

## 50th Anniversary Celebration Schedule

### Saturday, October 10

#### 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

Choir members past, present and future, join us at Lake Shore as we practice an anthem to sing together at the remembrance service.

#### 10:00 a.m. Service of Remembrance and Gratitude

A communion service of worship remembering Lake Shore members we've loved and lost over the last 50 years. Childcare available.

#### 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Banquet

An entertaining banquet at Baylor University's Barfield Drawing Room.

**Parking**—The parking lots behind Bill Daniel Student Center and behind Pat Neff Hall will be reserved for our banquet. Tell the attendant you are there for the Lake Shore Banquet. Additional parking is available close by in the bookstore parking garage. The Eighth Street parking garage is also available.

**Menu**—Baylor's Best Buffet: Mixed Greens & Romaine Salad, Ranch/Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressings, Assorted Rolls, Iced Tea/Water/Coffee, Beef Bernaise, Yukon Gold Mashers, Sauteed Zucchini, Yellow Squash & Roasted Red Peppers, Vanilla Carrots, New York Cheese Cake w/Chocolate & Strawberry Sauce

**Special meal request**—Those who have asked for vegetarian or gluten free meals should request those from staff at the buffet line.

**Childcare** is available at Lake Shore for infants through kindergarteners beginning at 5:45 p.m. Please bring a sack supper for those in childcare. Children 1st - 6th grade and older are welcome to the banquet.

### Sunday, October 11

#### 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

#### 10:45 a.m. Worship

#### 12:00 p.m. Luncheon with Uncle Dan's Barbeque

Join us for our regular time of Sunday School and worship at Lake Shore. Childcare for infants through kindergarteners during worship. Lunch from Uncle Dan's following the service.

#### Lake Shore T-Shirts

on sale Saturday night after the banquet and Sunday before and after worship

\$10 for short-sleeved  
\$12 for long-sleeved

navy, Carolina blue, heather cinnamon, or kiwi

#### Jubilee Cookbooks

on sale Saturday night after the banquet and Sunday before and after worship

Pre-ordered cookbooks can be picked up during those times as well.

\$20 each

#### "Heritage and Promise" Third Edition

Just published: A fully updated history of the church by Lake Shore member Kim Kellison, including previous history by Rufus Spain.

One copy is available for each family at the banquet or at church on Sunday. If you would like additional copies, please contact the church office.



*One of the good gifts of this anniversary year has been hearing from all of Lake Shore's senior pastors. They have helped us remember who we are, and the vision of this church and reminded us of the many people who have served Lake Shore through the years. For this week's newsletter, we've asked other ministers—former and current staff members, those who were ordained here, and other partners in ministry—to respond to the question: "How has Lake Shore shaped you?" Here are the responses we received from this great company of friends and colleagues throughout the world whose hearts echo with Lake Shore's wherever they serve.*

In response to the question "How has Lake Shore shaped you?," the only appropriate and grateful response is "in every way."

It was at Lake Shore that I began to think of God as love, grace, and invitation that never lets us go.

It was at Lake Shore where I learned what church could be when people surrounded us in the midst of hurt and loss.

It was at Lake Shore where I first prayed publicly.

It was at Lake Shore where the waters of baptism embraced and sent me following the way of Christ.

It was at Lake Shore where church camps and retreats challenged a sometimes too comfortable faith.

It was at Lake Shore where college Sunday School class pushed and prodded me to grow.

It was at Lake Shore where family members I loved have been commended into the Good Night.

It was at Lake Shore where I met and married the one who would become wife and beloved companion.

It was at Lake Shore where marriage enrichment guided and nurtured us during our first decade of family life.

It was at Lake Shore where our children were dedicated and baptized.

It was at Lake Shore where I was ordained.

With deepest gratitude, I can say that when the best and most enduring happened in my life,

It was at Lake Shore.

#### Rev. David Spain

Senior Minister, First Christian Church Norman, Oklahoma

*Grew up at Lake Shore*

*Ordained at Lake Shore*

Lake Shore was the right church for Janet and me when we returned to Waco, one year after our marriage in 1977 during seminary years. Dr. Richard Groves offered me several opportunities to serve and lead in the church while I worked for Family Counseling and Children's Services. The following year, I was invited to work with Dr. Ralph Neighbour, Jr., in Houston, Texas and West Memorial Church asked me to be ordained when I came. Lake Shore Baptist agreed to bless me with the ordination process and service, a ceremony of affirmation that I have continued to appreciate through the years. After returning to Waco in the early 80's, I have continued to celebrate Lake Shore's ongoing concern and response to the needs of the poor. Even today, Mission Waco considers your congregation as a partner for the special needs we experience daily with Waco's poor, homeless, and marginalized. I am proud to be a part of history of people who care "for the least of these." Congratulations for 50 great years!

