

Prayer for the World

Offered in worship on December 31 by Steve Gardner

Our Loving God, we stand at the threshold of a new year with hope and anticipation, but we need your help and guidance.

This will be a cold week in Waco and throughout most of the United States. We pray for all of those who will be working, traveling, living, and, especially, sleeping outside this week, and we pray for those who are serving the homeless of our nation. Help us to be helpful in ways that we can.

In Iran, where thousands of people have taken to the streets in protest, I pray that the regime will hear the cries of its people, and will not respond with violence.

In Myanmar and Bangladesh, where millions of Rohingya refugees are suffering displacement and abuse, and in Yemen, Syria, and South Sudan, where un-civil wars have unleashed famine and terror, we pray instead for justice, mercy, and comfort.

We pray that 2018 will be a better year for your children of all nations. We pray that our actions will hasten the day when every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain made low, when the rough places will be made plain and the crooked straight, and your glory will be known in every corner of this world.

We pray it in the name of the Prince of Peace, who makes all things new, Amen.

Worship at Lake Shore The First Sunday After Epiphany The Worship of God

January 7, 2018

Sermon

Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture *Matthew 2-1-12*



Creator of the stars of light,
break into our world.
God of surprising love,
made manifest in Jesus Christ,
call us to courage, vision, and change.
From north, south, east, and west,
we arise to follow your light.

The Gathering

On the first Sunday of every month we gather food in the basket by the front door of the sanctuary. This month we are gathering snacks and other items for our children's center. Here are some items that the Center can use: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, graham crackers, saltine crackers, and

goldfish crackers.



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Prayer Concerns. . .

Judy DeVries Weems, member of Lake Shore Baptist from 1971 through 1996, mother of Sarah DeVries and Lisa DeVries, and former wife of John DeVries, is in hospice care in Victoria, Texas. Milly Held has moved to St. Catherine's from her apartment at St. Elizabeth's.

Joan Parsons is still seeking relief for her sciatic nerve pain. The pain has worsened instead of abated since her last surgical procedure a few weeks ago. This is not a good time for visits, but you may send Joan a card at Stoney Brook Senior Living, 151 Royal Drive, Apt. 502, Hewitt, TX 76643.

Barbara Tucker's mother has bladder cancer and was hospitalized last weekend for an infection.

Ron Beal has been evaluated by a neurosurgeon at UT Southwestern Medical Center for severe degeneration of his cervical spine. He has a January 19 appointment with a physical medicine specialist to see if he is a candidate for cervical spine injections. Ron is in constant pain that has not responded to medication. Please pray for strength for Ron and successful treatment.

Celebrating Peter Helton

on Sunday, January 21.

We are "showering" the
Heltons with diapers.

Peter is wearing size 2 or
larger,
Place your diapers

(or a gift card if you prefer)
on the table by the
sanctuary.



Let's "wrap" Peter in "God's kind of love."



Winger Weather Closings

<u>Weekdays</u>: 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. <u>Sundays</u>: Please check the website, lsbcwaco.org, for any updates about Sunday School and worship. We will post any cancellations as soon we know weather and road conditions.

Wednesday night suppers and church programs will begin January 17.

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 \$57,540.62.

Year to date needs \$486,000 Year to date received \$526,360.03

<u>Difference</u> \$57,540.62

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