

LAKE SHORELINES

January 19, 2011

The Beatitudes

from *The Message*, Eugene Peterson

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

“You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

“You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

“You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

“You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.”

Matthew 5.1-12

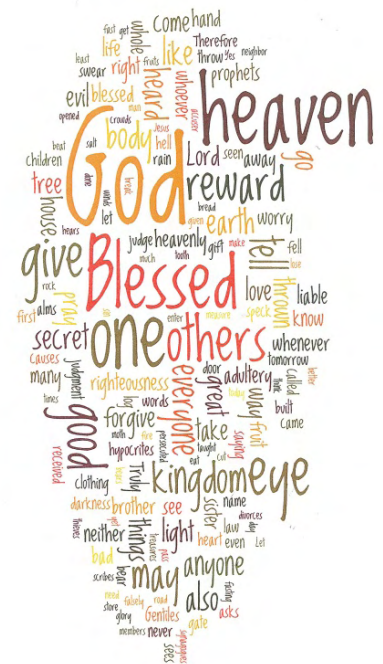
Worship at Lake Shore
The Third Sunday
after Epiphany

The Worship of God
January 23, 2011

“Blessed”

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture
Matthew 5.1-12



Last week we listened to entire “Sermon on the Mount” from taken from *The Message* translation by Eugene Peterson. Beginning with the Beatitudes this week, we will systematically work through this somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar, somewhat comforting, somewhat disturbing account of Jesus’ sayings.

Giving Matters

From time to time members of our Stewardship Committee will be writing about why giving to the church is a matter of great importance to them..

When I think of giving to the church, I am reminded of my dad. Being a child of the Depression, Daddy was pretty specific about how money should be spent. Many of the everyday pleasures of my friends were considered to be frivolous luxuries at our house. It wasn't that we couldn't *afford* to go out to dinner, but Daddy insisted that we shouldn't waste money. However, one thing was never cut out of the budget -- giving to the church. Daddy sat at his big desk and filled out an envelope for each of us. That's not to say he checked the boxes about: "did you visit anyone this week?" or "did you read your Bible daily?" We just knew that everyone in the family should contribute to the church.

After Steve and I were married and moved from Dallas to Austin, it was Steve who made me get out of bed and go start visiting churches. But after we joined one, it was Daddy's voice that still whispered in my ear, "fill out your envelope and be glad to 'take your tithe into the storehouse' of the church." It was good advice. When I think of the central role that one church after another has played in the faith development of our family, and when I think of the needs of the world, it's the very least that we can do.

—Kathy Gardner

Lake Shore Marriage Enrichment Group Thursday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage enrichment is for couples who want to make a good marriage even better. Lake Shore has a history of supporting marriage enrichment dating back to the mid-seventies. Many Lake Shore couples have benefitted from the knowledge, skills and support gained from being in a marriage enrichment group.

The group is facilitated by Lake Shore's own Genie and Preston Dyer nationally certified marriage enrichment leaders and trainers. In addition to developing Lake Shore marriage enrichment program, the Dyers have developed programs with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission and have trained hundreds of couple to lead marriage enrichment events nationally and internationally.

— Genie Dyer

Sabbath

Women's Retreat

Think sunshine and soft pillows in the midst of winter!

Think community and good conversations at the table.

Think a few days away to renew and refresh in the grace of God's love.

Think a winding labyrinth and a centering place.

Think spaciousness. Think Sabbath.

As of Thursday morning, forty-four women are signed up to go on the retreat. Our prayers are with them this weekend for all the gifts that Sabbath brings.



Pam Allen	Linda McGennis
Kay Avant	Jaime McGlothlin
Annette Brister	Tricia Meyer
Hanna Brooks	Harriet Morrow
Donna Casstevens	Kay Neugebauer
Lou Clark	Linda Olson
Dorisanne Cooper	Jo Pendleton
Thelma Cooper	Louise Powell
Judy Davies	Judy Prather
Linda Davis	Sarah Randles
Missy Davis	Joan Rectenwald
JoLeen Eiklenborg	Juli Rosenbaum
Emily Fau	Laine Scales
Patty Field	Sharlande Sledge
Deborah Harris	Kristi SoRelle
Pattie Herbert	Ashley Thornton
Meredith Holladay	Barbara Tucker
Loeen Irons	Debbie Ucci
Ibby Jones	Deb Vardiman
Lori Jones	Jane Vardiman
Faith Kopplin	Natalie Webb
Sandy Londres	Tammy Woods

Wednesday Night Seminars "Living the Questions"

We have begun our second round of "Living the Questions" discussions during seminar time. Thanks to Meredith Hollday and Natalie Webb, who are serving as ministerial associates, for their excellent leadership in guiding these sessions.

Next week's topic, "The Prophetic Jesus," will examine the ways Jesus stood firmly in the tradition of the prophets of Hebrew Scripture - those who offered a clear and challenging "alternative script" to the status quo.

Natalie Webb will lead this session. She Natalie did an internship for the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington and teaches classes on the L-SAT for The Princeton Review. Natalie is a Truett student whom we're extremely fortunate to have at Lake Shore.





