



Everything is freely given by the God of Love. All is grace. Light and water, shelter and food, work and free time, children, parents, grandparents. It is all given to us. Why? So that we can say thanks: thanks to God, thanks to each other, thanks to all and everyone. Henri Nouwen November 15, 2017

Worship at Lake Shore Reign of Christ Sunday

The Worship of God November 19, 2017

> **Sermon** *Kyndall* Rothaus

The Scripture *Matthew 25:14-30*

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, 6:00 pm

Pie Fellowship

Sunday night

November 19 after the 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service



We need members to

bring pies of any sort. Not everybody needs to bring one, but we hope that we can have a good variety. It would help the Fellowship Committee if those bringing pies could slice them first at home. Please make the slices fairly small, so that people can help themselves to several pieces of pie from different people. Also, please bring a pie server that is tagged with your name.



I don't know about you, but for me it's been a tough year. I find myself gnashing my teeth as each day seems to bring a

new assault on values I believe in.

When I see the leaders of our country lie repeatedly, lash out at valid criticism, discriminate against minority groups, tolerate racism and sexism, espouse nationalism at the expense of international cooperation, and favor special interests over the environment, it is a bitter tonic.

My participation in this church this past year has helped me cope. Certainly, the people I see at Lake Shore Baptist provide affirmation that the values I hold are still shared by others. But it's much more than that. This church has consistently taken actions that illustrate what it means to hold the Christlight for each other.

We have declared our intention to be inclusive and welcoming to all, even knowing that it would bring criticism and condemnation. We have invested in our infrastructure to foster a safer environment for our people and reduce our carbon footprint. We have supported the people of our community with a commitment to early childhood education and emergency assistance to those in need. We have contributed to a variety of independent entities that help older adults, victims of physical abuse, and those less fortunate than ourselves in Central Texas.

But our reach goes far beyond Central Texas. Through our budget and projects, we have made a difference in China, Cameroon, Gaza, Ghana, Mexico, Haiti, India, Turkey, El Salvador, Liberia, Yemen, Somalia, Nigeria, South Sudan and Lebanon.

Our church staff has worked tirelessly to enrich the lives of our congregation through education, worship, counseling, and pastoral care. I believe we are more thoughtful, kinder, and more at peace because of their dedication.

All in all, it's a list of which to be proud. I look at it and think what a miracle that a small church in a relatively small city in Central Texas can have such a far-reaching, profound impact.

Of course, it's not a miracle at all. This list is simply the powerful outgrowth of your gifts, your talent and your time. In a year when it might be easy to despair, this church has worked hard to have a positive effect on our congregation, the community, and even the world.

But there is more work to be done and it is more important than ever that we continue our legacy of caring in 2018. There is little reason to believe that our elected leaders will do anything other than stay the unfortunate course they've already charted. It is up to us and people of goodwill everywhere to show God's kind of love. I hope you will keep this in mind when you make your pledge to next year's budget and contribute with conviction, hope, and pride. If you do, you will find the antidote to despair and frustration at Lake Shore Baptist Church, just as I have.

Mike Raymond

Welcome New Members Carlos, Emily, and Oscar Hinojosa



We are delighted to welcome the Hinojosa family to Lake Shore. Carlos and Emily have been visiting since the spring, and their son, Oscar, was born this summer. It is a good Thanksgiving gift to have them as part of our community.

Emily came to Waco in 2013 to attend graduate school

at Baylor where she is currently pursuing her doctorate in Sociology. Before coming to Baylor, Emily spent ten years in the Midwest, most recently serving in the department of student life at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She is originally from Greensboro, North Carolina and is happy to be back in the south. In her free time Emily enjoys yoga, running, reading, and visiting friends near and far.

Carlos currently serves as director of development at Waco Habitat for Humanity. He is a lifelong Texan-originally from Harlingen in the Rio Grande Valley. Carlos left the Valley to attend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and continued moving north until he got to Waco where he has been since 2001. Carlos enjoys trivia, puns, classical music, cooking, and theater--- he has been in a number of shows at the Waco Civic Theatre. He and Emily both love taking long walks around Waco with their son, Oscar and their dog, Bosque.

Emily and Carlos have separately worshiped with a wide range of faith communities-- from the Mennonites to the Jesuits! Over the past year, they have been discerning where they would attend church as a newly formed family. They both have Baptist roots, and Carlos' mother attended Lake Shore when she was a student at Baylor in the 1960's. They started visiting churches together last February beginning at Lake Shore, and never visited anywhere else. They are grateful to be a part of a hopeful community amidst difficult times in public life, and also for the support of the church after the loss of Carlos' father and the birth of their son.

