

# LAKE SHORELINES

August 4, 2010



When someone listens deeply to you,  
it's like holding out a dented cup  
you've had since childhood  
and watching it fill up  
with cold, fresh water.

-- Center for Courage and Renewal North Texas, August 2010

**Worship at Lake Shore**  
The Eleventh Sunday  
After Pentecost

The Worship of God  
August 8, 2010

"The Cana Koan"  
Michael Sciretti

The Scripture  
John 2:1-11; Psalm 36: 5-10

## Mike Sciretti to Preach Sunday

While Dorisanne is on sabbatical, a different Lake Shore member is preaching each week. This week we are fortunate to have Mike Sciretti preach.

Mike grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from East Texas Baptist University, where he met his wife, Rachel. The Scirettis came to Lake Shore as co-youth ministers nine years ago. Mike remained as Minister to Youth when Rachel assumed the position of Minister to Children. They have added to their family—daughters Anastasia, 4, and Zoe, 2, are also a vibrant part of the Lake Shore community. No doubt you know them and all the dancing and laughter they bring to the church.

Mike graduated from Truett Seminary in 2002 with an M.Div. In 2005 he received a certificate in formative spirituality from the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality in Pittsburgh. He graduated from Baylor University with a Ph.D. in church history in December 2009.

Mike has served as the Spiritual Formation section editor for Baylor's journal *Family and Community Ministries: Empowering through Faith*. He is a founding member of the Discerning Community for the Spiritual Formation Network of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) and serves as a spiritual formation consultant for

CBF. Mike's primary research interests are early Christian spirituality, ancient and medieval Christian mysticism, and Baptist spirituality. In January, Mike started Epiphany Ministries, offering contemplative workshops and retreats in Waco and beyond.

This summer Mike is serving as sabbatical minister at Lake Shore. He has recently led the "Wakeful Parenting" Sunday School class and a spiritual formation group based on the book *The Wisdom Way of Knowing*. He co-wrote the annual CBF prayer guide, *The Prayers of the People*. Copies are available in the office!



photo, Lela Wallis

## WaterLife

a late summer gallery of original art  
by Lake Shore's extended family

August 15

9:00-10:45 a.m.

coffee, tea, breakfast "snacks"

This will be our Sunday School that day!

Thanks to all of you who have brought paintings, photographs, and other art that reflects the gift of water.

E-mail Sharlande if you have an easel we can use,  
or if you can help set up for the gallery on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.



Each week this summer, one of Lake Shore's storytellers, poets, or essayists has offered a reflection on the gift of water. A few weeks ago Jo Pendleton wrote a beautiful reflection on the grace of floating on the water. Her words brought to mind a meditation that Lake Shore charter member Penny Edens wrote for the Advent booklet "On Earth Peace" in 2001. Penny died in 2003, and we reprint her words here because, like Jo's, Penny's words are a cool drink of water in these hot summer days. Sharlande

Everyone needs a place to retreat when the pressures and problems of life close in – a sanctuary, not for the body, necessarily, but for the mind. My own special retreat is a place where I've vacationed since I was five years old (and you who know me are aware that is a long time!). That was when my parents took me to some truly rustic cabins on the banks of the Comal River in New Braunfels – a one-mile-long, cold, spring-fed paradise – and I fell in love. Here we brought our children and grandchildren, leaving the babies in the water until their skin was wrinkled, making trip after trip upstream to swim the rapids, doctoring toes and fingers torn by trying to catch the rocks.

Those cement-floor screened camp houses – no air conditioning or fans, of course – have long since been torn down and replaced. Now everything is commercialized, and there are hundreds of people and lovely condominiums with a grassy lawn that stretches down to the water. And I am ready for the amenities such as air conditioning, a soft bed, and a complete kitchen.

