

# LAKE SHORELINES

July 29, 2009

## YAC Pilgrimage

Through the past year the YAC Group read *Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne, trying to uncover concepts of engaging the world as followers of Christ. Now it is time for their pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a time for the older youth members to have free space for reflection. This year these youth wrestled with the issue of engaging culture. While on pilgrimage they will reflect on who they want to become after high school and how they are called to engage the world as Christians throughout their lives. The YAC group is traveling to Philadelphia, PA, to volunteer at a ministry in the arts/theater district called Broad Street Ministries. Broad Street Ministry is a Christian community that cherishes creativity, fosters and nurtures artistic expression, extends inclusive hospitality and works for a more just world through civic engagement. This is a way that the YAC Group will begin to form thoughts and beliefs about affecting the communities surrounding them as they travel through life. An effort will be made to take groups to different neighborhoods in the city and discuss poverty, homelessness, hunger, and health care all grounded within a theological framework.

Please pray for our pilgrimage team: Charles Conkin, David Miller, Capucine Morin, Louise-Marie Morin, Andrew Reynolds, John Salvesen, Laura Smajstrla, Ashley Thornton, and Craig Thornton.

## Worship at Lake Shore The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God  
August 2, 2009

"Grounded"  
Sharlande Sledge

The Scripture  
Ephesians 3.14-21  
Deuteronomy 8.2-10

The Celebration of Communion



## The Gathering

We've been having more and more clients every week at our Food Pantry. Over 50 families a week is not unusual. And with the school children at home, the families need even more food. For the Gathering on Sunday, August 2, the Food Pantry needs canned fruits and vegetables as well as peanut butter, cereal, canned meats and soup.

In addition to gathering food, we are gathering school supplies for families in need. Please bring these to the Gathering this Sunday as well.

Do you have large shopping bags from places such as Coldwater Creek, Talbots, or Dillard's? The Food Pantry can use any bags with sturdy handles.

## eleven on twelve

Saturday, September 12

a Mission 50 all-church community service day

7:45 a.m. breakfast at the labyrinth  
8:00 a.m. prayers for peace

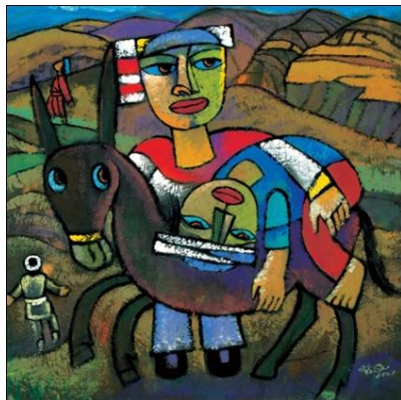
8:15 a.m. leave for work  
12:15 p.m. lunch at Habitat site

In the tradition of Lake Shore's "eleven on eleven" days and in the pursuit of peace in our city and our world, we will spend the day after September 11 working on eleven of our Mission 50 projects. We will gather at the labyrinth for breakfast and prayer before teams leave for their work sites. Since this is the first day of Building on Faith when work will begin on the Habitat house funded by Joe and Bessie Baxter, one of our teams, led by the deacons, will work there. We will all gather at the site for lunch. Other Mission 50 teams will work at locations such as the Habitat ReStore, Waco CDC, ACTS Food Pantry, Advocacy Center, Mountainview Garden, and in the Lake Shore kitchen preparing lunch. Check the Mission 50 wall for up-dates.

## Friendship Quilt Block Signing

As a gift to the church, commemorating our 50 years, Alice Baird and Patty Field are hard at work on a Friendship Quilt. A Friendship Quilt is made of blocks with an area for people to sign their names. For the month of August there will be a table set up in the hall for people to drop by, practice writing on fabric, and then sign a block. Stop by the table on Sunday before Sunday School or Worship and sign your name.

O God,  
Balm to Our Wounds,  
Great Physician  
to our Spirits,  
we are all on the  
journey from  
Jerusalem to Jericho—  
going down the road,  
going up the road,  
or walking on a level  
place for a while.



We may be looking around the curve,  
straining to see what is ahead of us  
or averting our eyes from the one we are approaching,  
trying to decide whether to cross boundaries  
or give aid to the person in our path  
or receive help ourselves.

O God, today we find ourselves in a familiar narrative,  
of the one we call “good”  
and the man left beside the road -  
a story so compelling a child can tell it,  
so familiar even those who haven’t read  
the gospel of Luke know the term “Good Samaritan,”  
An encounter so significant to our life narratives  
that it’s real to us every day.

This morning touch us with your great compassion  
as though for the first time.

