

Prayer for the World

offered in worship on Epiphany Sunday by Bill Bellinger

When Kyndall asked me to offer a prayer for the world, I immediately thought of one of the several aphorisms to which I often retreat, this one originating with Margaret Thatcher as she was leaving the office of Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, having been forced out of office by her own party. While shaking her head, she was heard to say, "It's a funny ol' world!" Our world is funny in the sense of incomprehensible and shocking and laughable. If possible, let us pray for our "funny ol' world."

O God, keep us mindful of our world.
Remind us to weep
and scream
and laugh
and shake our heads
when we remember our world.
Please accept our weeping and screaming
and laughing and shaking our heads
as our prayers
for our "funny ol' world."

for our "funny ol' world.." We do not understand people of faith killing each other; trust of others is in short supply and we wonder. we encounter grief and illness in our community and elsewhere and struggle with it. we agonize when we look at our world. And still, we laugh when we see the often small and surprising things that bring us joy. O God, we beg you to embrace our world and all its inhabitants and make clear "None shall be afraid." For your grace and your hope and your courage we pray. Give us wisdom to know how to join you in making your grace and love visible, as did the wise ones of old who came from the East. We pray in the name of the one who incarnated divine grace and love and wisdom, even the Christ Child. Amen.

Worship at Lake Shore The Baptism of the Lord

The Worship of God

January 15, 2017

Sermon

Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Thinking About Matters That Matter

Wednesday night seminar series



led by Bob Baird

Beginning January 11, 6:15 p.m.

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).

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 48 years. Bob and Alice have repeatedly expressed appreciation for the supportive role of this community when their daughter Kathy died in February 2012.

In addition to his numerous roles at Lake Shore, Bob has always given us wise counsel as a philosopher and theologian. Bob became chair of the Baylor Department of Philosophy 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.

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Several organizations have asked us to let you know about events they are planning on or before Monday, January 16, in honor of MLK Day.

The Waco NAACP will host its annual Martin Luther King Spaghetti Lunch at St. Luke's AME on Church St. on Friday, January, 13 at 11AM-1PM. Many people are purchasing lunches for shut-ins and handicap individuals. The Waco NAACP will deliver to these folks and to offices.

Phi Delta Kappa, the teaching sorority, is holding its Commission on Civil Rights tomorrow, January 12, at 6:30PM at the East Waco Library. The event is free and a meal will be provided. Our speaker will be defense attorney, Michelle Tuegel, on the "Power of Juries in the Fight for Criminal Justice."

Report from the Music Committee

The Music Committee is actively recruiting for both our open music minister and organist positions. The members of the Music Committee are Judy Davies, Myrl Luper, Nate Myrick, Tom Hanks, Jerry Gordon, Beth Farwell, Kay Avant, and Bruce Evans. Please

contact one of us if you have questions, concerns, or possible leads. We have someone identified to fill in on organ January 29 and February 5, and February 12. I will continue to provide you all with regular updates on Wednesday evenings and through the newsletter about how things are progressing. — *-Bruce Evans*

Meals on Wheels needs a driver for Wednesday from 10:30-11. Contact Pat Lucas for more information.



Remembering Nancie Wingo



Nancie in Beirut, photo, Life Magazine

Nancie Wingo has been part of Lake Shore's extended family since 1987 when our children and I first met her in east Texas. She was our camp missionary between her previous career assignment, teaching at Beirut Baptist School, and her new assignment,

teaching English at the nursing school in Gaza — between sniper fire and the *intifada*; in Nancie's words, she was "jumping from the frying pan into the fire." I had been ordained two months earlier; she was a cheerleader for women in ministry. Our friendship deepened through letters and my two visits to Gaza in the 1990's. Meanwhile, Lake Shore and the BWA gave money for a five-floor library-clinic in Gaza. Our Bike-a-thon raised money for school uniforms for children at Atfaluna School for the Deaf in Gaza. We have supported the tiny Christian community at Gaza Baptist Church through Soup Suppers. Nancie spoke at Lake Shore numerous times, and, I have told, written, or preached Gaza stories continually!

The nature of our prayers for Nancie changed over the years — from those for a woman teaching in a war-zone to a friend diagnosed with cancer. Lake Shore's prayers for her, always, and especially since August 2014 meant the world to her — and to me. Some of you had never met her, but you never failed to ask me how she was doing. I am so grateful.

Shortly after she was diagnosed, Nancie asked me to speak at her memorial service. Given the grand fullness of her life — all the spark, vitality, generosity, joy, and humor that filled her days right up until the very end — composing a seven-minute remembrance was indeed a daunting editorial task. But Nancie had given me specific instructions: "Sharlande, you can talk

about friendship a little bit, but I want you to say something about how much I love the Muslim people." Following her direction, I wrote my final gift to my dear friend. Here are two short excerpts from my words at her service at Broadway in Fort Worth last Saturday:

About our friendship: "Nancie had a profound influence on all the Christians and Muslims she met. And she had a singular influence on my life, not because she set out to teach me anything but because she invited me into her world. Through her respect for the religious culture of the Arab people, she gave me a lasting heart for a part of the world I had never encountered. She taught me that I can move through anything, schway, schway, little by little. She taught me to make my natural flexibility a strength and to live gratefully in the present. Each time I drove home to Waco after visiting her, even in these past two years when she was ill, I felt energized, encouraged, blessed. She always, always lifted my spirits.."