We get up early here and take our chairs down to the edge of the river where you can see the rocks and ferns and little fish on the bottom. Tiny turtles play among the reeds. There is no sound except the birds, the soft rush of water, and the occasional plop as a fisherman's bait breaks the surface. As we look upstream the water appears deep and mysterious with the shadows of over-hanging tree limbs obscuring the depths. Although we cannot quite see it, we know that just downstream the current quickens as it approaches the dam from the old mill, which makes the rapids exciting. How can one not believe in God's creation in such a perfect, peaceful place?

All too soon, as the sun warms the air, the tubers begin to appear – just a few at first, but then large groups and long trains, shouting cheerfully at each other and screeching as they enter the icy water. Until we are ready to join them, we retreat to our quarters and watch the activity from the cool quiet behind our huge glass windows.

At some time during those first years I formed a picture that brings me perfect peace, and I see it frequently. I am lying on my back, floating effortlessly, arms outflung and hair fanned free. The warm sun is shining on my face, glowing red behind my closed lids. The gentle motion of the water rocks and soothes me, and in spite of the current I remain in that one place as the cool water flows around me. No worries, no thoughts, no cares. Surely, this must be what heaven is like!

—Penny Edens

#### Water resources:

Many of you were eager to find out more information after our wrap-up seminar for the summer water focus.

- We showed a clip from the documentary, **Blue Gold**, about the international water crisis, and the politics of water. That and **Water First**, about water and the Millennium Development Goals, are available to borrow from Sharlande.
- Rick Allen shared with us tips about household water consumption and conservation, and also introduced many of us to the term **xeriscaping**—landscaping for our particularly climate, precipitation and ground types.
- Other online resources offer a wide range of tips and tools for education, involvement, and activism, including:

[WateringMalawi.org](http://WateringMalawi.org)

[WaterIsLifeInternational.org](http://WaterIsLifeInternational.org)

[Water1st.org](http://Water1st.org)

[TheWaterProject.org](http://TheWaterProject.org)

## Day of Service

Saturday, September 11

for missions through Lake Shore Baptist Church

In the spirit of other days of service like "eleven on eleven," we will celebrate this day by spending the morning giving through the work of our hands — painting, cooking, gardening, repairing, and scrubbing. Our focus will be missions that happen on-site at Lake Shore — the Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, the Mountainview Garden, and Family Self-Sufficiency. We will work to prepare our spaces to more effectively do ministries in these areas. Because September 11 is also a framing day for Building on Faith, we will also send a team to Habitat. Choose a project, sign up on one of the clipboards in the hall, and join us for a morning of breakfast, lunch, and service.



## Children's Corner

August Sunday School for  
1st-6th graders

8th: Youth-led Sunday School  
15th: Art Gallery Scavenger Hunt  
22nd: Year-in-Review  
29th: Promotion Sunday



**Smiling faces at Children's Camp last week!**  
Jonathan Pendleton, Chandler Evans, Zane McDurham,  
Kaitlin Wilson, Isabelle Murphy, Bruce Evans, Rachel  
Sciretti and Debbie York.

## Sabbath

Women's Retreat  
Cedarbrake Renewal Center

January 21-23, 2011

(note different date  
per Cedarbrake's need to change)

### *Heat Wave!*

*It's hot, without sign of much relief-*

Remember as we try to stay comfortable in the church building that we also need to be good stewards of our resources. Keep doors and windows closed, and turn off lights when you leave a room. We try to keep the thermostats set and kept at reasonable temperatures. If you need to change them, please change them back!



### **Good News**

Joan Rectenwald's granddaughter Cara Layne Vasek received a Presidential Excellence Award Medal for being commended in all areas of TAKS and was part of the Midway Little League Allstars, who won the 09-10 state championships and were undefeated in play!

### **Prayers for . . .**

Jim Hooper, who welcomes visitors. Call first to check on a good time to come.

Carol Younger and David Davis' mother, Bennie Ruth Davis, who is in ICU at Scott & White following several heart surgeries.

Marvin "Cowboy" Holcomb, who is making the most of every day with Jonathan and Evan.