#### Jimmy Dorrell

Executive Director, Mission Waco  
Pastor, Church Under the Bridge

Waco, Texas

*Ordained at Lake Shore*

We were ordained together at Lake Shore in the Spring of 2006, after three years of formative ministry with missions, worship, and youth. Because of Lake Shore, we seek and help nurture communities of healing and mystery, mission and creativity. Because of Lake Shore, we love the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide and Pentecost. Because of Lake Shore, we are comfortable calling ourselves "Baptist." Because of Lake Shore, we believe that we are "in ministry" when we are teaching or dancing, counseling or

preaching, gardening or eating. Because of Lake Shore, we are extended community members of a Catholic Worker house, and our Somali and Eritrean neighbors are our friends.

**Katie Brennan Homiak**

Licensed Clinical MSW and professional modern dancer, Kansas City, Missouri  
*M.S.W. intern at Lake Shore*

**Chris Brennan Homiak**

High School ELL Teacher  
Kansas City, Missouri  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

For 21 years now—all spent in New Haven, Connecticut—I have told countless folk about Lake Shore Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, and how perfectly matched the church and this church member were at that time. I was at that moment in my spiritual life exactly where Lake Shore was at that moment in its spiritual life. Roger Paynter, Sharlande Sledge, Libby Bellinger, and Jeff Zurheide were my friends, colleagues, mentors, and examples in church ministry, and I finally yielded to the call of clergy ordination under their guidance. Since finishing seminary in 1982, I had resisted ordination as an act that would restrict me and require me to be someone other than myself. I thought too intensely about it all and thought that the floor beneath me would open up and swallow me whole if I submitted to the laying on of hands. I joined Lake Shore in 1983, and in 1986, the church asked me to serve as a deacon. The service of ordination to the diaconate was a beautifully affirming moment in my life, and a true confirmation from God and God’s people as to where I was to invest my time and energy in the years ahead. And the floor of Lake Shore Baptist Church did not open up and swallow me whole that Sunday morning! Instead, the foundation beneath me was strengthened and made much easier to walk upon.

In 1987, I was ordained to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ by the very good folk of Lake Shore. In 1988, I moved to New Haven and Yale University where I have been in ministry of one form and another ever since. I serve as the Dean of Students for Yale Divinity School, and I serve as a member of the clergy with the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut. Thank you, Lake Shore, for all you were for me at a critical point in my life. I am very, very grateful. Happy Anniversary!

**Dale Peterson**

Dean of Students, Yale Divinity School  
New Haven, Connecticut  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

My association with Lake Shore has truly been a lifelong journey. Growing up in Columbus Avenue, I remember well when Lake Shore was founded, but it was my time as organist decades later that molded me in ways which continue to guide my steps. I observed, savored, and absorbed how to be creative in worship as never before and found affirmation for that creativity which resonates with me even now. On a different level, I saw—perhaps for the first time—examples of ministry great and small that I had never known, and \*that\* has guided my

actions so often in the years since. I came to Lake Shore during a season of great personal change, and through the seemingly endless days of transition, the Lake Shore community not only blessed but inspired and challenged. I have continued, of course, to be a church musician, but the years at Lake Shore proved vital in directing my journey and shaping my ability to not only lead musically but to grow spiritually. May the best be yet to come!

**Karrin Ford**

Ph.D candidate, University of Connecticut  
Storrs Mansfield, Connecticut  
*Organist, 1999-2003*

Each day, when I glance up from my computer screen my eyes fall on the quilted wall hanging that Joyce McKee made for me. It hangs in my office, always in my peripheral vision, reminding me of my time at Lake Shore. In the spring of 2000, I was a social work intern at Lake Shore. At the time, I knew that I was called to serve God with my vocation. I thought I would eventually work in a non-profit agency helping people in poverty. I felt called to the ministry, but having grown up in a rural Baptist church, I had never even seen a female minister. Then, I met Sharlande and later, Dorisanne. Seeing female ministers in action opened up a whole new world. Then, the people of Lake Shore were quick to affirm my gifts and I was honored to be ordained at Lake Shore in 2002. You ask how has Lake Shore shaped me....Lake Shore changed the course of my life. Thank you for helping me to see where I needed to be.

**Carol McEntyre**

Buckner Community Minister  
First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee  
*M.S.W. Intern, 2000*  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

I first came to know you over 20 years ago when you and Broadway Baptist church in Fort Worth had children’s camp together. You were a wonderful group and made me feel a part of you. I still enjoy looking at our pictures from that summer and wonder what wonderful things those children are doing.

