

### Worship at Lake Shore

The Third Sunday after Epiphany — January 21, 2018

### **Deacon Ordination & Installation**

Gail Boyd, Nate Myrick, and Reagan Ramsower will be ordained as deacons on Sunday.

Kay Avant, David Davis, and Kim Kellison, who have previously been ordained, will be installed for three-year terms as deacons.

Bill Bellinger is filling a two-year unexpired term.

**Kay Avant** Kay joined Lake Shore late in 1971 when she and Gayle and their twin daughters moved to Waco for Gayle's job as Associate Professor at Baylor. She immediately joined the choir and has remained a choir member ever since. Since she was not a Baptist at the time, Kay was baptized some months later so she could fully participate in the work of Lake Shore. She was elected as a deacon in the second year Lake Shore had women deacons. Kay has often served on the Music Committee, chairing it on three occasions. She served as co-chair of a Touch Group (pre-Care Groups), worked on the Food Committee on and off over the years when she wasn't traveling or living abroad. She currently serves on the Children's Center Board. Now that she is retired she is trying to be more active in Lake Shore ministries. Kay was born in Dallas in 1941. She and Gayle married in 1963. They adopted their daughters, Samantha and Celia in 1969. She attended nursing school, obtaining a BSN, MSN and PhD. She was a professor of nursing and a member of the American Academy of Nursing. She retired two years ago.

### Bill Bellinger

Libby and I joined Lake Shore in October, 1984, on the same Sunday with Jeff and Karen Zurheide. Their children grew up at Lake Shore. Gillian works in comedy and lives in North Hollywood; she will marry Mitch Roedel this summer. Chip and Cayce live in Hewitt, and he is an insurance claims adjuster. Bill has been teaching the Bereshith adult Sunday School class for decades. He was ordained as a deacon here and has served as chair of deacons and various committees, including the Sanctuary Renovation Committee, and participated in various missions activities. He is a favorite "guest" preacher at our pulpit, and through the years he has led a variety of seminars, mostly reflecting on the Psalms. Bill holds a B.A. from Furman University, M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ph.D. from University of Cambridge. Bill serves as chair of the Baylor Religion Department and teaches Old Testament. Libby is Associate Director of Meals on Wheels Waco until her retirement in a few weeks.

**Gail Boyd** began visiting Lake Shore in December 2011 after the death of her friend, Deborah Vardiman, who was an active member of Lake Shore. She officially joined in 2014 while Burt Burleson

was interim pastor. Previously she had been active in United Methodist lay ministry, including teaching lay ministry/speaking courses and being the Central Texas Conference liason for eight years to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Washington, D. C., and New York City. While at Lake Shore, Gail has consistently volunteered in extended care and children's missions, participated in women's retreats, and written for our Advent books. Currently, she teaches English at MCC part-time. Recently retired from 21 years at the Department of Veterans Affairs, she says, "I am looking forward to reinventing myself and am excited to seek new areas of service and activism." Gail has three daughters — Noelle, in New Jersey; Natalie, in New York City; and Beth, in Chicago — and four grandchildren and another due in July.

David Davis. Magi and I moved to Waco from Austin in July of 1999 with our four-year-old daughter, Maya. We joined the church shortly after its 40th anniversary, and after a very welcoming interaction with a kind church member, Jan Williams, who from the choir loft, witnessed my anxious quieting of Maya during worship and requested that I please not stifle the life out of my free-spirited little girl at church. Since that day, I have enjoyed several opportunities to serve God through Lake Shore Baptist Church. Praying for peace with the Quaker Sunday School Class, helping with children and youth programming, participating on the search committee responsible for calling our first female pastor, meeting as needed with staff as a consultant for safety and social work related concerns, being a part of several important moments of discernment for church members who are considering ordination, belonging to the diaconate for two terms, and telling more than a few people I know about where they might find a vibrant and gracious community of faith to call home—all have been highlights along my journey of faith with our church. Now, as I listen for God's Word most Sundays with my father, Vernon Davis, and mother in-law, Dorothy Clark (sitting near the front row so she can see the piano), I am hopeful to have another chance to serve Christ and our world through the deacon board at Lake Shore Baptist Church.

