

LAKE SHORELINES

November 4, 2009

Appreciative Inquiry *Continuing the Conversations* Wednesday Night, November 11

Throughout this year, we have been celebrating our “Thanks for all that has been.” Meanwhile a dedicated team has been working with the ideas and dreams from that retreat, and from the interviews that preceded it, to add some detail to that picture—to capture and express our collective aspirations for the future. We’ll wrap up our three week conversation about Lake Shore’s aspiration statements with a brainstorming time as we continue our journey together of shaping our collective “Yes!” to all that will be. Copies of the statements are on our homepage (www.lakeshorewaco.org).

—Ashley Thornton

Worship at Lake Shore The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Worship of God

November 8, 2009

“Give ‘til it Hurts”

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

Mark 12.38-44

Operation Christmas Child



Eight-year-old Amela received a box last year. Her home in the Philippines was destroyed in a typhoon. Her mother says, “She still keeps the toys neatly arranged in her box. When the children see their gifts, they see how special they are because each gift is beautifully wrapped. They are amazed at what is inside—the school supplies, crayons, and toys. These are things they have seen on television, but never thought they would own, — only in their dreams.”

Never packed a shoebox before?

- Decide if your box will be for a boy or a girl (age groupings 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14).
- Fill a plastic or wrapped shoebox with gifts: balls, Hot Wheels, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hard candy, jewelry, hairbrushes.
- Leave out used items, liquids, perishable items - crackers and chocolate - medicines, war-related toys.
- Fill out the form and place it, along with your \$7 donation, inside an envelope (checks should be written to Samaritan’s Purse) by November 15. We will dedicate our boxes in worship.

Places to Serve

Committees and Task Groups
Worship Ministry
Youth and Children’s Ministry
Missions Ministry
Spiritual Formation and
Other Ministry Opportunities

Pick up a form in the office or download a copy from our website (www.lakeshorewaco.org); indicate which areas you would like to serve in. Please return it to the office by Wednesday, November 11.

Deacon Nominations

Members of the Deacon Nominating Committee invite church members to participate in the deacon selection process. For more information about the criteria of deacon nominees and a list of current/previous deacons, please refer to the Deacon Nomination Form available in the hallway by the office. Ballots should be submitted by Wednesday, November 18.

Advent Wreath Workshop Sunday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The Children’s Education Committee invites everyone – young and old – to make an advent wreath. Make one as a family, with a friend, or by yourself. Participants will leave with a wreath, candles, and a candle lighting liturgy. Please make reservations in the hallway. The cost is \$20 per wreath. Reservations can be made in the hallway or by emailing Rachel (sciretti@hotmail.com).

Want to be part of the
Advent choir? Join us on
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Promises to Our Children... A Challenge for Parents

Shared by David Davis on October 18, 2009, as part of the Children's Sabbath service.

Parents, love your children.
Receive each child's care and faith as a calling from God and a glimpse of the future.

Protect them.
And hold onto them, but only so tightly that they can turn and twist and breathe with the freedom of knowing you are there to support them as they become their future.
Remember, Jan Williams is here to remind you not to squelch the joy out of your child if they squirm in church.

Be honest.
Life is hard much of the time. Let your children see how you cope and never forget that they are watching you, even when you are not.
Let them know bad things can happen to good people. And, sometimes, good people do bad things. Remind them of prayer. Keep the conversation going. They can talk to God and to you and to others who care about them. No secrets.

Practice forgiveness.
Let things go. Accept tomorrow as a new day.
Let your children be with you and remember it is the relationship, and the confidence that accompanies it, that will ultimately become the key to discipline.
We can't shelter our kids.
You know the best lean-to's leak. So, be there with them in the hard times and know that they will be there.
Show your children what is important to you and sometimes talk about it. But always struggle with their questions. Learn from them and remember you are not always going to be consistent.
Sometimes your child is going to win the argument.

Pray.
Acknowledge God as your partner in this enterprise of parenting. And remember you're ultimately not in control.

And the last one, is really the first.
Love your children.

Poetry Group
Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Lake Shore Library

Prayers for . . .

The family of Tommy Messer, Charlene Eakin's son-in-law, who died on Saturday, October 31.
Clif Williams' sister Ruby Butler in Abilene, who has a brain tumor.
Roy Smallwood, who received a good report, but continues to await test results.
Jacque Neatherlin, who has been hospitalized at Baylor Medical Center, Plano, on Friday.
Dorothy Lynn, who is in Atlanta staying with her daughter. Besides writing to the address below, you may call her on the phone at the home of daughter, Liza, at 404-417-0754: Dorothy Lynn c/o Liza Davis 1096 Mason Woods Dr. Atlanta, GA 30329.
Kevin Compton, who has prostate cancer and is having a prostatectomy on Tuesday, November 10.
Milly Held, who fell and broke her wrist two weeks ago.
A memorial service for Jeff Zurheide was held Sunday at the church he pastored in New Hampshire and a remembrance service in the peace garden here on Wednesday afternoon. You may write Karen, Molly, and Andrew at 80 Gay Farm Road, New London, NH 03256. Memorials: First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 356 Main Street, New London, NH 03256.

