

# LAKE SHORELINES

March 24, 2010

## Holy Week & Easter Services

### Palm Sunday



We begin our journey to the cross. Children lead us as we wave our palm branches by remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Children will practice during Sunday School. Toddlers and Twos are encouraged to participate, but they'll need the help of a parent.

The annual Soup Supper benefiting Haiti is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening.

### Easter Walk



Experience the stories of Jesus' last week on Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. The Easter Walk, brought to you by the Lake Shore Children's Ministry, is a drama of Jesus' final week told in seven scenes by "eye-witnesses." The drama takes place both outside and inside as the audience travels to each storyteller, listening to the stories and collecting "tokens." While the Easter Walk is geared to school-age children, people of every age are welcome. Childcare for infants-kindergarteners will be available.

### Maundy Thursday



We gather at 7:00 p.m. to remember the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin *Dies Mandati*, the day of commandment, referring to Jesus' commandment that the disciples love one another. In the music, scripture, readings, and sharing of the bread and cup of Christian communion, we will remember and give thanks.

### Good Friday

Through hymns, silence, and confession, we will commemorate the death of Jesus. This 7:00 p.m. service of darkness echoes the ancient tradition of Tenebrae, the extinguishing of candles as the passion story is read. Easter happens most fully for those who have taken seriously the suffering of God.

### Holy Saturday



On Saturday, Mike Sciretti will lead a contemplative service from 3:00-3:45 p.m. in the blue room. The service will include readings, singing and an extended period for silent meditation.

### Easter

"Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!" Resurrection Sunday is the most joyful occasion for worship in the church year. We celebrate with praise and "alleluias," words and music, soul and spirit. Before Sunday School at 9:30, bring flowers to fill the empty cross in front of the church. Worship begins at 10:45.

## Giving

*Meditation by Charles Conkin, shared in worship on Sunday, March 21, as part of the 2010 Lent series "Forging Faith"*

Since it is Lent, I'm going to confess something to you. I have a shortcoming. That is I think I can do everything. Need you car fixed, done. Grass mowed, done. Dinner cooked, done. One more for the softball team, done. Forging faith meditation for Sunday morning, done.

If there is a problem or situation I am your guy. I can do it or fix it. Placing all this work on myself is not helped by the fact that I have another fault; I have a difficult time saying "no" to things. But I like to live my life hoping it will be synonymous with giving. However, what I tend to forget is that giving is half about receiving.

And I am confronted with receiving time and time again.

I'm not sure why, but I still tend to get surprised when someone shows up at the church with a bag of groceries to donate to the pantry. It's not surprising to me that they remembered we have a pantry or that they are giving food. What surprises me is that sometimes the ones holding the donations to give are the same who come to receive food on Thursday mornings.

The conversation goes something like this: "I am in a more stable place and I want to give back so others can have more. I want to show my thanks."

And as I stand listening to their words, I think, "They are not sure what their situation will be like next month. Why don't they just store that food up and save it for when times get tough again. I know they will be back at the pantry soon." And then I remember that although the food pantry provides a place to give food it must also receive and allow others to give. It is about entering into a relationship.

Just take the gospel reading for today. Mary knows the true nature of giving. It is a relationship. Giving is not about charity. It is not lopsided. To only be on one side of the equation leaves someone empty and the other overflowing.

You see, when I was growing up in the church I was taught the good Christian value of giving your 10%. This wasn't only restricted to giving money, but of course filters down into your time, your commitment, your gifts, and your mind. God only wants a fraction of our lives, only 10%. This leaves lives isolated with no interaction. What I have come to realize is that giving is about being mindful of the people around you so that when the time comes you, too, can receive. Mary is mindful of all she received from Jesus and now she gives back, completing the cycle and forming their relationship.

When you receive it might be all of what you gave, maybe half, maybe a hug in times of sorrow, or joyous words in celebration. You may receive a hand-painted picture or poem. Or the generosity of helping hand or honesty when it is hard to hear. What you always receive is friendship.

So Mary took not 10% of a years wages worth but a year's wages of perfume and anointed the feet of Jesus. She gave of all that she had and all that she was to God. And it challenged the thinking of those who were present.



# Palm Sunday Soup Bowl Supper

March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Benefitting Mission Waco's  
ministries in Ferrier, Haiti

Special guest: Jimmy Dorrell  
Director, Mission Waco

\$15 for adults; \$5 for children

If you plan to come,  
even if you are bringing your own bowl,  
e-mail [sharlandes@aol.com](mailto:sharlandes@aol.com)  
by Saturday at noon.

We will gather Sunday night, as we do each Palm Sunday, to choose hand-crafted bowls by Waco potters and to remember those for whom empty bowls are a very real part of life. Jimmy Dorrell, who, along with his wife, Janet, has ministered in Haiti since 1984, told us this week that:

1. Relief is only the beginning of a long journey of community development that will take years. It will require ongoing compassion and generosity beyond the initial assistance in the earthquake crisis.
2. Economic development among poor women through micro-credit is begins for Mission Waco in May. It is through struggling mothers that much of poverty must be fought globally.
3. Clean water through well drilling and purification has made a huge difference in the village where Mission Waco works. New wells, drilled by Haitians in the village, are being done even now in the devastation of Port-au-Prince.



Join us Sunday night as we remember our neighbors in Haiti, where hunger is a daily need.