After that you were a great support to our work in Gaza. You helped Atfaluna, the school for deaf children in Gaza, by sending school uniforms and sports equipment by Sharlande when she came to visit. I wish you could see that school now; it is the prime example of a charitable organization in the Middle East.

To this day, you have helped the Baptist church and the church’s library, the first lending library in Gaza. Your faithfulness in caring about Gaza Baptists and their ministries has been a huge gift to them, and so you have ministered to me, both in the years I lived in Gaza and in the years since I retired. Because I love Gazans, and you have blessed them over and over, I am grateful for and love you.

**Nancie Wingo**

Missionary teacher to Gaza  
Fort Worth, Texas  
*Friend/Mission Partner of Lake Shore*

I was Lake Shore’s social work intern from January to June of 2009. My experiences at Lake Shore have forever changed the way I think of “community.” Within the first few weeks of my internship, I felt fully enveloped within the “Lake Shore Family,” a community I still feel a part of months later. Lake Shore has challenged me in my faith, and supported me in my ministry and vocation. I am so thankful that God brought me to Lake Shore, as the congregation has given me such a deep experience of community. It is truly a place of love and grace!

**Brianna Springer**

Baylor University Graduate Student  
Waco, Texas  
*M.S.W. Intern, Spring/Summer 2009*

My husband, Steve, and I began attending Lake Shore while I was a Baylor PhD student studying with Bill Bellinger. Texas and Baptist life in the south were new experiences for this California girl and her English husband. When we made inquiries about churches in Waco, Lake Shore was mentioned as “a different kind of Baptist church.” That was enough for us to visit the church and quickly make it our church home.

Before long, we found ourselves teachers of the senior adult Sunday School class. What a group!! Joe and Bessie Baxter, Roger and Penny Edens, John and Mary James, Jay and Erkalene Ousley, Lewis Swingler, Julia Vaughan, George and Jean Williams, Jim and Sheryl York. We lived far from our parents, so these folk took us and our children, Calvin and Aaron, on as their children and grandchildren.

In the fall of 1995, I was recruited to join the inaugural faculty of the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, so the deClaisse-Walfords moved from Waco to Atlanta just a few days before Christmas. We missed our Lake Shore family very much and, to this day, compare our church experiences with

those few wonderful years at Lake Shore.

In 1997, Steve and I both felt called to be ordained to ministry. For him, the call came as he began to pursue opportunities for church ministry. For me, the call came as I realized two things: First, I was very much being “minister” to the students at McAfee. And second, McAfee was very much being “minister” to the moderate Baptist churches in the southeast. I found myself spending hours in my office with students seeking direction in their call to ministry; and I found myself traveling to churches almost every Sunday and Wednesday to speak in their worship settings.

And so, in January of 1998, we traveled to our “home church” in Waco and were ordained. As many members of our old Sunday School class as we could possibly include participated in the service, and George and Jean Williams hosted the reception at their home. What an evening!!

Lake Shore will ever have a warm place in my heart. Happy Anniversary!!

**Nancy deClaisse-Walford**

Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages, McAfee School of Theology  
Atlanta, Georgia  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

Lake Shore’s influence on me was both professional and personal. Through Lake Shore and Roger Paynter, I connected with Brite Divinity School, from which I earned a D. Min. degree with an emphasis in pastoral care and counseling, a discipline that has greatly enhanced my ministry over the past twenty years. My experiences at Lake Shore of thoughtful, intentional worship and intelligent, creative preaching further shaped my future ministry. As an Associate Pastor at Lake Shore, I became better prepared to become a solo pastor of a smaller church and eventually a senior pastor leading a pastoral staff. At Lake Shore I enjoyed staff camaraderie with Roger, Sharlande, Ed Wilson, Catherine Davenport, Pam McPeak, Dub Bradshaw and others. More than anything else, the caring community of Lake Shore nurtured both Karen and me over our four years with you, including through the loss of our first newborn child and the tentative hope of a subsequent pregnancy. We gratefully cherish our Lake Shore relationships to this day.

**Jeff Zurheide**

First Baptist Church  
New London, New Hampshire  
*Associate Pastor to Youth, 1985-1988*

Through you, Lake Shore, I see the wideness in God’s mercy. You teach me the importance of the language I use – each word matters, so be intentional. I experience the holy space between worshipper and worship leader each week and am humbled that you would allow me to lead you. You shape me to pay attention to detail because it is there that God can be found. You teach me to affirm people when they are doing something worthy, to love God with my mind as well as my heart, to err on the side of inclusion, to look for the new good news and proclaim it, to be a voice for those who don’t have one. But perhaps most of all, Lake Shore has become my home – the place where I am known and loved. Thanks you, Gracious God, for giving me this home.

