

Worship at Lake Shore
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Worship of God
May 21, 2017
"In Defense of Hope"
Zach Helton
The Scripture
1 Peter 3:13-22

Because of the stormy weekend forecast and the anticipation of a wet front lawn at church, we need to change the date for a church family picture again . . . so update your calendar:

Pentecost Picture

on Sunday, June 4 Wear your Pentecost colors -- red, orange, or yellow

Plan to stay for an extra 15-20 minutes while Rod Adyelotte from the *Waco Tribune-Herald* takes our picture.

Called Business Meeting Wednesday, May 17 6:45 p.m. Schedule Changes

5:15-5:45 dinner 5:45 seminar with Alan Northcutt (see page 2) 6:30-6:45 questions for Alan 6:45-7:30 p.m. conversation and vote on proposal from Buildings and Grounds Committee at Called Business Meeting

The proposal is to replace florescent lights with LED lights, put in heating and cooling upgrades into the areas that are used the most (office area and children's area), and install solar panels

Marv Knox, Preeminent Journalist in Baptist Life

Speaking here Wednesday, May 24, 6:15 p.m.



Marv Knox has been a fearless, prophetic voice in Baptist life for decades. His vocation is journalism; his most recent congregation, readers of the *Baptist Standard*, a publication he has envisioned "expansive enough to include all kinds of Baptists in Texas and the Southwest." His

writing is often featured in The Dallas Morning News and Baptist News Global. We are honored that Marv has gladly accepted our invitation to speak at our seminar on the craft of journalism and his perspective on top issues facing churches today.

A preeminent Baptist journalist, Knox was honored in 2015 with the Greg Warner Lifetime Achievement Award in Religious Journalism for "courage, moral integrity and truth-telling" in reporting important issues related to matters of faith that consistently reflect the highest standards of journalism.

A native of Fort Worth and graduate of Hardin-

Simmons, Knox earned a master of divinity degree at Southern Seminary in Louisville in 1984. He has edited and reported on Baptist life in Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Georgia. In 1995 Marv became associate editor of the *Baptist Standard* in Dallas, before being promoted to editor and publisher of Baptist Standard Publishing in 1999 where he edits a weekly digital news journal and a print magazine called *Common Call*. He and his wife, Joanna, are members of Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Copell.

To read some of Marv's recent opinions go to his Twitter account or to the *Baptist Standard* website: click here. Here are his recent columns: "The Tragedy of Losing Faith Late in Life," "It's Official. Texas Rejects Jesus' Golden Rule," "Trump's Executive Order Upends 'Religious Liberty,' "Christian Responsibility and the President's Budget." In November he wrote about the BGCT decision that affected Lake Shore.

On August 1, Marv's career will take a different shape. He will join the CBF staff as field coordinator of Fellowship Southwest, part of a CBF expansion initiative that includes further integration of the Latino Network into CBF life, advocacy efforts, support for theological education, and ecumenical partnerships. No doubt, he will always have perspectives worth reading -- and hearing.

Brittany Ramirez Named Acting Interim Children's Center Director



Following Kathy Coleman's resignation as director of Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, the Children's Center Board has named Brittany Ramirez as Acting Interim Director of the center. Brittany has served as Assistant Director since February 2016. She has served ably and confidently in that role, handling office duties carefully

and efficiently and tending to all kinds of classroom and parent interactions.

Kathy Coleman's last day at the center is Friday, May 19; Brittany's new role will begin on Monday, May 22. As you know, Brittany and her husband, Casey, who are Lake Shore members, will be commissioned in June by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as field personnel to Chengdu, China. They anticipate leaving sometime in the fall. Meanwhile, we are confident that Brittany will serve us well while the board searches for persons to fill the positions of Director and Assistant Director.



Climate Change

Seminar

by Alan Northcutt Wednesday, May 17 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Questions for Alan:

6:30-6:45 p.m.

This seminar will review the current status of anthropogenic climate change and the human response to this existential threat.

Alan Northcutt, a pathologist, has been practicing in Waco for about 30 years. He has been working in the area of climate change for about eight years, directing a grassroots climate action group. In 2016 he was fortunate to have training at the Climate Leadership Corps of the Climate Reality Project, former Vice-President Al Gore's organization.

breadfortheworld

HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Robert McAfee Brown once observed, "The major task of the church is not to bind up the wounds of a bleeding world. . . . The major task of the church is rather to be the embodiment of a creation that will make it unnecessary for people to leave one another bleeding in the first place."

Nearly a billion people worldwide this year face hunger or starvation, and one in six people in the U.S. is hungry even though there are sufficient resources to eliminate hunger worldwide. Each year, Bread for the World asks that people of faith write letters to their Senators and Congressmen and encourage them to help end hunger as they consider next year's budget.

Please write to Congressman Bill Flores and to Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz and urge them to adequately fund programs that are vital to millions facing hunger every day. The letter to the right, addressing domestic hunger, is a suggestion, but you are encouraged to add any personal message of your own. We will present these letters during worship in June.