Young Adult Lunch Sunday, January 23 Potluck after worship

at home of Charles Conkin & Michelle Stokes
(2605 Live Oak)
Meat provided. Bring side dish to share.



In the past Lake Shore has reserved a table for the **Mission Waco Annual Banquet**. This year the banquet is on February 2. A 10-person table costs \$350, or \$35 per person.

Right now we have 11 people of signed up. ***If we get 9 more people to commit***, Lake Shore will reserve TWO tables. Please contact the church office by January 30 if you would like to sit at a Lake Shore table.



Music Committee Meeting
Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.
in the church office

Family Self-Sufficiency
Thursday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m.



Alliance of Baptists

Highland Park Baptist
Austin, Texas
regional meeting for Texas churches
February 18 & 19

Register online at
<http://www.allianceofbaptists.org/>.

Worship leaders:
Kyle Childress & Marcus McFaul

Prayers for . . .

Joyce and Dan McKee. Joyce is having outpatient surgery at Scott & White on Friday. Following a fall at home, Dan moved to The Courtyard in Hewitt on Tuesday.

Robert Goldsmith, who is at St. Catherine's following a fall in which he suffered a concussion.

Willie Hobbs' brother, John Hobbs of Fort Worth, is seriously ill.

Linda Olson went from church to Providence Thursday morning and is currently having tests run.

Marian Funderburk's mother, Mildred, who is in the Scott & White re-hab center at the old Hillcrest Hospital on Herring.

Jim Hooper, who is back home waiting for meeting with surgeon.

Children's Corner

Spring Retreat

Three Mountain Retreat Center
March 18 & 19

Wednesday nights for school-agers:

From 6:00-7:30 p.m. Kenda Bilberry is leading this time that will involve inside and outside activities, special guests from the community, hands-on missions projects, and learning about local and global ministries, a good mix of learning and fun (often at the same time!).



Mid-Winter Retreat Lake Shore youth and adults

Back row—Charles Conkin, Kimberly Gibson, Jon-Kelly Gervais, Maya Davis, Eric Clark, Rebecca Mosley, Mikhayla Evans, Chelsea Jones, Crystal Jones, Hanna Brooks, Arianna Cosme. Middle row—Michelle Stokes, Zane McDurham, Brittany Ybarra, Demaurea Chappell. Kneeling—Matthew Reynolds, Dakota McDurham, Meredith Holladay, Jeff Davies.

Our Church Staff

Charles Conkin, Minister to Youth
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
 Daniel Farris, Minister of Music
 Meredith Holladay, Asst. Office Manager
 Gordon Lawrence, Building Superintendent
 Janya Martin, Organist
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 23

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

Monday, January 24

11:45—Staff Meeting
 12:00—Newsletter Deadline
 7:00—Music Committee Mtg

Tuesday, January 25

Wednesday, January 26

5:15—Supper
 6:00—Children's Activities
 6:20—Seminar
 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27

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

Looking Ahead

January 30—Committee Chairs Mtg
 February 6—Souper Bowl of Caring
 February 8—Women's Bible Study
 February 12—Prayer Shawl Group
 February 13—Piano Dedication
 February 13—Deacons Meeting

Wednesday Night Supper January 26, 2011



Tilapia
 corn casserole
 slaw & dessert

Extended Care/Visitor Cards Sunday, January 23

Toddlers:	Sunday Simbo
Preschool/K:	Patty Field
Visitor Cards:	Lawyah Kari Derek Gregor
Ushers:	Lori & Troy Jones

Staff Notes

Meredith will be out Thursday, January 27 through Sunday, January 30.

Youth News

Breakfast: **Gervais**
 Dinner: **Davis**

Thanks to all the chaperones and youth for an enjoyable time at the Mid-Winter Retreat.

January 23: **Sojourners** 5:00-7:00. Bring your Bible. Dinner is provided.

Super Bowl Party: February 6 at Charles and Michelle's House.

The dates for **Passport** are **July 18-July 23** in St. Louis, MO.

Judy & Gary Bowman's address for the next 18 months:
 1705 Florin St.
 Silver Spring, MD 20902

2010 Finance Update

The Finance Committee gave a 2010 year-end report to the Deacons, and the news was quite good. Despite a slow start from a revenue standpoint, we finished 2010 with a 4% surplus vs. our 2010 revenue goal. In addition, expenses came in 4% below the 2010 budget. As a result of both of these factors, we added almost \$36,887 to our operating reserves. Mike Raymond, chair of the Finance Committee, said "We need to extend special thanks to all of the members of our congregation who saw that we were having a challenging year, and stepped-up their contributions in the last half of the year. In addition, our budget line owners did really good work in eliminating unnecessary costs. All in all, everyone pulled together and did a magnificent job!"

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2011 budget of \$446,608 are \$8,588.62. This week's budget receipts were \$6,239.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 25,765.85	\$ 21,453.40	\$(4,312.45)

Deacons On-Call

January
 JoLeen Eiklenborg