

Summer Sabbath



— swimming sabbath at the Sauters' pool

If you would like to contribute a digital photo to our "Summer Sabbath series" please send your picture to sharlande@lsbcwaco.org and krysta@lsbcwaco.org.

To get your picture in the online directory:

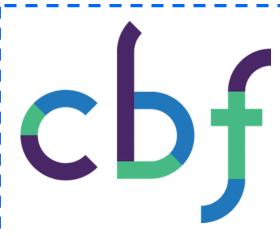
- (1) submit your family or individual photo OR
- (2) contact Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org this week to arrange for a photo on Sunday

Worship at Lake Shore The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

> The Worship of God July 16, 2017

> > **Sermon** *Kyndall* Rothaus

The Scripture
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Come hear about the work of

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries who work with refugees in the Middle East will be our guests at a cool summer luncheon on Thursday, July 13, 12-1pm \$5.00 per person

Let us know today if you are coming. sharlande@lsbcwaco.org Krysta@lsbcwaco.org

Report from one of our missions partners: Christian Mission to Gaza



Palestinian Pastor Hanna Massad of Christian Mission to Gaza sent us this report last week on the organization we support through our Global Missions Offering. Hanna and members of Gaza Baptist Church, have spoken at our Soup Supper.

Dear Friends,

No matter how often I return to Gaza, my heart breaks when I see the condition of the people. Two million men, women, and children crammed into a strip of land 30 miles long and 7 miles wide. Making living conditions even worse, only about 5 percent of the water is safe to drink. The rest isn't even fit to bathe in. And families are getting electricity only three hours every 12 hours. It is worse than being in a prison, with overcrowded conditions and sealed borders and mind

-numbing government oppression.

While I love to bring the Word of God to my former congregation at Gaza Baptist Church—the only evangelical church in Gaza in the midst of 2 million Muslims—it is very difficult. How do you preach God's provision to people who haven't enough food for their families? How do you preach his protection to husbands and fathers whose wives and daughters are in constant danger of being assaulted or worse? In the Middle East, torn by war and terrorism, pastors preach no-matter-what messages. We teach commitment to God that does not depend on his meeting our expectations. We preach that what Jesus did on the cross was more than enough and that we are here to be conformed into his likeness, the likeness of the Son of God who suffered and died for his brothers and sisters.

My pastor friends too brought words of strength, hope, and encouragement, and we celebrated the Lord's Supper together with about 60 people at church.

We also visited families in their homes. Our first visit was to a woman who had lost her husband a few weeks before our arrival. As she shared her pain with us, we prayed with her and were able to provide her with some financial support. And there were many others—women who had lost husbands, husbands who had lost wives, parents who had had to bury their children, sick people, disabled people, people who desperately needed to be comforted, reassured, and assisted. All received prayer and practical help—both Christians and non -Christians.

My wife, Suhad, and I also needed to take care of some long-overdue work in my parents' home in Gaza. It was very emotional for Suhad after an absence of five years, and there was much to be done. Thankfully, our friends were with us to help with the labors, including moving more than 300 books from my library to the only Christian public library in Gaza. Though the area is predominantly Muslim, the library is great blessing for people who are visiting.

Thanks to God's grace and your prayers and gifts, we accomplished everything we set out to do and were able to return safely to Amman. We are still in Amman until July 15,in my next news letter will share about our ministry among the Refugees.

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Mission Waco Annual School Supply Drive

Mission Waco will offer new durable backpacks filled with selected items, for low-income parents to purchase. A donation box is at the church until July 25. **Here are the most needed items:**

- Backpacks
- #2 Pencils
- Pens (blue, black, and red ink)
- White Tube Socks, youth/adult sizes
- Hand Sanitizer (small bottles)
- Pocket Folders with Brackets

<u>Volunteers</u> are another precious resource Mission Waco needs. Contact Martie Sauter for details about:

- stuffing backpacks on Thursday, August 3 at 9:00 am, at The Rock on 16th & West
- working at the at the store at The Rock Saturday, August 5, at 8:00 am, and on August 8, at 5:00 pm

Support Soirée & Silent Auction

Come celebrate with us! In preparation for our upcoming move and ministry in China, we will be having a silent auction for all of our things as well as an opportunity to bid on a private Sichuan (Chinese) cooking class. Hang out, have snacks and drinks, and silently fight friends for our stuff!