— Gail Boyd

Letter suggestion:

Dear Sen.____, **or** Dear Rep.____,

As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030. I urge you to adequately invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low-income workers, and Meals on Wheels. These programs are helping millions of people escape from hunger. We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge you to make public investments that will reduce and perhaps end hunger.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]

[city, state, ZIP]

Children's Corner

Bike-A-Thon Money Is Due

Thanks so much to all who participated in this year's Bike-A-Thon for Global Missions! We had a great group of kids who biked hard, ran hard, and played hard to raise money for Action Against Hunger. Now it's time to make sure the money they earned with their laps gets turned in to the church so we can send the money on its way! So be sure to contact those who pledged their support and let your kids brag about how many laps they completed! All money for Bike-A-Thon needs to be turned in to the church office by this Sunday at the latest.

Missions Day Camp

This year's Missions Day Camp will be the week of June 26-30 - if you are interested in volunteering please let Claire know ASAP!

SIDEWALK TALK YOU TALK. WE LISTEN.

"What is one simple thing we can do right now to make an impact on the divisiveness in our culture?

Listen with open ears, minds, and hearts."

Saturday morning, May 27, we will host a community listening event downtown. This involves taking two chairs onto city streets, sitting down, and offering to listen to anyone about anything. Recognize Mental Health Awareness Month by volunteering an hour of your time to help us love our community by listening to them.

Please contact Zach if you are interested!

Celebrations

Crystal Sanborn, Trinette Jones' daughter, gave birth to her son, Elliott James Sanborn, on May 14. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 in. long. Their family is doing fine. Blessings on them and on Trinette and Glen Pruitt, who are grandparents for the first time.

Prayers for

Christiana Owusu's brother, Victor, died last week in Accra, Ghana. He had four sisters. He was a stable figure in their lives and a significant contributor to the construction of Shalom Children's and the upkeep of its building and bus.

Helen Hastings is at home. She is getting her strength back after getting home from the hospital last week.

Vicky Hunt is still undergoing chemotherapy and other treatment at M. D. Anderson.

Beverly Hill has recently been diagnosed with melanoma. She asks for our prayers during the process of reviewing further treatment options. Our prayers are with her as she waits.

Dean Cayo, Beth Raymond's father, has been in Providence since last week. He had a heart cath that has helped with his breathing. He anticipates going home today. (Wednesday)

Patty Field had a heart catheterization on Tuesday. She had two stents replaced in smaller vessels. She also anticipates going home today (Wednesday).

Nylda Davies has been at Providence the last few days for tests and treatment, but she is doing much better. She also anticipates coming home today.

Making **GOD'S LOVE** Visible.

Conversations about missions that matter. Wednesday, May 31—after supper



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

On the front lawn of the church!

Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream.

The Enneagram: A Tool for Christian Spiritual Formation

Saturday, June 17, 9am-3:30pm

Leader: Jon Singletary, Dean Diana R. Garland School of Social Work

If you have not participated in an Enneagram workshop, this Saturday is for you. If you already know your number, this Saturday is a chance for you to learn more deeply about your type.

Reserve your spot for \$25 (includes lunch) by June 11. (16 places still available)

Checks made payable to Lake Shore with Enneagram in memo line.

Our Church Staff

Kathy Coleman,

Director, LSBC Children's Center
Louis Garcia, Custodian
Claire Helton, Minister to Children
Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, May 23

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

5:15—Supper

6:00—Children's Activities

6:15—Seminar

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Improvements to the Downstairs Entrance

use side doors Wednesday night

The work on the sloping sidewalk and railing out the downstairs main doors is almost complete. You'll notice that the sidewalk slopes on both sides of the door. When the railing is finished, it will prevent a person from walking out the door and stepping directly off the sidewalk into the parking lot. The improvements will make the entrance more accessible to everyone.

When you come to church tonight, the two downstairs end doors will be open — the one near Meadow Road and the one that leads to the playground.

If you park in the back parking lot, please use these doors. The work should be complete by Sunday. Thank you.

Wednesday night supper May 24

HEB Fried Chicken, Potato Wedges, and Cole Slaw

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

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

Volunteers for Sunday, May 21

i Extended Care:

Jennifer Bronson

Ushers:

Barbara Hobbs ! Willie Hobbs !

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE ABRIDGED

This Week

Wednesday // 5:15pm Dinner, 6:15pm Downtime in the Teen house Sunday // 5pm Sidewalk Talk Listener training

Beyond This Week -

May 21st // Company of Parents Meeting May 26th // Deadline to Register for Camp May 27th // Sidewalk Talk Event June 18th-23rd // SWBYCamp

"The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply."

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

For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lakeshorebcwaco.org.

A Prayer for the World

<u>Click here</u> to read A Prayer for the World, offered by Claire Helton on Mother's Day. Kyndall Rothaus, Zach Helton, and Claire Helton are attending the Festival of Homiletics, "Preaching on the Borders," in San Antonio, Monday-Friday, May 15-19.

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 \$486,000.00 are \$9,346.15. This week's budget receipts were \$3,027.00.

Year to date needs \$186,923.08 Year to date received \$169,480.43

<u>Difference</u> (\$17,442.65)

To give online, please click here.