Grant us a mercy so real that we remember that  
you are present in our woundedness  
and through our weakness, made holy by you,  
we know your strength.

In our worship, here and throughout the week,  
restore us to life for this road we travel,  
for even with all its rocky places,  
blind curves, and strangers,  
this is the way to your welcome and wholeness  
and the chance to help others  
in your name,

Amen.

*Sharlande Sledge  
Invocation, July 26*

## Gin, Tom and Becca’s Top Reasons That You Should Consider Teaching 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Sunday School

- Hugs from children.
- The honor of knowing the young members of our congregation and their families.
- Finding your inner artist with glitter glue.
- Making up mnemonic devices for the books of the Bible.
- Reminding the children how very much God loves them and that Jesus is their best friend.
- Talking about how God can help us make good choices.
- Watching early readers gain confidence in finding verses in the Bible and reading them aloud.
- Seeing the children grow physically and spiritually.
- Teaching that it’s okay to ask hard questions and that maybe we don’t have answers.
- Reminding each child that he or she is a special gift from God and how much we in the church love her or him.
- Always having someone to sit by in big church.
- Being reminded that it’s important to pray about your friend’s cousin’s neighbor’s pets.
- Remembering how little time we get with them in the big scheme of things!

I will be moving in August to San Antonio to complete a one year residency in a Clinical Pastoral Education program through VITAS Innovative Hospice Care. I’m going to miss them. A lot. —*Gin Courtney*

We have served in the Children’s Sunday School department for the past four years. As you can see from the above list, we have loved it! At the present time with Becca’s position at TCU, we are finding we want to spend more time in Fort Worth. Our last Sunday as permanent teachers will be August 23. We encourage others in our congregation to prayerfully consider teaching this wonderful group of children. We plan on substituting when we are needed and available. Thank you, Lake Shore, for trusting us to teach. We are now passing on the torch. —*Tom and Becca Sharpless*

## Summer Reading Fall Conversation

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and *The Life You Can Save* by Peter Singer —two books about how much small gifts matter in changing the world. Purchase one or both at Lake Shore (*Three Cups of Tea* for \$12; *The Life You Can Save* for \$16). We will discuss them on August 26 and September 2.



## 50th Fundraising



We’re well along in our planning for the Lake Shore Baptist 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and activities! The costs for the year-long schedule of events are not covered under our annual budget, so we need everyone who is able to contribute. If you can make a contribution, please drop it off at the church office. Checks can be made payable to Lake Shore Baptist, with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the memo line.

## Children's Corner

### Children's Campers

will return Friday at 2:00 p.m.

### 1st-6th Grade Sunday School

~ Family Feud-Style!

August 2 & 9 at 9:30 a.m. in room 201

Test your Bible knowledge by answering trivia

in a fun, family-style way! The youth will join us.

### Coming Up . . .

August 9 – Children sing in worship

August 12 – 6th Grade Celebration Trip

August 16 – Children's Ministry

Year-In-Review, 5:30 p.m.

## Lake Shore Baptist Church Beginnings



### Tidbit No. 27:



Dr. Melton, Bill Tolar  
and New Church

On Sunday, December 4, 1960, the Lake Shore congregation held services for the first time in the newly constructed church building. To celebrate the event, Lake Shore and Columbus Avenue members jointly held an open house in the afternoon and invited the whole community.

To further mark the occasion, the church began a week-long revival with Dr. Melton preaching. New members were added and the future was filled with optimism and enthusiasm.  
—*Rufus Spain*

### Good News

Kathryn Margot Powell, daughter of Andy and Michelle Powell, was born Friday, July 24. Big sister, Maddy, welcomed her home.

Austin Miller, Mary Rowan's son, and Melody Ice are getting married on Friday, August 31, with Sharlande Sledge officiating.

### Prayers for . . .

Paul Smajstrla, who is receiving chemotherapy treatment at M.D. Anderson

Dorothy Lynn, who is recovering at home.

Jordan Diaz, who had knee surgery. He is home and is doing well.

Karen Matkin, whose aunt in Oklahoma died on Wednesday, July 29.

## Back to the Garden

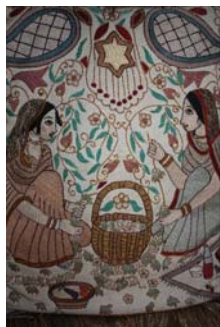


A faithful core of volunteers is tending the Mountainview Garden on the land behind the church. Through the bounty of squash and peppers and the thicket of wild Morning Glories, the garden seems to be saying to us, "Weed me! Water me! Harvest the vegetables!" The times we especially need your help are Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. when volunteers will be tending the garden. We also need someone to water on Thursday morning. Call the office to take a watering shift.