**Rachel Sciretti**

*Minister to Children, 2004-present*  
*Co-Minister to Youth, 2001-2005*  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

My time with all of you was transformational. I am a better person for having sojourned at Lake Shore. Your reputation for love and compassion, celebration and mission, has been made known around the world. May God bless your next 50 years as generously as the last. Happy Anniversary!

**Carol Holcomb**

Professor of Church History  
University of Mary-Hardin Baylor  
Belton, Texas  
*Youth Minister, 1992-1993*

Lake Shore has shaped me in a special way. When Robert and I came to Lake Shore, I had a long time dream of opening a Children center in my village. The first thing Lake Shore did that motivated me about my dream was the opportunity it gave me to work at Lake Shore children center. In fact, it was difficult for me to share my vision with Lake Shore because I had been discouraged by many people. They asked me how I am going to do it since it will involve a lot of money. When I finally shared it with Lake Shore they asked me how can we help? We started planning together and today we have Shalom Children Centre in Twifu Hemang, Ghana. Thank you Lake Shore for your financial support, prayers and encouragement. Without you, there will not be Shalom Children Center.

Peace and Love.

**Christiana Owusu**

Proprietress and Director, Shalom  
Children’s Center, Twifu-Hemang, Ghana  
*Lake Shore Member, 1999-2004*

Lake Shore has been the place where new worlds of being and doing church have opened up to me. You have taught me to pay attention to social justice issues and see the face of Christ in the poor and marginalized. The rhythms and rhymes of how we celebrate the liturgical year shape my personal devotional life and offer creative dimensions to worship. I am forever “spoiled” by Lake Shore’s model of shared ministry between each staff member and appreciate the gift you offered of shared ministry with Rachel, something we will pursue in future years. Time and time again you have confirmed my gifts of ministry through your words and cooperation. My ordination was especially meaningful and I will always carry your handprints of blessing with me wherever I go.

**Mike Sciretti, Jr.**

Ph.D. candidate in church history  
Baylor University, Waco, Texas  
*Co-Minister to Youth 2001-2005*  
*Minister to Youth 2005-2007*  
*Lake Shore Baptist Church*  
*Ordained at Lake Shore, 2004*

How did Lake Shore make a difference in my life? That reminds me of a story.

Midway through Advent one year, a spotlight near the pulpit burned out. Since darkened banners, Chrismon tree and poinsettias were unacceptable, Jimmy the custodian, and I decided to replace the burned out light. Fresh bulb, A-frame ladder and one of those large rectangular dinning tables with hinged legs at each end in hand, Jimmy and I were soon shinnying up the ladder perched on top of the table.

You can see where this is headed. The legs folded up under the table, Jimmy and I hung on for dear life and the entire ill-conceived plan ended with us miraculously standing upright on the tabletop mere inches above the ground. The big finish occurred when we lifted the table to find the flattest poinsettia imaginable. For months, the Flat Poinsettia Award reappeared whenever a staff member pulled some boneheaded stunt.

The community at Lake Shore invited me to live fully in all my clay-footedness. Her accepting arms encouraged, protected, taught and loved me. What a wonderful gift. Thank you.

**Richard A. Brown**

General Counsel  
National Health Insurance Company  
Grand Prairie, Texas  
*Associate Pastor, Minister to Youth*  
*1983-1985*

Lake Shore taught me about the love of God. We built Habitat houses, rode in bike-a-thons, mapped the world in Bridge Builders, bagged food at Caritas with Helping Hands, sang Christmas carols on school buses, and covered crosses with flowers. We sang together on mission trips, broke bread together on Wednesday nights, rang bells for the Salvation Army, picked vegetables from the garden, and wrote our names on Sunday school walls. Lake Shore surrounded me with God’s kind of love.

That love has followed me into a ministry at Seventh & James. What I carry from Lake Shore is the belief that we love one another because God loves us and that love compels us to live and work in the world. Lake Shore taught me that children are important and that it matters that they know they are loved and that they have a place in the church. Lake Shore’s fingerprints are at Seventh & James in Sunday school rooms, in hospital waiting rooms, in children’s sermons, in Christmas caroling and in prayer spoken in a thousand places. Thanks be to God for Lake Shore.