The Hinojosas are in CTC Group Five: Field, Abrahams, and Swanson

Bereshith Sunday School Class Lunch Sunday, December 3 at the home of Reagan and Glenda Ramsower 1616 Estates Drive

Music Committee Update

The Music Search Committee of the church announces that we have reviewed several applications for the position of Director of Music at Lake Shore Baptist Church. We are now close to a final determination of the applicant we will recommend to the Personnel Committee. The committee is setting up "auditions" for the applicants in the coming weeks.

The Music Search Committee would like to say a special word of thanks to Bruce Evans for his enthusiastic and devoted service to Lake Shore as our interim choir director as the Committee conducts its search to fill the role.

Food for Families is an annual project for the Boy Scouts of America, H-E-B Grocery Company, and KWTX-TV. Together with food pantries all across Central Texas, this oneday food drive collects nonperishable food and stocks the



shelves of area food banks and pantries beyond the holiday season.

On the Friday before Thanksgiving, volunteers from the Boy Scouts, H-E-B Grocery Company, and other community organizations, collect food in 9 counties. Food for Families is the largest one-day food drive in Texas. In 2016 alone, over 1.8 million pounds of food was collected. In McLennan County alone in 2016, over 498,000 pounds of food was collected.

Please donate non-perishable food products that people need most. Those products are: canned meats, tuna, chili, stew, chicken, canned vegetables, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans, rice, flour, sugar, corn meal, pastas and sauces.

Called Business Meeting

Tonight, Wednesday, November 15 — 6:00 p.m.

- Agenda:
- 1. Vote on deacons.
- 2. Consider the budget for 2018.

Celebrations

Peter Wesley Helton, little brother of James Helton, and

son of Zach and Claire, was born 4:54pm on Nov. 14, 2017. 9 lb, 3 oz, 22.5" long. Welcome to Lake Shore, Peter! If you'd like to sign up to take them a meal, here's the link to schedule a time: <u>https://</u>



www.mealtrain.com/trains/ylg7em

We also welcome TJ Geiger who joined Sunday. Check next weeks newsletter to learn more about him.

Prayers for . . .

- The family of Vicky Hunt, who died Tuesday, November 14, at in hospice care at St. Catherine's. Our prayers are with her husband Russ, their son, Russ, Jr., and his wife, Leslie, and their son, Patrick, of Round Rock; and Vicky's sisters, Sassy and Jayne. Vicky's service will be at Lake Shore on Saturday, December 2.
- Barbara Johnston, who is was doing so much better after her week in the hospital that she was able to transfer to Janette Rothe's on Saturday. You may send her cards at Janette's. The address is in the directory.
- Honor Horn, who is doing well at the Health Care Resort for rehab. You may want to make a short visit.
- Rachel Sciretti, who has been in town the last couple of days. She came to Waco for the funeral of her uncle, Alan Schornnack, Rachel's mother's brother.
- Honor Horn, who is now at The Healthcare Resort near Hillcrest for rehab, following her stroke.

Poinsettias for Advent

I would like to add a poinsettia(s) to the sanctuary during Advent:

In honor of



You may give a pink poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Complete the information form and send it, along with \$15 for each flower, to the office by Sunday, December 6.

We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 10.

In memory of _____

Given by

I have enclosed a check for _____

I have enclosed cash in the amount of _____

Our Church Staff Louis Garcia, Custodian Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist Claire Helton, Minister to Children Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC Krysta Pittman, Office Manager Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor	Fake Shore Bartist S801 Bishop Drive Waco, TX 76710-2713 254/772-2910 254/772-2914 (fax) www.lakeshorebcwaco.org RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED	
CALENDAR Sunday, November 19 9:30—Sunday School 10:45—Worship 3:00—Newsletter Deadline 4:30—Soulfriends 6:00—Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 21 1:30—Staff Meeting Wednesday, November 22 No Activities Volunteers for Sunday, November 19	Staff Notes Kyndall is out on Friday, November 17. Zach and Claire are on maternity/ paternity leave	WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE ABRIDGED Wednesday 11/15 5:15pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Selah Sunday 11/19
Extended Care: Abrahams Ushers: Ellen Brown Isabelle Murphy		9:30am - The Kingdom Experiment: "Blessed are those who are persecuted"
No Wednesday night supper November 22	November 23-24 for Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving Service, No evening youth meeting Upcoming
but come to enjoy the pie after the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday night at 6:00		12/17 - Youth Progressive Dinner 1/12-14th - MidWinter Retreat For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lsbcwaco.org.



Weather closings

Our practice at Lake Shore in the event of inclement weather is to close our office and the Children's Center if W.I.S.D. closes. Inclement weather closings are for the safety of our church and center staff, children, volunteers, and guests. If we need to cancel Sunday School and worship, the ministers will notify the congregation through e-mail, Facebook, and/or CTC Group leaders.

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 \$16,319.77.

Year to date needs \$429,923.07 Year to date received \$392,849.51 Difference (\$37,073.56)

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