

# LAKE SHORELINES



January 27, 2010

## Committee Organizing Night

Sunday, January 31

*Sandwich Bar in the hall 5:00 p.m.—Orientation in Sanctuary 5:30 p.m.*

*All committees except missions & youth will meet.*

At the 10-15 minute orientation, we'll have job descriptions, notebooks, and information about how to communicate with church office about newsletter, and Appreciative Inquiry statements for everyone. Use this time to review last year, plan this year, or both. On more than one committee? Try attending part of each or choosing one to attend while getting a report later on another. This format has worked well for us in the past, so we're re-instituting it as a way to give us common focus and good energy for our work.

Worship at  
Lake Shore

The Fifth Sunday  
of Epiphany

The Worship of God  
*January 31, 2010*

Deacon Ordination  
& Installation

## Deacon Ordination & Installation

On Sunday Van Jones will be ordained as a deacon; he will share his faith journey during worship. Six others, who have previously been ordained, will be installed as deacons.

**Van Jones** Van was a Steering Committee member for Appreciative Inquiry. He has always been a strong voice for and worker in Lake Shore's garden ministry. He served on a Youth Minister Search Committee, as part of the mentoring group for a seminary student, and as a mentor to a child in the Faithful Friends program. He is a resource to Lake Shore in its ministries to senior adults and through Meals and Wheels. He is married to Ibby and joined Lake Shore in 1989.

**Judy Davies** Judy is currently a Care Group leader, a member of the choir, the Koinonia Sunday School class, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Soul Friends prayer group. She volunteers in our food pantry and by caring for children at our Family Self-Sufficiency program. She helped begin the Poetry Group and is an active member of our retreat ministry. Last year, Judy and her husband, Jeff, directed the program for the 50th anniversary banquet. Judy joined Lake Shore in 1972.

**Andy Powell** Andy has been a member of Lake Shore all his life. He was baptized here as a sixth-grader and participated on mission trips every year. He has been a Journey to Adulthood leader with the youth. He is an usher and works in extended care. Andy and his wife, Michelle, have two little girls, Maddie and Kathryn. He was baptized Lake Shore in 1987.

**Buddy Prather** Buddy is a member of the choir and the Koinonia Sunday School class. A gifted writer and poet, he helped begin and now leads the Poetry Group. Buddy is a member of the Personnel Committee and has served on the Finance Committee and Orientation Committee. He has served as a Care Group leader and is an active member of our retreat ministry. He and his wife, Judy, joined Lake Shore in 1981.

**Martie Sauter** Martie has served as Chair of Deacons and she was a member and chair of the Missions Committee, and the Children's Center Program Board. She has a strong interest in the food pantry ministry and served as Field Instructor for our Social Work Intern. Martie is a member of Soul Friends prayer group — and a perpetual member of the Fellowship Committee, offering great hospitality during the 50th anniversary celebrations. She and Vern joined Lake Shore in 1972.

**Ashley Thornton** Ashley has offered her gifts to Lake Shore by leading us through the Appreciative Inquiry process. She is a member of the Missions Committee and links us to the community through her website. In recent years she has served as chair of the deacons, chair of Adult Education, and on the Pastor Search Committee. Ashley has been on several mission trips to New Orleans and to Kansas City. Her writing has been an important part of our Advent booklets and worship services. She and her husband, Craig, joined Lake Shore in 1991.

**Rufus Spain** Rufus wrote "Heritage and Promise: A History of Lake Shore Baptist Church, 1959-1989" and for decades has been Lake Shore's resident historian, leading numerous classes about our history. For many years he faithfully tended the garden behind the church. He has served as chair of deacons and chair of the Pastor Search Committee. He is a member of the Jesse Derrick Sunday School class and rarely misses a seminar. He raised bees behind the church and sold honey to sell on Wednesday nights. A gifted woodworker, he made the epiphillon frame, the wooden cross in the sanctuary, the Lenten cross, the Easter cross, the rack for the mugs, and dozens of nativity scenes. He and Carol joined Lake Shore in 1968.

# My Statement of Faith

*Written by Linda Olson and read in worship at her baptism on Sunday, January 24, by Patty Field.*

Religion was not a part of my up bringing, although I did feel that there was some sort of higher power. But I didn't know what to call him. Because of this I felt that I was alone and could only depend on myself. I have heard several stories about my beginnings, none of which were very good. Basically, I was found abandoned in an alley with no name or birth date. My upbringing included being told that "Your own mother didn't love you, why would you think anyone else would?" or "It's in your genes, you'll never amount to anything." I had no parents, no family and no "God", just institutions, foster homes, and state schools. After all, if there was a God, he would only abandon me just as my parents had. I did believe in heaven and hell however, because I was living in hell on earth.