**Leslie Fontaine Rosencrans**

Minister of Congregational Life  
Seventh & James Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas  
*Grew up at Lake Shore*

Who would have thought balloons would have made the difference? A yellow brochure with balloons on the cover—surely an invitation to a party! But no! It was an invitation to worship! A potent trap for one searching; for a young couple who were trying to “find a church.” It was a powerful lure, for who could ever imagine such imagination being used in church. Of course, I soon discovered that it was a normal thing at “The Church That Love Built.” And then there was the couples’ Sunday School class with Bruce Neatherlin who called each of us (and still does) “Tiger!”

We were family. It was that simple. We went on retreats, for goodness sake. Mickey took us down to some lodge on a dam and we talked about our lives and stood outside and sang “They’ll know we are Christians by our love” and danced that Zorba the Greek dance. Scandalous! But so wondrously renewing.

It was the age of the Penny Productions—too many to count, with rehearsals that usually ended up with most of us on the floor hysterical with laughter. The highlight was John Upton forgetting the words as he led the crowd in Edelweiss. I don’t even remember the words—they were too awful.

We learned we were all “children of the Lord” and we sang it with gusto. Jeff broke out his guitar and we sang “Love is Little . . . Love will do the thing that’s right.” And so we did. Carolyn took us to San Antonio to sleep on the floor and work in the soup kitchens and clothes closet. Pretty fun stuff until she said she needed me to go work the homeless shelter and stay all night. I finally forgave her but I will never forget learning the difference between my prayers and Winnie’s, the shelter director’s real prayers — like the one she started, “God, thank you for letting us live to see another day.” Whew! I had to work really hard on my Lake Shore singing—we are all children of the Lord, indeed.

Watching Sharlande take my children (and all our children) and bring all the Lake Shore songs to life for them with mission work and helping hands and building bridges everywhere; with starry nights and stone soup and faithful friends was gift beyond price. And so I learned more about faith and loyalty and perseverance and the width and breadth of God’s love for us. I learned about the opportunities that are ours to savor that love and then send it forth “with our whole hearts.”

Yes, that is my favorite Lake Shore song and to my great delight it has become our favorite Calder song as well. That was always and will always be the great beacon that is Lake Shore. It was for me and sings even now in almost everything I do. “Lord, let me love you with my whole LIFE, none above you, serve and love you with my whole life.”

My prayers for you are that you will keep singing; keep finding new songs that speak of God’s grace and gentle mercies, that open doors and encounter new friends with whom you can share loaf and cup. I recently found Amy Grant’s song, “These Old Walls” and send them along. It’s not a perfect fit but so much of it was and is and surely will be the Lake Shore I love.

Blessings on your special day!

**Ed Wilson**

Minister of Music, Calder Baptist Church  
Beaumont, Texas

*Organist, Minister of Music, 1974-1991*  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

I have recently begun taking Bethel juniors to a local monastery, and as part of the trip, we spend a couple of hours in silence. This is a challenge for many, and I am frequently reminded of silent retreats with the youth at Lake Shore or meditation with Skip Londos and how the youth were able, even as teenagers, to create spaces for God to move

in the silence. I also often think of how well Lake Shore youth understood community—there was almost a kind of a grace that we experienced together. At Lake Shore I learned how to listen—for God in the silences, for God in the narrative of my life and in others’, and for God in the shared story of our life together.

**Cathy Wright**

Associate Professor, New Testament  
Bethel University, St. Paul, Minnesota  
*Minister to Youth, 1995-2001*  
*Licensed at Lake Shore*

When Buddy and I moved to Waco in 1981, one of the first things we did was reconnect with our seminary friends, John and Debra Upton, and one of the first things John said was, “Have we got a deal for you?” Lake Shore was looking for someone to minister to their children, and the Uptons encouraged me to apply. So beginning in August of 1981, I served two months with Richard Groves, followed by a ten-month interim, and then five months with Roger Paynter. When Keith was born, I resigned to stay home with him, but by then, there was no way I would have considered leaving this church. Besides, some of the children would have murdered me if I took “their” baby away!

How has Lake Shore shaped me? (It might be easier to answer, how has it not?) I have learned grace instead of judgment. I have learned about Sabbath and silence. I have experienced integrity in worship and joy in service. Having Sharlande as my minister and friend has opened my eyes to large global issues as well as to delight in small, ordinary things. Under the influence of pastors Groves, Paynter, Stone, Younger, and Cooper, I have been stretched to become more than I was while being accepted for exactly who I was. At Lake Shore, I have found my own voice and style of ministry because, for 27 years, you have “surrounded me with God’s kind of love.”