## Children's Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to the Children's Camp Bake Sale. We raised \$77.75!

### Children's Camp Registration

(SWBCCA for 3-6 graders)  
 July 26-30 at Lake Brownwood Retreat Center  
 Total cost: \$175 Deposit: \$50 due by April 25.  
 (fundraisers and scholarships available)

### All Things New:

### A Listening Prayer Retreat April 9-11, 2010



A Listening Prayer Retreat will provide an opportunity to claim quiet restful time of personal renewal -- a time to hear what God may have for you as a gift of spiritual refreshment. The beautiful wooded setting of Camp Arrowhead on the banks of the Brazos River will immerse you in the wonders of God's creation. God will meet you there. We enter the silence on Friday until Sunday morning. Judy Prather will guide our time with people from other churches, including Broadway in Fort Worth and Wilshire in Dallas. Brochures are in the literature rack or contact judydavies@clovermail.net for more information.

### Good News

Jeanne Dodd Murphy and her daughter, Isabelle, joined Lake Shore this Sunday, March 21. Watch next week's newsletter for more information.

Kevin Prather and Jessi Asmussen were married last week in Lawrence, Kansas

### Prayers for . . .

The family of George Batson. George died on Saturday, March 20. Services were on Tuesday, March 23.

Tillman Rodabough's father, Tillman Sr., who is in critical condition. Tillman and Carolyn are with him in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Dorothy Neatherlin, who will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 30.

### Marriage Enrichment Groups

*"Love remains and deepens, but its form changes.*

*Or, more accurately, it renews itself in a different way.*

*Less and less does it draw its water from the old springs of romance...*

*More and more, love draws its replenishment from love itself: from the practice of conscious love, expressed in your mutual servanthood to one another." ~ Cynthia Bourgeault, Love is Stronger Than Death*

These are small group communities who join together for encouragement and challenge as they strive toward a more intentional marriage. There is a group that is ready to start meeting monthly after Easter, but there is room for two more couples to join. If interested contact Rachel Sciretti.

### Food Pantry Group Meeting Monday, March 29 at noon

to complete the draft of our group covenant

Contact Charles or Sharlande for more information.

### Spring Care Group Leader Meeting

Sunday, April 11

3:30 p.m.

Dear Lake Shore faith family,

On behalf of the Texas Hunger Initiative I want to thank you for coming on Wednesday, March 17, to hear what we are about and for caring enough about hunger in your community to want to be involved. We appreciate what many of you are already doing in terms of alleviating hunger in Texas and we look forward to working with you more!

There will be another Waco Town Hall meeting in conjunction with "One Book, One Waco" coming up April 20th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the MCC campus in HPE Lecture Hall. This meeting will include a panel discussion with Texas Dept. of Ag., United States Dept. of Ag., Texas Hunger Initiative, and local leaders. We'd love to see you there!

For news and events concerning ending Hunger in Texas by 2015 visit our website [www.texashunger.org](http://www.texashunger.org)

Sincerely,

Mallory Homeyer, Lead Organizer, Texas Hunger Initiative



Every year at Easter, you have the opportunity to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love. We will adorn the front of the sanctuary with hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on

Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. **Please submit your order form and payment of \$15 each by Sunday, March 28.**

### Easter Hydrangeas

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I have included \$ \_\_\_\_\_  by check or  by cash.

## Our Church Staff

Ruth Ballew, Director  
Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center  
Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth  
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## MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, March 28

9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship  
5:00—Youth Committee Mtg  
6:30—Soup Supper

### Monday, March 29

12:00—Newsletter Deadline

### Tuesday, March 30

2:30—Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 31

8:30—Staff Breakfast  
6:30—Easter Walk  
7:30—Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 1

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

### Looking Ahead

April 8—Poetry Group

April 9-11

Listening Prayer Retreat

April 11—Young Adults Lunch

April 11—Mission Committee Mtg

April 11—Global Missions Mtg

April 11—Deacons Mtg

April 13—Women's Bible Study

April 16-18—Youth Spring Retreat

April 25—Smorgasboard

## Staff Notes

Sharlande will be in Dallas Thursday, March 25, through Friday March 26 for a retreat by Life in the Trinity Ministries titled "On Legacy, Life, and the Meaning of It All."

## Wednesday Night Supper

March 31, 2010

No Supper

## Extended Care/Visitor Cards

Sunday, March 28

Toddlers: Pam Ndi  
Kelly Gervais  
Preschool/K: Sunday Simbo  
Visitor Cards: Jonathan Pendleton  
Chandler Evans  
Ushers: Dave & Faith Kopplin

## A Tale of Two Kitchens

Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m.  
(doors open at 6:30)  
Waco Hall, Baylor University  
Admission: A canned food item

Lisa Wingate's book *The Summer Kitchen* is the spring 2010 One Book One Waco selection. Wingate draws heavily on Waco inspirations, including stories from The Gospel Cafe, where meals are served with love three days a week in the Kate Ross neighborhood, regardless of customer's ability to pay.

For information, contact Alexis Weaver  
at 757-5630 or  
(aweaver@wacochamber.com.)

## Youth News

Breakfast: McDurham  
Dinner: Soup Supper

Sunday Night March 28:  
**Soup Supper** at 6:30 Sign  
up in the church hallway.

There is a **Youth  
Committee Meeting** on  
Sunday, March 28, at 5:00  
in the Teen House.

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

**Passport** is July 11-16 in  
Macon, GA. A deposit of  
\$50 for Passport is due on  
May 2. If you are attending  
on a scholarship please let  
Charles know.

## Friends at Lake Shore,

Thank you for making Olivia's dedication such a personal, sacred day. Andy and I could not have dreamed a more beautiful worship service. Our friends and family remarked what a "personal" and "intentional" church you are. We have found such welcoming arms even though we have been here such a short time. Thank you for loving Olivia. Thank you for loving her parents.

Andy, Jaime, and Olivia McGlothlin

## 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 \$4,179.50.

Year to date needs	Year to date received	Difference
\$ 105,604.62	\$ 78,482.99	\$(27,121.63)

## Deacons On-Call

March

Bob Baird

Catherine Davenport