for 1st-6th Graders**
- ◆ Meet in the 4th-6th grade SS room (# 203). This
- ◆ Sunday, July 12, we will meet two servants of
- ◆ Jarius, whose daughter was healed by Jesus.
- ◆ **Car Wash for Camp**
- ◆ Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the
- ◆ back of the church. All kids and parents, even if
- ◆ you are too young to attend camp, pitch in to help
- ◆ friends earn money for camp. Wear your swimsuits
- ◆ or clothes and shoes which can get wet and dirty.
- ◆ Bring towels, buckets, and sponges. See you then!
- ◆ **Pre-Camp Party/Meeting**
- ◆ Sunday, July 19, at 3:30 p.m. Parents, counselors,
- ◆ and campers learn all about camp, turn in forms
- ◆ (soon to be mailed), and enjoy some ice cream.

## Mission 50 Projects



**Nobody's Fool** turns 20 this year and LSBC turns 50! What a great reason to celebrate! If you would like to help with Planned Parenthood's Nobody's Fool on July 15 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Waco Convention Center sign up in the hall. Questions? Contact Pat Stone (717-5657; pstone@ppwaco.org) or Pam Smallwood (715-8123).

### Fix-it Team

**Option 1—Give**—Assist senior adults who don't have anyone else around the house to help with small jobs and repairs. Overall we will help with minor jobs that don't require much mental acumen or physical strength. Project leader—Rufus Spain. **Option 2—Receive**—Do you have a small job or repair that you need help with? Call the church office (772-2910) and let Melinda know. We'll coordinate for the Fix-it Team to come and assist you.

### A Note from the American Red Cross

The efforts of Lake Shore Baptist Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 17 people came in to donate and 14 units were collected at your drive on Wednesday, July 1. Thank You!

## Our Church Staff

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 12

9:00—Passport campers leave  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship

### Monday, July 13

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

### Tuesday, July 14

9:00—Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, July 15

5:30—Supper  
5:30—Children's Car Wash  
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, July 16

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

### Looking Ahead

July 19—Bill Tolar preaching

July 19—Sacred Harp

July 27-31—

3rd-6th Grade Camp

## Wednesday Night Supper

July 15, 2009



Janya's Beef  
Burgundy with Rice,  
Assorted Salads,  
Texas Sheet Cake  
and Ice Cream

## Volunteers for Sunday, July 12

Toddlers: Gwen Kari  
Preschool/K: Andy Powell  
Ushers: David & Faith Kopplin  
Visitor Cards: Noah Fau  
Steven Burt

## Bereshith Class



We will discuss *Topics in the Life and Teachings of Jesus in the Gospels* on July 12 with Lidija Novakovic leading the conversation. On July 19, former pastor Bill Tolar will lead the class. On July 26, August 2 and 9, David Tonghou will lead the discussion on the *Problem of Evil and Suffering*. Join the group for this part of the summer at the Shore.

**Do you play the piano?** The Children's Choir needs a Wednesday evening accompanist beginning August 26. Contact Rachel if you are interested.

## Youth News

**Pilgrimage Meeting:** July 19 in the Blue Room after morning worship.

July 19: **Bible Study** at Charles' apartment from 5:00-7:00 p.m., with swimming and video games after.

Come **July 22** to Wednesday Seminar to hear about what the youth did while at Passport.

## 50th Fundraising



We're well along in our planning for the Lake Shore Baptist 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and activities! Under the capable leadership of Libby & Bill Bellinger, the Anniversary Committee has been arranging for visits by our former pastors, planning our Jubilee event, coordinating our Mission 50 program, and organizing everything from decorations to cookbooks to publicity! And yes, they're working on fund-raising too! The costs for the year-long schedule of events are not covered under our annual church budget, so we need everyone who is able to step forward with a contribution. The money received will be used primarily to cover the travel expenses for former pastor visits, as well as costs associated with the Jubilee dinner. The latter will allow us to keep actual dinner ticket prices low so that everyone can attend.

If you can make a contribution, please drop it off at the church office. Checks can be made payable to Lake Shore Baptist, but please note "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" on the memo line of the check. Any amount is appreciated! If you have any questions feel free to contact Beth Raymond at 716-5326.

## July Deacon On-Call

Mike Raymond

## Staff News:

Sharlande will be out of the office from July 6 to July 19, traveling to Atlanta for her nephew's wedding and to see other family and friends.

Dorisanne and Charles will be at Passport Camp July 12 through July 17.

## Weekly Budget Report

Year to date needs  
\$ 221,013.17

Year to date received  
\$ 195,531.60

Difference  
\$(25,481.57)