**Judy Prather**

Chaplain, Bluebonnet Hospice  
Children’s Minister, 1982-1983  
*Licensed at Lake Shore*

Lake Shore was the warm embrace we as a family needed in the summer of 08. We were separated (Papa was still in South Africa, Mama and the five children were stateside), having had to pack

suitcases and trunks in a blind rush to try to get to El Paso before Ana’s mother’s health gave out. We were hurting from so many things that at the time we didn’t realize hurt. Looking back it was the life-giving essence of Lake Shore’s living out their salvation that ministered to us - so many open hearts which provided a non-threatening atmosphere in which to recuperate.

Impossible . . . To verbalize our immense gratitude for what you mean to our family. Be assured that your individual faces, many acts of kindness, and the shared social and worship experiences are etched deeply into our family’s consciousness and identity — a year’s treasure chest of memories. Like it or not, yours and our lives are inextricably bound up together! “Who” the Scott Houser family is, and what we individually will become, will derive in no small part due to the incredible transferable and personalized treasures we take from Lake Shore Baptist Church.

Thank you, Lake Shore, as you celebrate 50 years of a journey walking alongside folk.

**Ana Marie and Scott Houser**

Missionaries  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
*Attended Lake Shore, 2008-2009*

I have been lucky to experience Lake Shore from a few different perspectives. When I first sought out Lake Shore, I was a seminary student tired of church, tired of studying, and in need of rest. For those few years Lake Shore helped me value Sabbath. Then I transitioned into the role of intern. During those several months I began to learn what made this congregation special — the yearning of the staff to create meaningful worship and a caring environment. Now I am the minister to youth and a few months ago I was ordained at Lake Shore. I have the pleasure of serving the members of this congregation and serving with them in a variety of ways. Through all these times in my life Lake Shore has restored my optimism that church does meet the needs of each person.

**Charles Conkin**

*Minister to Youth, 2007-present*  
*Ordained at Lake Shore*

I came to Lake Shore uncertain of my role as a woman in the church and decidedly uncomfortable

as a leader. While at Lake Shore, supported by so many leaders, many of them women, I grew to enjoy being a woman in ministry and gained great confidence as a leader. I am doing what I do today because of the input of so many of you at Lake Shore. I also learned what a loving church family can do in spreading the Gospel without words.

Someone asked me the other day, “If you could give me a picture of what you think ‘church’ looks like, what would you say?” I described the following incident. Our family attended David Rivers’ and Jo Pendleton’s wedding. Andrew, our youngest, decided that he wasn’t going to put the effort into putting on the shoes that I had asked him to wear. Unbeknownst to me, he ended up without shoes at the church. I had him walk inside in his socks.

Drew was very angry with me and very embarrassed. He stood in a corner of the hall while we were getting our programs for the service and Celia Dupree, ushering that day, noticed his socks. She took off her sandals and said, “You know, my feet were hurting. I’m so glad you came along so that I could take off my shoes.” Magi Davis walked up and said, “Andrew, I love your style. I wish I had socks,” and then she proceeded to take off her shoes and walk into the service barefooted.

Andrew marched into church with his head held high, and I walked in having learned another lesson about what being church is all about from the loving people here at Lake Shore.

**Beth Kilpatrick**

Associate Director, Texas Hunger Initiative  
Waco, Texas  
*M.S.W. Intern, 2007-2008*

The charge to the candidate printed in my ordination worship bulletin was titled “God’s Amateurs.” Aptly titled, I thought. I was an experienced teacher, but green behind the ears when it came to vocational ministry. I’d been to seminary, but never preached a sermon. I’d led in worship exactly once at my previous church. I’d written reams of curriculum and articles, but never a prayer. I was a pretty good hospital visitor, but I visited on my own time, rarely in response to a midnight call. And yet, you called me to minister alongside you, “amateur” though I was.

But Roger Paynter surprised me in his charge with a fresh new thought: “an ‘amateur’ is someone who does what she does for the sheer love of doing it.” He had me nailed. Look up “amateur” in the dictionary and you’ll see my picture. By that

definition, I'm still an "amateur."

For almost twenty-five years you have graciously tolerated my creative distractions, followed me through subway tunnels when I wasn't really sure where I was going, trusted me with your children's questions about God and their safety when we traveled, humbled me with calls to walk with you through the "deep waters," kept my storytelling gene alive, showed me community on retreats and mission trips, loved me from brown hair all the way to silver, and given me an open mike to talk about countries, people, and foods I love. You've embraced the Whimsy in my life!

You've shaped me by polishing a few of my many rough edges and adding texture to those that were too smooth. You've shaped my motion into poetry. You taught me to take the gospel seriously and myself, not so seriously. As a community you do *your* part in keeping me grounded in the center of God's love and kindness, and you keep encouraging me to do mine.