I spent my life searching. Searching for meaning, for love, for a reason to live. I was introduced to many religions, denominations, and some things that were neither. Southern Baptist to Buddhist, and everything in between, in these communities when I questioned the beliefs or rituals I would be met with declarations that I just didn't believe enough or that I was evil for questioning the Bible or God.

When I became a mother, I tried to be the best Mom I could. I tried to raise my children in church and to believe in God. I would take them to church, youth activities, and Bible school but I rarely attended myself. When my children grew up and left home my life became guarded, cold and lonely. I trusted very few people and feared crowds. I truly believed that people knew, just by looking at me, that I was bad, evil, and unlovable. I didn't belong in church because even "God" couldn't love me and everyone knew it. I didn't know (and was afraid of) what this higher power had in store for me now!

A few years ago, a good friend invited me to church. She was one of the few people I trusted and I knew she would not let anyone hurt me...so I went. While there, I saw people from my past. People I looked up to. A lawyer, my college instructor, a psychologist. People who I thought were better than me, yet here I was sitting in church with them. Maybe this church was different. Maybe their God wouldn't hurt me. These people didn't act as if they knew that I had bad genes. They were all smiling and seemed to actually enjoy being around each other. They were all different races, ages, and I assumed income levels and yet they all seemed genuinely happy about seeing each other.

I began going irregularly at first and before I knew it, I was invested in Sunday School. I began talking to this God that many of them were talking about. Not with any formality, no thee or thou, just talk...as if I was talking to my friend. Sometimes angrily, sometimes pleading, sometimes just "good morning" or "hi". The more I talked to God, the more I found myself in church and the less fearful I was. I wasn't afraid of God anymore, nor was I afraid of being around groups of more than a few people. I started finding myself smiling for no reason and saying "Hi" to strangers. I found contentment. Joy even!

One Sunday morning, during the service, I kept feeling a pulling or pushing towards the front of the church. It was during communion that I whispered to Sharlande (she was standing in back of me) that "today was not a good day to join the church was it?" Her answer was, "Every day is a good day to join." I joined the church that Sunday without realizing I was in a "crowd" or that my friend (who started all of this) was no where to be found. But there was a presence next to me, even pushing a little. It could only be God! My life was really changing.

Since that day, my faith has been tested many times, sometimes daily. But instead of getting angry at God, I just talk with him. I realized that there was a presence in my life that I couldn't see or touch but was always standing next to me. Looking back at these hard times, his hands were on me or his arms around me. God was always there. He was a loving and forgiving God.

Last month this presence sat down next to me on the couch and popped me in the head. When was I going to take that final step? I never planned on another baptism or devoting myself to another community of faith, like I had many times before. But here I am...for the right reason. I believe in God and that Jesus Christ died in order that I may be saved. His blood is my blanket of salvation.

The Lord has led me here. It's been a very long road. Sixty two years of searching. I know now that I have always had a father. Now I have found my home, my family, grace, and My God.

## Missions Committee Morning Retreat

Saturday, January 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*start the day with breakfast together*

Last Sunday's worship bulletin included these words: "... your baptism was your ordination to ministry because Christ called us to give to the world precisely and only what we really have." (Paul Duke) The retreat will give us space for good conversation about how Lake Shore can give to our neighbors in our community and around the world "what we really have."

## Deacons Meeting

(2009 & 2010 Deacons)

Sunday, January 31, 4:00 p.m.

## Urban Garden Workshop

Saturday, January 30 @ LSBC

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Hosted by the HOT*

*Urban Garden Coalition.*



# Helping Haiti

Benefit Concert, Dance  
& Silent Auction

Friday, January 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

**\$5 suggested donation**

with "After Midnight" (Steve Gardner's band)  
and other musical guests.

All proceeds from the event will be used to address immediate needs for  
food, shelter, and medical assistance through:

**World Hunger Relief, Habitat for Humanity, & Doctors Without Borders**



## Sacred Pause

Lake Shore  
Women's Retreat

February 19-21, 2010  
Cedarbrake Retreat Center

Based on Macrina Wiederkehr's book *Seven Sacred Pauses*, our weekend schedule will include times to meet in the chapel for short "pauses" in our days and nights. The rest of the time is free for meals, conversation, walking the labyrinth, art projects, reading -- whatever renews your spirit. Your presence will add to the strength and joy of community.

To register, see [lakeshorewaco.org](http://lakeshorewaco.org) or e-mail [SharlandeS@aol.com](mailto:SharlandeS@aol.com) for more information.

### Good News

Karen King of Austin, daughter of Lake Shore members James and Beverly King and granddaughter of Elizabeth King, will marry Brandon Van Meter at Truett Seminary's chapel on Saturday, January 30. Sharlande will officiate.

Hanna Brooks joined Lake Shore's community on Sunday, January 24. Look for more information about Hanna in an upcoming *Shorelines* edition.