## Bangladeshi Embroideries

Saturday, August 8, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.—An Open House at 3406 Timber Mill



Thirty years ago a remarkable young American woman set out to identify the poorest country on earth and then go there determined to see what God could do through her to make a positive difference in those people's lives. The country was Bangladesh and the young woman, Faith Willard, quickly learned that the most destitute members of the population were the widows of the country, who were considered social outcasts and shunned by even their dead husband's families.

Faith also learned of an indigenous art form in Bangladesh that produced beautiful embroidered silks, which she quickly realized the widows were capable of producing if they had a place to work and equipment to use. From that beginning, The Widow's Friend was born and today those silks are sold and cherished across America, both for the art they represent and for the hope they have brought to the lives of otherwise desperate women.

The Widow's Friend organization has grown to include two medical clinics, an orphan's home, a hostel for girls and a high school for the deaf. Officially recognized and registered by the Social Welfare Ministry of the Bangladesh government, The Widow's Friend is making a tremendous impact in one of the poorest and most populated nations on earth.

Chances are, you've seen beautiful silk embroideries hanging in the homes of many Lake Shore members. And there's a good chance those silks came from The Widow's Friend. As more and more people have heard Faith Willard's story over the years and been graced by two visits from her, we've had a chance to help the women and children of Bangladesh. Contact Helen Hastings, Dot Martin, or Kay Avant for more information. Silks will be available for purchase on that Saturday.

## Our Church Staff

Ruth Ballew, Director

Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth

Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor

Daniel Farris, Minister of Music

Gordon Lawrence, Building Caretaker

Janya Martin, Organist

Melinda Reynolds, Office Manager

Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children

Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor



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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 2

7:00—YAC Pilgrims Leave

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

No Young Adult Lunch

### Monday, August 3

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

### Tuesday, August 4

9:00—Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, August 5

No Evening Activities

### Thursday, August 6

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast

9:00—Food Pantry Opens

### Looking Ahead

August 8—Bangladeshi Embroideries

August 9—Deacons Meeting

August 13—Poetry Group

Local author Lisa Wingate's latest novel, *The Summer Kitchen* is inspired by Waco's Gospel Café. In celebration of the book and its real-life counterpart, Wingate and the Gospel Cafe will team up to present *A Cafe Tuesday*, a benefit event hosted by Central Christian Church of Waco from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4. All proceeds of book sales at the event will be donated to the Gospel Cafe. Wingate, who lives in Clifton, will be speaking and signing books while volunteers from The Gospel Cafe, a ministry of CrossTies Ecumenical Church in South Waco, will serve up tales from the cafe as well as snacks and the cafe's specialty, Banoffee Pie.

## Extended Care/Visitor Cards

### Sunday, August 2

Toddlers: Rachel Anderson

Preschool/K: Jim Fau

Visitor Cards: Killian McNeil  
Isabelle Murphy

## Staff Update:

Charles is on Pilgrimage August 2-9.

Rachel is on vacation August 3-9.

Dorisanne is on vacation August 2-14.

## Washer & Dryer Needed

Do you use your washer several times every day? If so, your washer is probably as worn out as the one we have in our Children's Center. Because it is in such bad shape our teachers and director have been taking the laundry home with them each evening, which is a great inconvenience. If anyone has a "gently used" washer and dryer that they would like to donate to the Children's Center it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you,

Mary Rowan, Children's Center  
Program Board Chairman

**Childcare needed:** For seven-month-old Sunnybright Simbo while Pamela Ndi attends seminary classes in the fall (Wed, Fri 12:30-2:30; Tues, Thurs 10:00-2:30). If you are interested and able to help, please contact the church office.

## Youth News

Breakfast: Davis  
Dinner: Vardiman

**August 2:** All YAC members going to pilgrimage need to be at the church at 7:00 a.m. Please pack light. We are returning from pilgrimage on August 9 at 11:00 p.m.

**Sunday School August 2** meet in room 201 in the church for Family Feud. Please be on time, 9:30 a.m.

**August 2:** Evening Bible Study is at the Teen House from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible.

**August 9:** Have fun with Gin Courtney. Be at the Teen House at 5:00 p.m. and bring some money for food and a movie.

## Save the Date

Nathan Stone

Preaching in Worship

Sunday, August 16

Picnic-style Lunch

Sign up in the hallway.

## Weekly Budget Report

Year to date needs

\$ 245,570.19

Year to date received

\$ 213,835.11

Difference

\$(31,735.08)

Deacons  
On-Call

July

Mike

Raymond

August

JoLeen

Eiklenborg