### New deacons, continued

Kim Kellison A native North Carolinian, Kim began teaching at Baylor in the fall of 1998. Shortly thereafter she started visiting Lake Shore because of Rufus Spain, a retired colleague in the History department. Kim remembers: "I liked Rufus's way of thinking about social issues, and figured that if he were happy at Lake Shore, it would probably be a good church home for me as well." She joined the church in early 2000. In 2009, upon the 50th anniversary of Lake Shore, Kim followed in Rufus' tradition of serving as a church historian and bringing the written history up-to-date. Kim recently completed her years as the Chair of the Children's Education Committee. She has faithfully served as a Care Group leader for many years. Currently, she is a member of the Committee Coordinating Council. Kim's family includes her husband, George Stonikinis, and their children, Emery (9), and Rory (7). She is now Associate Dean for Humanities and Social Sciences and Associate Professor of History at Baylor.

Nate Myrick and his family — wife, Lesley; son, Ford; and daughter, Hasley — live in the Lake Shore neighborhood. When the Myricks moved to Waco in the fall of 2015, when Ford was a toddler, they agreed to attend a church that was in their neighborhood. Nate says, "LSBC is within walking distance, so it was the second church we visited and liked it so much we stayed:)." A native of northern Minnesota, Nate moved to Waco by way of Fuller Theological Seminary in California, to work on his PhD in Church Music at Baylor. While at Lake Shore, he has used his musical interests and gifts in his role as the sound system operator and on the Music Committee. Currently he serves as the Chair of the Music Search Committee. Nate is also a member of the Finance Committee. Before Lake Shore he served as a worship leader (Woodland Bible Church), touring ministry team leader (CTI Music Ministry), music ministry trainer (CTI Music Ministry), community group leader (MosaicLA), music theologian (MosiacLA), and volunteer team leader (MosiacLA).

Reagan Ramsower Reagan has been a member of Lake Shore Baptist Church since 1983. Through the years he has served primarily on the Finance Committee, but he is better known for helping Glenda with missions and being the nephew of Catherine and Burl Davenport. After graduating from Baylor with a bachelor's and master's degrees, he earned a Ph. D from the University of Minnesota. He is employed by Baylor and has served in various leadership and management capacities and as a full professor in information systems. Reagan and Glenda, his high-school sweetheart, have two sons who have grown to have successful careers and blessed them with five wonderful grandchildren: Jason and Jill and grandchildren, Tyler, Kamryn, and Landon live in Lubbock; Ryan and Arnisa and granddaughters, Mackenzie and Emily, live in Waco and often attend LSBC. LSBC is their beloved church home because of the open welcoming of believers who acknowledge and struggle with their unbelief, of seekers of God's truth while honoring the priesthood of believers, of doers who hope for peace and justice in the world, and of faithful who affirm the individual differences that God has created in all individuals.

### Adoption Update from Kyndall

Lake Shore Family,

As I think most of you already know, I'm in the process of fostering to adopt a baby. This is something I have wanted to do for years, and now I am nearly there!

I had my home study two weeks ago, and I am finishing up the last few hours of training and the last bits of paperwork over the next couple of weeks. After all that is complete, I will be officially licensed to be a foster mom.

Once I am licensed, I could get a call *any day* asking me to come pick up a child! I could get the call immediately or it could take weeks, possibly months. The unpredictably is a little nervewracking for my planner self.

Foster-to-adopt means that I will be fostering a child (in my case, age one day to one year) in state custody whose biological parents' rights have not yet been terminated but who are likely not going to be able to care for the child. By fostering, I am able to take a child into my home much sooner, thus providing a single transition for the child instead of the baby being moved from home to home until he or she is adoptable. I will hope to adopt the baby from my first placement, but that might not happen. I could end up fostering more than one child before I am matched with a baby that ends up being adoptable.

Essentially there is a very strong chance I will be getting a child sometime in the early months of 2018, although there's no guarantee. With that in mind, I'm keeping my traveling plans light and my outside speaking commitments more minimal just in case.

I do plan to take several weeks of maternity leave to be with the new little one, but I can't exactly schedule that ahead of time. I have some preachers lined up "on call" to fill in when the time arrives, and I will definitely let the church know as soon as I get the call! The deacon executive committee have reviewed my plans for maternity leave and have given their blessing.

My plan is that my mom will come down and help the first week or so and I'll keep working at the very beginning so that I can get everything arranged for my time off and the church won't feel like I just disappeared without getting things in order.