Pattie Herbert is flying to Ghana March 1-15 to visit Christiana Owusu and the Shalom Children's Center. If you would like more information about her trip please contact Pattie at [infants123@yahoo.com](mailto:infants123@yahoo.com).

### Prayers for . . .

Flo Wise, who returned this week to Dallas to have having back surgery to have a hematoma drained. The recovery process will be long, but she appreciates our prayers.

## Children's Corner

### 3rd-6th Grade Mid-Winter Retreat

**Gathering:** Friday, 5:15 p.m., LSBC driveway

**Returning:** Saturday, 4:15 p.m.

#### Things to do before you leave:

- Eat an after-school snack. We won't eat until around 6:30 p.m.
- Bring your completed paperwork and \$20 to church by Friday.
- Medication can be given to Rachel for distribution.
- Watch the weather report and bring the appropriate clothing. We will be outside a lot.
- Don't forget to bring your Bible!!!!

### Wednesday Nights

February 3 – Valentine Cards & Bake Sale Posters

February 10 – Valentine Visitation

**Bake Sale**—Sunday, February 14 to help raise money for children's camp. Parents, watch for more info to come.

### Dates for the Summer:

Bridge Builders: June 8-10      Helping Hands: June 15-17

Music Camp: July 12-18      Children's Camp: July 26-30

## Office Update

With the start of the new year, we thought we'd remind you of the church office hours and a few changes in our schedules. The church office hours continue to be the same—9-5 Monday-Thursday (closed for lunch from 12-1); 9-1 on Friday. Our staff meetings are now on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:00 and you will get the voicemail, but we'll return your call when we're done. We also now meet as a staff on Wednesday morning (most weeks) from 8:30-9:30 for breakfast. This is an important time for us to finish conversation from the day before and talk about "big agenda" items that we don't often get to in our Tuesday meetings. As for other details that may be helpful for you to know—Dorisanne has Mondays off, Sharlande has Fridays off. As for our part-time staff, Daniel can best be reached by cell phone (832-496-2017) or email ([Daniel\\_Farris@baylor.edu](mailto:Daniel_Farris@baylor.edu)). In addition to staff meetings, Rachel is in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Charles during the mornings on Monday through Thursday.

### 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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### MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday, January 31

- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:45—Worship
- 4:00—Deacons Meeting
- 5:30—Dinner and All Committees Meeting

#### Monday, February 1

- 12:00—Newsletter Deadline

#### Tuesday, February 2

- 2:30—Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 3

- 8:30—Staff Breakfast
- 5:30—Supper
- 6:15—Children's Activities
- 6:30—Seminar
- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, February 4

- 8:30—Food Pantry Breakfast
- 9:00—Food Pantry Opens
- 7:00—Centering Prayer

#### Looking Ahead

- February 6—Prayer Shawl Ministry
- February 7—Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 7—Young Adults Lunch
- February 7—Youth Super Bowl Party
- February 9—Women's Bible Study
- February 14—Children's Bake Sale
- February 16—Pancake Breakfast

### Wednesday Night Supper February 3, 2010



Mexican Stack-Up  
Chili con queso & Chips  
Sherbet & Praline  
Cookies

### Extended Care/Visitor Cards Sunday, January 31

- Toddlers: Barbara Tucker & Kelly Gervais
- Preschool/K: Terri & Mikhayla Evans
- Visitor Cards: Molly Miller Hepp  
Isabelle Murphy
- Ushers: Sunday Simbo  
and Andy Powell



### BOOK GROUP

January 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Bowman home  
(1708 Trinity)

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*  
by Lisa See

## Youth News

Breakfast: Morin  
Dinner: Miller-Compton

**Sunday Night** January 31:  
Sojourners from 5:00-7:00.  
Bring your Bible. Dinner is provided.

**February 7:** Super Bowl Party at Charles and Michelle's house.

The **Spring Retreat** is April 16-18 at Three Mountain Retreat.

**Passport** is July 11-16 in Macon, GA.

## Enneagram Introductory Workshop

"Know Your Number"  
Saturday, February 13, 9:00-4:00  
First Baptist Church, Austin  
Cost for Lake Shore members:  
\$45 includes lunch.  
If you are interested in attending  
this invitation, please e-mail  
SharlandeS@aol.com

## Mission Waco Banquet

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Lake Shore has reserved one table. If you would like to sit at it, let the church office know and turn in your check for \$35 (made payable to Lake Shore) by January 29. Buffet Dinner, Casual Dress.

### Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2010 budget of \$457,620 are \$8,800.38. This week's budget receipts were \$8,896.99.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 35,201.54	\$ 29,190.99	\$(6,010.55)

## Centering Prayer

Thursdays  
January 28 & February 4

7:00 p.m.

Lake Shore Baptist Church

An extension of Mike Sciretti's  
Centering Prayer Workshop.