Once, many years ago on a plane, I read Eugene Peterson's wise words about staying in a local congregation for a long time, long enough to see several generations of children grow up, to get the feel for a place, to see the results of decisions and dreams lived out over time. I took those words as his "message" to me at that time in my life.

Almost twenty-five years later you are still giving this amateur a gift. But never, ever, do I experience the same day twice. Because of Lake Shore Baptist Church I am always and forever – maybe *more* than ever – learning about what matters most.

**Sharlande Sledge**

*Associate Pastor, 1985-present  
Ordained at Lake Shore*

Lake Shore shaped me and my family when I was the youth minister, and it still does today. I remember my first Sunday at Lake Shore. Something hit me; I felt called, at home, like this place is the place I had longed for all my life. The blend of music, preaching, and worship style all came together for me. I was shaped by the *intentionality* of worship, missions, and ministries that made me stop and ask "What am I doing in life and why?" Lake Shore people taught me not only to "do" but also "to be still" and listen, an interesting combination for me.

Lake Shore shaped our children through Sunday School teachers who loved them. We still have Helping Hands t-shirts at our house. Rufus Spain

was Cole Bucy's mentor. How perfect was that?

The emphasis on Missions at Lake Shore shaped our whole family. For my children, that is a gift. We still tell Lake Shore stories, like when Jason was three, he would not give the Cocoa Krispies to our mission tree family; he cried and cried with the box in his hands. What a perfect learning moment for our family. I remember when our kids were small and Sharlande teaching us about the use of food in art projects and how we want to teach children there are hungry people in this world and we use food for feeding/eating and art materials for art. Those seemingly small things made sense to me and I still carry in my heart lessons learned about what we value in life.

Little did I know the years at Lake Shore would come full circle for me when I met and married Jim Meyer, a proud Lake Shore alum. The common bond of our years at LSBC have given us a fertile ground to build our relationship & family. Jim still talks about how the Lake Shore youth group shaped his life.

And then the death of my daughter, Allie . . . I remember being at the visitation at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey and it seemed every other person there was from Lake Shore: Allie's Sunday School teachers, mission leaders, the people who shaped her life. Lake Shore was a second home to her growing up. Lake Shore shaped her as a child and even unto death by loving us and caring for us as she left this earth. She knew Lake Shore prayed for her and with her.

Lake Shore accepted me for who I am. The church was Christ to me in tough times and abundant times of life. Perhaps it is the truest gift we can give one another—to love as Christ loves.

**Carolyn Meyer**

*Social worker, Midway I.S.D.  
Minister to Youth, 1988-1992*

I am still trying to understand more fully what my ministry may be—but part of it involves leading the College Class in Sunday school, which has been a source of delight to me for the past thirty years in this church. The liveliness of the minds and spirits of those young people is a continual joy—and Lake Shore has been a constant support and nurturer to our college students. Whether we are examining "R-rated passages in the Bible" or engaged in looking at the role of community in our Christianity, whether we are looking at the Book of Jonah or reviving the old question, "Is Faith or Works the more important?", I find the young people fully

engaged and engaging.

I'm grateful to this church for fostering the kind of openness of mind which allows a college class to look at all sides of an issue and decide among themselves how they will discuss and resolve the issue.

**Tom Hanks**

*Professor of English, Baylor University  
Waco, Texas  
College Class Minister  
Ordained at Lake Shore*

Lake Shore was my "graduate school in church," an education I have drawn from many times. Lessons learned...

Faith is experienced in community, relationships, intimacy, sharing struggles and joys, questioning, searching, all together and bound by Love and Grace as the Body of Christ.

Worship is central to community...well designed and intentional, creative and meaningful, a weekly drama acted out before God with Communion/Lord's Supper/Eucharist as a powerful ritual.

Ministry and Mission is the embodiment of faith. Caring for and serving others is the gift of Grace and gratitude, our witness of faith.

Thank you, Lake Shore, for being faithful to church and being my teacher. I'm still a member!

**Michael "Mickey" Hester**

*Pastoral Counselor,  
Asheville, North Carolina  
Associate Pastor, 1971-1973  
Minister to Youth, 1965-1966*

I initially attended Lakeshore on the first Sunday of Advent. Nathan preached on John the Baptist, arguing that you have to go through the wilderness before you can ever reach the manger. He said you can't have Jesus without John the Baptist, can't have the peace without the fire. I knew, as I cried through the sermon, that I had arrived at something approaching a manger-moment. I knew that my wilderness faith experiences had not been in vain; they held deep significance in terms of preparing me for this very moment, which would prepare me for so many others.