So far my only out of town commitments for the spring are the Lake Shore Women's Retreat January 28-29 and leading a women's retreat for Broadway Baptist Church April 20-21. I might attend the Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering in April. If the baby's arrival happens to conflict with something important on the church calendar, such as Holy Week and Easter, I will plan to work those weeks and take off later instead.

I'll keep you posted as things progress! Thank you for your love and support on this exciting but unpredictable journey.

With love, Kyndall

# Children's Corner



### Dreaming of Warmer Seasons...

If you're daydreaming of summer temperatures during this frigid week and have a child in 3rd-6th grade, be sure to direct that mental energy toward emailing Claire to let her know if your child will be attending Passport Kids Camp

the weekend of Aug. 2-5th! This is just for early registration, the actual deadline to register won't be until May 1st, but we need to get an estimate this week - just give us your best guess! Camp will be back in Brownwood, TX this year.

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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."

## 2018 Deacons Retreat

Our retreat leaders will speak and lead discussions on the Future Church (Capital "C") and negotiating the terrain of emotional and social change

#### Leaders:

#### Robert Creech.

Professor of Christian Ministries and Director of Pastoral Ministries George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Brett Younger, senior minister Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, NY

### Friday, February 2, 6-9 pm

at the church

Everyone bring substantial snacks, heavy appetizers to the table; that will be dinner. That will be dinner.

Saturday, February 3, 9am.—4:pm. at the Fields' farm Breakfast and lunch provided.

ALL CURRENT deacons are strongly encouraged to participate.

Email your RSVP to Pam Smallwood by January 29.

### Prayers for . . .

Keith Bailey is in re-hab after his bi-lateral knee replacement on Wednesday.

Don Koester will have total knee replacement on January 22; he asks for our prayers.

Gail Kamm will be transferring to St. Catherine's tomorrow. \ Joan Parsons is in terrific pain related to her sciatic nerve. This is not a good time for visitors, but you may send her a card at Stoney Brook Senior Living, 151 Royal Drive, apt. 502, Hewitt, TX 76643.

Ron Beal has been evaluated by a neurosurgeon at UT Southwestern Medical Center for severe degeneration of his cervical spine. He has an appointment tomorrow, January 19, 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.

Robin McDurham's mother, Bonita Frances Fair Sanders, died on January 8 at the Clearlake Regional Medical Center. Their friends Magi and David Davis attended the service held on Sunday in Texas City. Our prayers are with Robin and Doug and their sons, Dakota and Zane.

# Sacred Journey Women's Retreat January 26-28, 2018

Vicki Kabat will guide us as we experience "Inner Journaling through Art Journaling."

If you are registered you will receive a letter the week before the retreat detailing directions and things you need to bring.



### **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

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#### **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, January 21

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

### Tuesday, January 23

1:30—Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, January 24

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Seminar

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

# Volunteers for Sunday, January 21

Extended Care: Ushers:

Kim Kellison Noah Fau Isabelle Murphy



Our Children's Center needs a stackable washer and dryer. Please contact Krysta if you have one to donate.

Thanks.

— Naomi Fox

# WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE ABRIDGED

### Wednesday 1/17

Dinner and seminar on homeless youth in Waco

### Sunday 1/21

9:30am - Youth Sunday School 5-8pm - Movie Night in the Teen House The Lumo Project: The Gospel of Mark

Notice the extended hours for Sunday night!

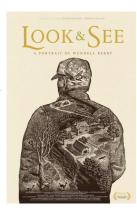
For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lsbcwaco.org.

## Wednesday night supper January 24

Lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert children, \$3.00 youth & adults, \$6.00 Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

# SCREENING OF "LOOK AND SEE" 27 JANUARY, 3:00 P.M.

A documentary about Wendell Berry's life and his writings on American agriculture. Following the movie, Megan Henderson will go over Farm Bound and how you can get involved. Representatives from local farms will also be available to describe their operations and how you can support small farms in Central Texas. Melton Building, Seventh and James Baptist Church 602 James St, Waco, TX 76706



### **Weekly Budget Report**

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2018 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,826.92. This week's budget receipts were \$5,485.00.

Year to date needs \$19,6583.84 Year to date received \$14,627.50

Difference (\$5,026.34)

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