Sybil Smitherman, Ben Eakin's mother, who is at home.

Linda McGennis and the family of her sister Ann Lacy, as they care for their beloved Gigi.

### Summer and Fall Wednesday Nights *three important things*

1. **Thank you, summer cooks!** You made it possible for us to gather around the tables mid-week and celebrate community. Thank you Bereshith Sunday School Class, Prayer Shawl Ministry, church staff, Deacons, Irons & Jones families and friends, Missions committee, Choir, Care Groups, and the Youth Group.
2. **Wednesday night surveys.** In order to plan more effectively, we'd like your ideas about our yearly and weekly schedule, cost of meals, menus, and seminars. Please take a few minutes to fill out a short survey with your ideas. You can find it in the office or at [lakeshorewaco.org](http://lakeshorewaco.org). Please return it to the church office by August 15.
3. **Fall supper reservations**
  - **Standing reservations:** confirm your reservation by e-mailing [lbaptistchurch.org](http://lbaptistchurch.org) or calling the church office by August 20.
  - **Cancelling reservations:** In order to shop and plan for the right amount of people who eat supper each week, it is very important that you cancel reservations for the weeks you will not be here.
  - **Weekly or guest reservations:** You may make reservations for yourself or for guests the Tuesday before the Wednesday super you plan to attend. This insures enough food for guests as well as for those with standing reservations.

### Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth  
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor  
 Daniel Farris, Minister of Music  
 Meredith Holladay, Summer Office Manager  
 Gordon Lawrence, Building Superintendent  
 Janya Martin, Organist  
 Melinda Reynolds, Office Manager  
 Rachel Sciretti, Minister to Children  
 Mike Sciretti, Summer Sabbatical Minister  
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### MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### *Sunday, August 8*

9:30—Sunday School  
 10:45—Worship  
 4:00—Committee on Building and Grounds Priorities  
 4:30—Soulfriends  
 5:00—Deacons Meeting

#### *Monday, August 9*

11:45—Staff Meeting  
 12:00—Newsletter Deadline

#### *Tuesday, August 10*

#### *Wednesday, August 11*

7:00—Youth meet at Teen House to go to Schlitterbahn  
 5:30—LSBCC Board Meeting

#### *Thursday, August 12*

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

#### Looking Ahead

August 15: WaterLife Art Gallery  
 August 19: 7 p.m.—Poetry Group  
 September 11: Day of Service  
 September 18: Deacons Retreat

### Wednesday Night Supper August 11 & 18

*No Supper  
 No Seminar  
 No Choir Practice*

### Extended Care/Visitor Cards Sunday, August 8

Toddlers: Faith Kopplin  
 Preschool/K: Mike Anderson  
 Visitor Cards: Connor Wright  
 Layton Coker  
 Ushers: Sunday Simbo,  
 Barbara Tucker, Abanda Zofoa,  
 & Andy Powell

#### Staff Notes:

Daniel will be on vacation (in Italy!) August 2-August 12.  
 Charles will be in Round Rock for training August 13.

## Youth News

Breakfast: **Morin**  
 Dinner: **Vardiman**

**Sunday Night:** Bible Study at Charles and Michelle's house from 5:00-7:00. **Bring your Bible**, dinner is provided.

August 11: **Schlitterbahn** Trip Cost is \$10 plus one meal on the way back to Waco. **Meet at the Teen House at 7:00am.**

Printed copies of sermons from David Tonghou (7/4), Sharlande Sledge (7/11), Lidija Novakovic (7/25), and Meredith Holladay (8/1) are available in the literature rack.

*Deacons Meeting  
 this Sunday  
 August 8  
 5:00 p.m.*

Choir Practice will resume  
 Wednesday, August 25th—7:30 p.m.  
 The choir would love to have you join!

### 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 \$8,671.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 272,811.92	\$ 205,153.50	\$(67,658.42)

### Deacons On-Call

**August**  
 Gary Miller  
 Judy Davies