What I heard at Lakeshore that morning, and for Sunday after Sunday over the next few years, was that darkness offers no less meaning and purpose than light, and that all of life—wilderness, manger, and everything between—is to be embraced. And the people at Lakeshore lived this

truth. They embraced what I consider to be the essence of the gospel—that none of us is actually whole, healthy, righteous, complete, and that we all have to learn to love each other and ourselves anyway, and to receive love in spite of our own bizarre longings not to.

At the end of the service I met Nathan. He offered his hand and his huge, goofy grin. I took his hand and said, "Thank you." He responded, simply, "You're welcome." Then he said, "Who are you?" At that moment, I was more clear on how to answer that question than I'd ever been in my entire life.

**Scott Bryson**

*English Professor, Mount St. Mary's College  
Los Angeles, California  
Youth Minister, 1993-1994*

I will always be grateful and indebted to Lake Shore Baptist Church, and so many in the church, for helping me discover a bigger God than I would have found any other place in the world. At LSBC I was encouraged to let God be bigger than the boxes I grew up being told. That bigger understanding of God and his wonderful grace opened my eyes to seeing people in a different way and embracing differences with enthusiasm. I guess you can say I grew up coloring life and God with a crayon box of 16 colors. Lake Shore help me discover I could color life and God with many more colors than that, you all gave me a box of 124 crayons with which to work. And I have been enjoying the many colors ever since.

Lake Shore's influence has shaped my ministry and my leadership in very significant ways. Even now as I think through things I frequently ask myself "Would the folk at Lake Shore be proud of that?" All I can say is "thank you" and I hope one day to be able to say that in person.

A former BWA president reminded me that this is the power of the BWA and its influence. It can speak truth to power in places all over the world and give a voice to those who on their own would never have a voice. This is what makes me excited about this role. Already I have three invitations to meet to leaders of countries in Asia, Africa, and South America. And as I speak in those settings it will be with a voice in which you will hear much of what I came to know at Lake Shore. Lake Shore will go with me everywhere I go.

**John Upton**

*Virginia Baptist Convention  
President-elect, Baptist World Alliance  
Richmond, Virginia  
Associate Pastor, 1977-1983*

FOR ALL THAT  
 HAS BEEN,  
 THANKS.

FOR ALL THAT  
 WILL BE,  
 YES!!!



-DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

**Our Church Staff**

Ruth Ballew, Director  
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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday, October 10**

10:00—Remembrance Service  
 12:00—Staff Lunch  
 6:30—Jubilee Banquet

**Sunday, October 11**

9:30—Sunday School  
 10:45—Worship  
 12:00—Fellowship Lunch  
 4:30—Soulfriends

**Monday, October 12**

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, October 13**

10:30—Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 14**

4:00—Pictorial Make-Up Day  
 No Supper, No Seminar, No Choir

**Thursday, October 15**

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast  
 9:00—Food Pantry Opens  
 5:30—Family Self-Sufficiency  
 7:00—Poetry Group

**Looking Ahead**

October 17—Open Garage Sale Day  
 October 18—Children's Sabbath  
 October 18—Crop Walk  
 October 18—Deacons Meeting  
 October 31—Trunk or Treat

**Worship at Lake Shore**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Worship of God**  
*October 11, 2009*

*"Dear Lake Shore"*  
*Dorisanne Cooper*

**The Scripture**  
*Philippians 1.4-10*

**Prayers for . . .**

Roy Smallwood, who is undergoing test this week and next.  
 Paul Smajstrla, who continues his chemo therapy treatments at M.D. Anderson.  
 Alice and Bob Baird's son-in-law's father, Roman Darmer, died suddenly in Phoenix, AZ.

**Ushers/Visitor Cards Sunday, October 11**

Visitor Cards: Chandler Evans  
 Killian McNeil  
 Ushers: Andy Powell  
 Barbara and Willie Hobbs

**Staff Notes**

Dorisanne is out for a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship retreat Monday, October 12, through Wednesday, October 14.  
 Gordon is out, Wednesday, October 14 through Monday, October 19.  
 Rachel is out Monday, October 19 through Sunday, October 25.

If you are planning on selling items at our open garage sale day, please call the church office (772-2910).

**Silent Auction for Chairs**

going on NOW  
**for Shalom Children's Center**  
 Make your bid on the sheets in the hallway—look for the special "50th Anniversary" chair to sign.

**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>
\$ 327,426.92	\$ 275,702.11	\$(51,724.81)

**Deacons On-Call**

**October**  
 Henry Kari  
 Jeff Davies