Items included in the auction:

Washer

Dryer

Kitchen aid mixer

Caphalon pots and pans set

Bedroom furniture

Living room furniture

Nursery furniture

Kitchen stuff

Casey's home theater stuff

Casey's garage stuff



EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Come and join the fun,
even if you don't want any of our stuff!

—Brittany and Casey Ramirez
Click here to find out more information
about the Ramirez's ministry.

Children's Corner

Passportkids Camp July 28-31



Passport
Kids Camp
is coming
up in just a
few
weeks!
Parents,
please be
sure to
check your email



for a very long but very important list of camp details you'll need to know! And don't forget to turn in your camper's

forget to turn in your camper's completed medical and other

forms in the folder outside my office ASAP!

Combined July Sunday School

Toddlers through 6th Grade are combined for the month of July in Room 206. Each week we'll hear from a special guest - a Bible character who will tell their story in character! Then our kids will get a chance to interview the actor behind the character and get to know some of the folks in our church who they may not have met before. Our combined Sunday School is a great change of pace and a chance for our kids to all learn and grow together!



Blessings on this house!

Join us for a housewarming
Kyndall's new home
9535 Brookhollow, 76712
Saturday, July 22
10AM – Noon
Blessing at 11:00
Light breakfast

ALL WELCOME!

Prayers for...

Claire Helton and Andy Stubblefield's grandmother, Golda Stubblefield, 102, of Jackson, Mississippi, went through hip surgery on Tuesday with no complications.

Preston Dyer is resting and healing well from heart surgery. Please call Genie before you drive out to visit.

JoAnn Miller feels positive about the medical help she is receiving from her doctors.

Missy Davis is recuperating at home after her hip replacement surgery.

Boyce Vardiman has moved to Sodalis on North 19th Street for memory care.

Beth Raymond's dad lives at The Arbor House near The Marketplace. He has experienced several health challenges the last few months, coupled with the grief of losing his wife in the spring.

Pam McPeak has been troubled by severe back/spine problems lately.

Sharing a Little Cool Breeze

Fans for Waco



You can help make this summer a more bearable for those less fortunate. If you'd like to bring a new or gently used fan, please drop it by the church during office hours. They will be equally distributed between Meals on Wheels and Caritas as a collaborative effort to support older adults. In some instances, your gift could be life-saving.

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian Claire Helton, Minister to Children Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager Krysta Pittman, Office Manager Brittany Ramirez, Interim Director of LSBCC Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor Curtis Streetman, Director of Music



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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, July 18

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

6:30—Choir Rehearsal

Staff Notes

Zach and Claire will be in Pensacola, Florida, visiting family July 14-22.

Volunteers for Sunday, July 16

Extended Care:

Calleigh Swift

Ushers:

Fred Gehlbach! Nancy Gehlbach



Wednesday // No youth activities

Sunday // 5-7pm evening youth meeting in the Teen House led by John Warren

For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lsbcwaco.org.

Virtual Dementia Tours: Wednesday July 19

Rick Allen has arranged for the Waco Area Health Education Center to provide The Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) for Lake Shore next week. The VDT was created by P.K Belville who also founded Second Wind Dreams. During the tour, participants will have the opportunity to experience what it is like to have dementia. This is an opportunity for caregivers, staff, college students, or anybody who works or comes in contact with seniors. The tour addresses both cognitive and physical changes that occur in aging and ultimately, builds empathy, understanding, and patience for those who participate. Each tour last 15-20 minutes from start to finish and can host 3-4 people at a time. Rick Allen has arranged for tours every half hour, beginning at 3:00, with the last tour at 6:30. To sign up, please contact Krysta.

For more information about the program, please review the following links: http://www.secondwind.org/virtual-dementia-tour/

http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/virtual-dementia-tour-families-understandingalzheimers-disease-11226182

Please remember to wash your mugs on Sundays and put them back on the racks.



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 \$5,097.50.

> Year to date needs \$261,692.31

Year to date received \$234,093

Difference (\$27,599.31)

To give online, please click here.