About her love for the Muslim people: "I remember her brother Hal saying, that, if anything, her commitment to the Lebanese people deepened during that time. [when she was forced out of Beirut by order of the U. S. government, not by the war]. Nancie's own words echoed his observations: "What kind of person would I be if I said to the Lebanese, 'Your life isn't secure anymore, so I'm going to get out of here!" The students were important to me when I first went to Lebanon, and they were no less important when life was difficult. Wouldn't I be a hypocrite to stay for the good years and leave for the bad? I don't understand why is it better to risk your life for a military or scientific cause than to risk your life to help people, people who are trying to maintain some goodness in a world that is caving in around them. We were called to reflect God's love and light in this small, hurting, and dark part of the world.

For all the ways Nancie reflected God's Light, I am so grateful,

Sharlande

Read the full memorial service text here.

Children's Corner



Wednesday Night Missions begins again tonight! Children K-6 will be together in a class co-taught by Claire Helton and Barb Francis, using CBF's "Spark" curriculum to learn about the mission of God in the world and how our church is partnering with CBF missionaries to make God's dream our reality.

The Children's Education Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the Spring & Summer. Please feel free to contact me this week if there are any concerns, ideas, suggestions, or other issues you'd like us to discuss!



Dance and Silent Auction Friday, February 10, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Lake Shore

featuring the band

After Midnight and special guests

\$10 suggested donation

All proceeds benefit the International Rescue Committee

Sponsored by the Global Missions covenant group

Celebrations...

Layton Coker wrote a reflection in *Seeds of Hope*. Nathan Allen is featured in an article in *Seeds of Hope*. Zach Helton wrote an article in *Seeds of Hope*. Read the articles here.

Prayer concerns...

Annette Brister is at St. Catherine's for rehab, following surgery in Georgetown for a broken hip.

Jeff Davies is having heart bypass surgery today, Wednesday, January 11, at Providence. Please pray for him and Judy and his mother, Nylda.

Bernard Morin had surgery in Paris on Monday morning to correct something from his heart surgery last year.

An air passage that is too restricted needed to be enlarged.

Fred Carey is in the hospital in Georgia, following surgery for abdominal blockage in Toccoa on New Year's Eve. He will be in the hospital 5-7 more days; then he will go to rehab.

Mike Frisch continues to make progress at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas. He is walking well and independently, using his right hand well, and speaking more and more words. They plan to come home this Friday. Lenesa hopes friends will stay with him during the days or half-days while she is at work. Please email or text her if you can help.

Patsy Price, mother of former Lake Shore member Paula Tanner, died in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 23.

Leah Miller, foster daughter of David Mosley, survived a hit-and-run car crash when returning home from Hillsboro. She has 3 fractured vertebrae in her neck and many, many soft tissue injuries. She is the mother of 2 small children. Please keep her in your prayers.

Barbara Tucker had another hand surgery on Monday.

Lake Shore Women's Retreat

Cedarbrake February 24-26 Kathy Reid, leader



Any new registrations and full retreat <u>balance for</u> everyone due January 18.

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 Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15

9:30—Sunday School

Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, January 17

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 18

5:15—Supper

6:00—Children's Activities

6:00—Seminar

Wednesday night supper January 18

Choice of Meat and Veggie Lasagna, Bread, and Salad

> children, \$3.00 youth & adults, \$6.00

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

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE ABRIDGED

This Week -

Wednesday // 6:15 Youth Meeting Sunday // 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45am Worship, and 5:00pm Youth Meeting

-Volunteers needed for MidWinter! -Please take a moment to sign up to bring breakfast or dinner!

Gail Boyd Beyond This Week

Ron Beal i January 22 // Company of Parents Claudia Beal January 27-29 // MidWinter Retreat

> For more information, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any questions, or you would like to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lakeshorebcwaco.org.

A special thanks to the Lake Shore staff for their help with plant operations the last few months.

—Gordon Lawrence, LSBC Maintenance Manager

Circle the City with Love in Waco

A non-partisan, non-religious, no issue based gathering to share 30 minutes of sillence with thousands of others around the globe fore Love, Peace, and CommUnity.

> Indian Spring Park, Waco 1:45pm Sunday January 15th, 2017

Go to www.circlecitywithlove.com and click "Register" to register yourself or your group and take the pledge for peaceful participation.

Volunteers for Sunday, January 15

Extended Care: Ushers:

"The Other Side of Waco" Tour

Sunday, January 15 2:00 p.m.



After worship, Join us for lunch after worship at the World Cup Café. Call Martie Sauter to RSVP or more info.

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 \$9,76.01.

> Year to date needs \$18,692.31

Year to date received \$16,240.01

Difference (\$2,452.30)

To give online, please click here.