Women's Retreat

Cedarbrake Renewal Center
February 19-21, 2010

based on the book *Seven Sacred Pauses*
by Macrina Wiederkuhr

Children's Corner

Farm Day at the World Hunger Farm

Saturday, November 7
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (come and go)
Lake Shore supports the Farm through its mission budget. Our children and youth frequently work out at the Farm as well. The children of Austin Height Baptist Church from Nacogdoches (one of our SWBCCA churches) will stay in the Teen House overnight on Friday to attend this wonderful event with free pony rides, hayrides, farm animals, and farm fresh food for purchase. Hope to see you there!

"What's Worship?"

Sunday, November 8, following the children's sermon in room 201. As we approach Advent, we will learn about the Church Year.

Children's Choir & Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, November 11



Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 25
After the 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Service

It is a Lake Shore Thanksgiving tradition to taste as many different kinds of pie as possible after the Thanksgiving service. Please sign up in the hall letting us know you'll bring your favorite pie to share.



Trunk or Treat

Daniel and Rachel Farris dressed up as Dorisanne and Sharlande (pictured left). They even offered a benediction:

*As you journey from this trunk,
may you find yourselves
filled with Hershey's, Snickers,
Reese's, and Kit Kats
now and forever, yum yum!*

Lake Shore Baptist Church History



Tidbit No. 39:

We consider ourselves a welcoming and caring church—and indeed we are. It begins when we read collectively to new comers our “Welcome to New Members” printed in the worship bulletin each week:

We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God.

We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ.

We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God's kind of Love.

Ever wonder where this greeting came from? During Rhea Gray's pastorate, a “generic” version, as Deryl Fleming called it, came into use. Deryl then put it into the form we use today.

Thanks Deryl for this beautiful gift.

—Rufus Spain

Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Good News

Michelle Stokes has been awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Provident Heights Elementary where she has taught special learning classes for the last two years.

On Monday **Mike Sciretti, Jr.** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, “Feed My Lambs: The Spiritual Direction Ministry of Eighteenth-Century British Baptist Anne Dutton During the Early Years of the Evangelical Revival.” Mike will graduate in December. Lake Shore members Kim Kellison and Jim Nogalski served on his committee, along with Doug Weaver, Thomas Kidd, and Bill Pitts (chairman).

Silent Success for Shalom

We raised \$2,021 for Shalom Children's Center through the auction of the children's chairs painted by Lake Shore members. Now the chairs are on their way to Lake Shore homes in this neighborhood and as far away as Virginia, thanks to Beverly Fleming, who was here for the 50th anniversary and bid on the red chair with the crown.

What will \$2,021 do at Shalom Children's Centre in Ghana? It will provide full scholarship for fourteen children for one year. It will provide a full year's salary for three teachers. It will provide many, many meals.

Thanks to Rachel Farris and Pattie Herbert for their creativity and hard work in leading this Mission 50 project.

Wait...there's more!

The special 50th Anniversary chair is still up for auction. This chair has seen 50 years of Sunday School teachers sitting with children, teaching them Bible stories and children's songs. The chair has been signed by current and former members and is a great treasure. The bidding has begun and will end in just a few short weeks. Please make bids in \$5 increments.



Book Group

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 p.m. at the Gardners' home
13741 Riverview, 76712

We'll discuss

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Schaffer & Annie Barrows.

You don't have to be a regular to come to book group. For more information, contact Kathy Gardner (776-2757).



Prisoner volunteers that worked on a Habitat for Humanity house enjoyed lunch provided by Joe & Bessie Baxter on Wednesday, October 28.

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 8

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
4:30—Soulfriends
5:00—Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 9

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 10

10:00—Staff Meeting
11:00—Women's Bible Study
7:00—Book Group

Wednesday, November 11

Places to Serve Form Due
5:30—Supper
6:15—Children's Activities
6:30—Seminar
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
9:00—Food Pantry Opens
7:30—Poetry Group

Looking Ahead

November 15

Dedicate OCC Shoe Boxes
Advent Wreath Workshop

November 18

Deacon Nomination Forms Due
Budget Discussion

November 19

Family Self-Sufficiency

November 25

LSBCC Closes at noon
Thanksgiving Service

December 6

Advent Craft Night

Wednesday Night Supper November 11, 2009



Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes
Summer Sultry Salad
Dessert

Extended Care Visitor Cards/Ushers Sunday, November 8

Toddlers: Annette Brister
Preschool/K: Henry Kari
Visitor Cards: Molly Miller Hepp
Ian Gervais
Ushers: David & Faith Kopplin

Thank you to Faith Kopplin for providing snacks for the children in our classrooms this week.

Sincerely,
LSBCC Teachers

Staff Notes

Melinda is taking personal time off on Thursday, November 5 and Friday, November 6

Rachel will be on retreat with area children's ministers for spiritual renewal and professional development November 12-14.

Youth News

Breakfast: Miller
Dinner: Evans

Sunday Night: 5:00-7:00
"Sojourners" our Evening Bible Study. Please bring your Bible with you. Dinner is provided.

The **Fall Retreat camping trip** is November 20-22. Sign up in the Teen House. If you have any camping supplies/tents that the youth can borrow, please let Charles know.

The **Mid-Winter Retreat** is January 16-18. We are going to Latham Springs this year. Please make plans to attend. More information is coming.

Christmas Shopping

Jubilee Cookbooks make great Christmas gifts!

\$20 each

Lake Shore t-shirts make great stocking stuffers!



\$10 for short sleeved

\$12 for long sleeved

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>
\$ 360,169.62	\$ 305,813.02	\$(54,356.60)

Deacons On-Call

November
Kristi SoRelle
Deb Vardiman