

LAKE SHORELINES

January 4, 2017



Epiphany Blessing

If you could see the journey whole
you might never undertake it;
might never dare the first step
that propels you from the place
you have known toward
the place you know not.
Call it one of the mercies
of the road: that we see it
only by stages as it opens
before us, as it comes into
our keeping step by
single step.
There is nothing for it
but to go
and by our going take the vows
the pilgrim takes:
to be faithful to the next step;
to rely on more than the map;
to heed the signposts
of intuition and dream;
to follow the star
that only you will recognize;
to keep an open eye
for the wonders that attend the path;
to press on beyond distractions
beyond fatigue

beyond what would tempt you
from the way.
There are vows
that only you will know;
the secret promises
for your particular path
and the new ones
you will need to make
when the road is revealed
by turns you could not
have foreseen.
Keep them, break them,
make them again:
each promise becomes part of the
path; each choice creates
the road that will take you
to the place where at last
you will kneel to offer the gift
most needed—
the gift that only you can give—
before turning to go
home by another way.

*Epiphany blessing,
"For Those Who Have Far to Go,"
and art by Jan Richardson.*

Worship at Lake Shore

Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2017

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Matthew 2:1-12

A Church Reception Honoring Daniel, Rachel, and Ava Farris

Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2017
4:00—6:00 p.m.

at the Bellingers' home
68 Sugar Creek Place





“The Other Side of Waco” Tour

Sunday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch after worship at the
World Cup Café.

This Mission Waco tour is an excellent entry point for those wanting to more clearly understand the realities of poverty in our city. Participants will hear about and see many program sites, sections of north/east/downtown Waco, and other locations to raise awareness of issues relating to poverty.

Mission Waco's "Other Side of Waco" tour begins at Mission Waco headquarters near North 15th and Colcord Avenue to J. J. Flewellen in East Waco. Until the building of the Jubilee Market, some neighborhoods lived miles away from the nearest grocery store. Some still live that far from the nearest Post Office.

Tour guides talk about the history and effects white-flight had on once popular areas and how recessions, the shifts in industry, and road development split neighborhoods in half, as well as the historical, cultural, and economical aspects of the community.

People on the tour will also see how community organizations such as NeighborWorks, Waco Community Development Corps, and Habitat for Humanity help people in need.

Jimmy Dorrell, Executive Director for Mission Waco, explained that by touring these areas people become educated, more comfortable and possibly moved to get involved. "There's all this mystery and fear. The tour helps alleviate some of that and then of course the educational part is that they really begin to understand why poverty is what it is."

We have reserved two vans and two tour guides for January 15 at 2:00 p.m. We invite you to join us at the World Cup Café for lunch after worship or at 1:45 at N. 15th and Colcord to board the vans for the 1½ hour tour. Please email mvsauter@hotmail.com or sharlande@lakeshorebcwaco.org by January 8 if you would like to make reservations.

— *Sponsored by the Missions Table.*

God's Love Made Visible Missions Tree Wrap-Up

Thanks to the generosity of Lake Shore members, our Advent Missions Tree's gifts made a difference in the world, both locally and globally. More than 120 requests were fulfilled for several ministries.

Our Children's Center received a dollhouse, doll clothes, toy traffic signs, musical instruments, and scholarships to benefit some of its children, and the Food Pantry received boxes of diapers in much needed sizes.



Twenty-seven hygiene kits were assembled for Mission Waco to distribute to homeless men and women, and funds were donated to purchase more than a dozen space heaters for Meals & Wheels clients. Several of you provided household items such as cookware, toasters, table settings, dishes, and pots & pans to families moving from the Family Abuse Center. World Hunger Relief received soup bowls, food service implements, and hammers.

Former member Jo Pendleton expressed gratitude for the women and children hoodies we sent to the San Antonio Interfaith Welcome Coalition for refugees from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. She shared that the mother of a blind 3 year old who is facing renal failure “speaks with tears about people far away who want to help.”

Syrian women who are refugees in Turkey created the ornaments we used on our tree this year to make a living for themselves and their children. You also assisted refugee children through our gifts to the Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development; the funds will be used to purchase clothing, shoes, and nutritious meals. You gave kitchen goods, pots & pans, a rug and a lamp, and walking shoes to refugees who are settling in the Dallas area with the help of the International Rescue Committee.

Children who attend Shalom Children's Center in Ghana will have chairs in their classroom and glass windows on their school building. And children at the Talitha Koum Nurture Center have a new Tonka truck to play with among themselves. Other gifts included essential items such as plastic cups and forks, disinfecting wipes, and pull-ups. The recently opened Good Neighbor Settlement House received extension cords and funds to purchase a heater for its back porch.

Thanks also to the volunteers who made the Missions Tree a reality—Carol Bice, Judy Bowman, Annette Brister, Ellen Brown, Celia Dupree, Patty Field, Naomi Fox, Henry Kari, Faith Kopplin, Sandy Londos, Martie Sauter, and Jennifer Warren. Without their assistance from stitching jewel stones on the ornaments to hanging the ornaments on the tree to helping you sign up for projects, this annual missions event would not have been so successful.

Glad Epiphany day to all of you!

Thinking About Matters That Matter



Beginning with Socrates and Plato, a brief tour of the history of Western Philosophy and its impact on Christian Theology (with a side glance at Eastern Thought: Confucianism and Daoism).

Wednesday night seminar series led by Bob Baird Beginning January 11, 6:15 p.m.

We are delighted that Bob Baird will lead our first Wednesday night seminar of 2017.

