

LAKE SHORELINES

November 22, 2017



**Today I make my
Sacrament of Thanksgiving.
I begin with the simple things
of my days:
fresh air to breathe,
cool water to drink,
the taste of food,
the protection of house
and clothes,
the comforts of home.
For all these I make
an act of Thanksgiving this day.**

Howard Thurman

Worship at Lake Shore Christ the King Sunday

The Worship of God
November 26, 2017

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Matthew 25:31-46

A Gift of Flowers to Lake Shore

Just before Sunday School on November 19, Ryan Busby, pastor of Bosqueville Baptist, showed up at Lake Shore, holding his preschool son in one arm, and a beautiful arrangement of flowers in the other. The flowers came with a note that read:

Lake Shore family,

Our hearts break over unnecessary breaks of fellowship. We love y'all and our prayer is that as you continue to follow the Spirit's leading, others would join in loving and honoring all God's children.

May we all have strength for the journey ahead.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Ryan and Rev. Bethany Busby

As Kyndall said at the end of worship, calling our attention to the flowers, Ryan is a member of the board of the Waco Baptist Regional Association. Along with several other ministers, he fought hard to keep Lake Shore in the association, but despite their efforts, the board voted this past week to remove Lake Shore from their fellowship due to our decision to welcome and affirm all people as God's beloved, including, but not limited to, the LGBTQ community. Ryan and Bethany sent these flowers as a sign of their solidarity and support. The board was only one vote short of keeping us a part of the association.



Welcome, TJ Geiger



TJ is a familiar and beloved presence at Lake Shore. He officially joined our church on the anniversary of the first Sunday he visited in 2016. During his first year here he took every chance he could to participate in the life of the church and fully immerse himself in community. Many people remember talking with TJ at the Christmas Open House

a few weeks after he arrived. Soon after that he was an eager supporter of the silent auction/dance for the IRC, as he was at the Ramirezes' auction when they left. TJ has both led in worship and written for our liturgy, for the Advent booklet, and for the stewardship emphasis. When he told his story during the Storytelling Competition a few months ago, he told his Lake Shore story. Sensing his gifts as someone who naturally welcomes others, we asked him to be a CTC group leader, and he accepted. It is with joy that we now welcome him, in a new way, into the life of Lake Shore.

TJ says, "I'm newish to Waco." He moved here in July 2016 to start a job as an assistant professor of English at Baylor University. He's a native Texan, having lived in Colorado City, Denver City, Temple, Llano, Beaumont, and Denton.

His undergraduate degrees in history and English are from Lamar University. His MA in English and graduate certificate in women's studies are from Texas Woman's University. He did "a five-year stint in in New York" where he earned his PhD in Composition and Cultural Rhetoric from Syracuse University.

TJ says, "I love local theater and art. I'm involved with a couple of local activist groups. Now that I'm pretty well settled into my job, I'm also looking for volunteer opportunities in the community.

In response to the questions "Why Lake Shore? Why now?" he says, "Because the world was on fire a year ago, and y'all gave me hope that following Jesus was still possible."

"I pray that the church will continue to be a place for all peoples. Since I was baptized only seven years ago, I'm not yet an adolescent in my Christian life. Still, in that time, I've served on lay leadership boards for two churches, participated on a peace and justice committee for the Episcopal Church, attended denominational gatherings as a lobbyist, co-led an experiential learning and advocacy program for Episcopal young adults, and worked in leadership roles with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Something about the zeal of the new convert comes to mind. While I'm still discerning how I can be of service to God and neighbor in this new church home, I hope to be--if nothing else--a loving presence in this place that loves the world God has made."

No doubt about it, TJ is indeed a loving presence in this place.

TJ is in (and helps lead) CTC group eight — Plaa, Londos, and Geiger.



Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent after supper on Wednesday, November 29

The tree, wreaths, banners, candles, chrismons, and missions tree all need to be in place before Advent begins on Sunday. Jobs for helping hands of all ages.

Remembering Vicky Hunt



Vicky Hunt lived a generous, compassionate life. This picture is an example of the warm and kind presence she offered to those in her path, particularly the students and teachers with whom she worked.

Vicky and her husband, Russ Hunt, Sr., joined Lake

Shore on April 16, 1978. They immediately made life-long friends in their young adult Sunday School class, friendships they have nurtured with Lake Shore members for almost forty years. Vicky and Russ were also part of Preston and Genie Dyer's first Marriage Enrichment group, a group that has always sustained them. Their son, Russ, Jr., who was born while they lived in Germany, spent his teen-age years in the Lake Shore youth group. Russ is married to Leslie Hunt, and they live in Round Rock where he practices criminal law, like his dad, and they have a 15-year-old son, Patrick, who was the light of his Nanny's life.

We will miss Vicky during the season of the mission tree. Vicky always asked for a family to "adopt," and after she brought gifts and clothes for one family, she came back and asked for another to help. In that same spirit, Russ has donated Vicky's medical equipment to the church for us to lend to people who need it.

May we also offer our gifts abundantly, and may we give thanks for Vicky's life this Thanksgiving.

Prayers for . . .

The family of Vicky Hunt, who died Tuesday, November 14, 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, Marci and Jayne. Vicky's service will be at Lake Shore on Saturday, December 2.

Barbara Johnston is doing much better every day. She's recovering at Janette Rothe's. She'd love to receive cards there.

Honor Horn, who is at The Healthcare Resort near Hillcrest for rehab, following her stroke.

Barbara Tucker's mother has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please pray for her and all of her family. The doctors will try to do surgery if she is strong enough next week.

During this season of thanksgiving, we should especially like to express our gratitude for your prayerful support following the unexpected early arrival of our triplet granddaughters on September 18. The girls have made wonderful progress since that time. Sylvi was released to go home on Nov. 12. Elli and Liza were transferred to the NICU at College Station Medical Center the previous Wednesday and Thursday. We are hopeful that they will be able to join their siblings and parents for their first Christmas together. Eric and Stacey's hashtag is #ourGodisAble, and He truly is.

Gratefully,
Brent & Ellen Brown

Vote on the 2018 Budget
Sunday, December 3
after worship

Poinsettias for Advent



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.

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

In memory of _____

In honor 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
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26

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

Tuesday, November 28

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

5:15—Supper
 6:15—Children's Activities
 6:15—Decorating for Advent
 7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Staff Notes

Claire is out until January.
 Zach is out until early December.
 The church office will be closed November 23-24, for Thanksgiving.



WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

ABRIDGED

Wednesday 11/22

No Evening Meeting

Sunday 11/26

9:30am - The Kingdom Experiment: Sharing Final Experiments

No evening youth meeting

Upcoming

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.

Volunteers for

Sunday, November 26

Extended Care: Gail Boyd
 Ushers: Ellen Brown
 Isabelle Murphy

No choir practice

Wednesday,
 November 22,
 2017.

Wednesday night supper

November 29

Pizza, salad, dessert

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

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

Lost and Found Note:

A pair of purple glasses with flowers etched on the sides are in the office. We found them Sunday night.

Bereshith Sunday School

Class Lunch

Sunday, December 3

at the home of Reagan and Glenda Ramsower

1616 Estates Drive

New members dinner attendees:

Come to this lunch

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 \$7,060.

Year to date needs
 \$439,296.23

Year to date received
 \$399,909.51

Difference
 (\$39,359.72)

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