He and his wife, Alice, joined Lake Shore in 1968 when he became a member of the Department of Philosophy at Baylor, and their three children—Kathy, Rob, and Susan—grew up here. The Bairds have been a beloved part of Lake Shore for 47 years. Bob and Alice have repeatedly expressed appreciation for the supportive role of this community when their daughter Kathy died in February 2012.

Bob became chair of the department in 1987, a position he held for 18 years. He continued to teach full-time and serve as University Ombudsperson for Faculty until his retirement in May 2014. In 1993 Bob was named University Master Teacher.

Most of his writings have been in the areas of ethics, social issues, and philosophy of religion. His published essays include "The Creative Role of Doubt in Religion," "On Bad Luck: Job and Jesus," and "The Deep Spirit of the Enlightenment: A Defense." Among his edited books are two edited with his daughter Kathy Baird Darmer: *Morality, Justice, and the Law* and *Civil Liberties vs. National Security in a Post-9/11 World*.

Bob currently serves as a deacon and recently served on the pastor search committee. Any seminar he teaches at Lake Shore draws a crowd; everyone appreciates Bob's thoughtful approach to questions of faith, and everyone values his wisdom and insight.

Children's Corner

Beginning this Sunday we'll be back to our normal schedule with Sunday School at 9:30 - and Wednesday night supper, playground & missions time will begin on January 11.

Preschool Sunday School Change

Beginning on January 8, Louise Powell & Kay Bailey's Sunday School class (2-5 year olds) will be splitting in two. The new "**Toddler Class**" will go with Ms. Kay (ages 18 months-3 years) and they will be in the same room as before, 2nd on the right. The new "**Preschool Class**" (ages 4-5) will be with Ms. Louise and they will meet in the Extended Care room (3rd on the right). There is flexibility to the age boundaries in these classes - if you have a concern about which class your child should attend please let us know and we will be happy to work it out!

Celebrations...

Karyn Miller and Joe Brooks were married at Lake Shore on Tuesday, December 27.

Prayers for...

Annette Brister fell on Saturday night at her daughter's house in Georgetown. She had surgery on Sunday morning at St. David's Hospital in Georgetown to repair her broken hip. She is waiting to transfer to rehab soon, possibly today.

Her daughter Robin, from Michigan, is with her. Robin will stay until her mother gets situated in rehab in Waco.

Fred Carey, who had surgery for an abdominal blockage on Saturday, December 31. The surgery went well; the doctors were pleased. Fred was in Georgia, visiting Gerri, who is taking care of her mother.

Mike Frisch continues to make progress at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas. He anticipates coming home later this month.

Milly Held, on the death of her husband, Cokie Held; Joanne Cummings and Melinda Brunger on the death of their father. Cokie's service was held at Lake Shore on Friday, December 20.

Kerry Irons, on the death of his brother, Don Irons, whose service was in Dodge City, Kansas, on Friday, December 30. Click [here](#) for the obituary.

Barbara Tucker is having another surgery on her hand on January 9.

The family of Bobbee Watts, member of Lake Shore from 1990 to 2011. Bobbee died in Kingwood, TX after suffering from lymphoma for several months. Her graveside service was at Waco Memorial Park on Tuesday, January 3. Among her many gifts to our church was her time spent in collaboration with other Lake Shore artists, making our Advent banner each year.



Nancie Wingo, good friend of Sharlande's and part of our extended Lake Shore family since she was a missionary in Gaza from 1987-1996, died on Christmas Eve. Her service will be at Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth on Saturday, January 7. Click [here](#) to read the obituary.

Food Pantry at Carver Park

Anyone who is interested in joining Louis at Carver Park on Friday morning to learn the practical steps about the food pantry ministry, please join him there between 10:00 and 11:00. If you are available to help Gordon and Louis move our food pantry supplies and equipment to Carver Park next week, please let one of them know.

Our Church Staff

Kathy Coleman,
 Director, LSBC Children's Center
 Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Claire Helton, Minister to Children
 Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
 Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8

9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—Worship
 3:00—Newsletter Deadline
 4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, January 10

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

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

Wednesday night supper January 11

Green chili chicken spaghetti
 and black beans
 children, \$3.00
 youth & adults, \$6.00

*Write Krysta@lakeshorebcwaco.org by
 Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.*

Weekly Youth Update

January 8th

Sunday evening youth
 meetings start back

January 22nd

First Company of Parents
 Meeting of the year

January 27-29th

Mid-Winter Retreat

*Have we left anything out of the
 youth update? Email
zach@lakeshorebcwaco.org and let us
 know.*

Lake Shore Women's Retreat

Cedarbrake

Renewal Center

February 24-26

Kathy Reid, leader

We still have a few spaces left.



Retreat balance due
 January 30.

Thank you . . . to Rachel Farris, who creatively and deliciously coordinated our Wednesday night supper desserts the past three years. Whenever she didn't have a volunteer to fix dessert, she tried a new recipe herself, and we were never without the "icing on the cake" and calories "we needed" — or not! She took on a big job and did it exceptionally well.

Thank you . . . to Marie Allen, who has come in every Wednesday morning for the past year-plus and fixed the tea, lemonade, and coffee; put out the plates, silverware, and cups and gotten the room ready for the supper crowd.

Let Sandy or Sharlande know if you can do one of these jobs this spring.

Volunteers for Sunday, January 8

Extended Care:	Amy Coker
Ushers:	Claudia Beal
	Ron Beal

Children Center News

The children's center is need of a washer. Please let Kathy or Brittany know if you can help with this!
lsbcc1@hotmail.com



Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2017 budget of \$486,000 are \$9,346.15. This week's budget receipts were \$7,164.00.

Year to date needs
 \$9,346.15

Year to date received
 \$7,164.00

Difference
 (\$2,182.15)

To give online, please click [here](#).