

LAKE SHORELINES



November 23, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10

Open House 5:00-7:00

Home of Alice and Bob Baird

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10

Wednesday, December 14

Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper

5:15 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18

Matthew 1:18-35

Service of Light In the Darkness

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00 p.m.

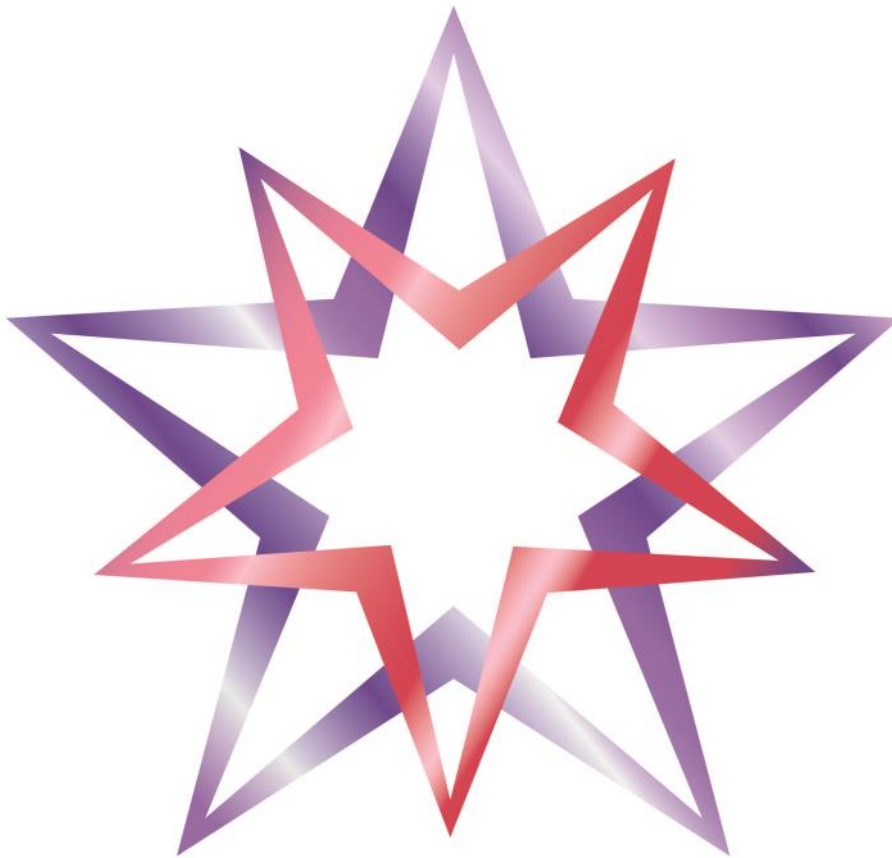
Christmas Morning

Sunday, December 25

John 1:1-14

Worship 10:45

No Sunday School



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Advent begins in darkness. Yet as we tentatively move into the Advent story, we realize that can see where we are going. We uncover our eyes and take in what we can see in the ancient light. It turns out that the farther we go, the more life we see. Each sign of life assures us that every sign of "God's Love Made Visible" has the power to guide us once again to the Visible Presence of God, lying in the manger.

The manger is where all our stories of God's incarnation began. The incarnation is the event in which God's love became visible first to Mary, then to the shepherds. We are now the ones experiencing the incarnation of God on earth.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, full of grace and truth."

The Word lived among us and toddled and laughed and cried.

The Word became flesh and made friends and learned and traveled and ate and drank and slept and gazed at the stars and watched the sunrise and the sunset.

The Word became flesh.

The Word became visible.

The Word became a story.

We each have stories of how we have witnessed, again and again, God's giving life in this world today. Through the meditations in this year's Advent book, twenty-nine Lake Shore writers try to capture in words how they have experienced God giving new life in this world today. And each is an echo of the incarnation proclaiming "God's love is visible. God is here among us!" — *Sbarlande Sledge*

Advent books available after worship Sunday, November 27

- One Advent book is available per household.
- Books will be in alphabetical order at the back of the church.
- Picking up your book helps defray mailing costs.
- Help us save postage by taking books to family members or people who live near you who aren't at church on the First Sunday of Advent.
- Additional books may be purchased for \$2 in the church office.
- Books were mailed to the out-of-town people on our newsletter list who requested them.

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday November 30 — 6:15 pm

Agenda:

1. Approve the recommendations of the Deacon Nominating Committee: Rick Allen, Pattie Herbert, Beverly Hill, Barbara Hobbs, Jeanne Murphy, Andy Powell, Mike Whinton
2. Approve the recommendations of the Committee Coordinating Council.
3. Discuss and vote on the Welcoming and Affirming Statement.

Welcoming and Affirming Statement

The discussion and vote on the Welcoming and Affirming Statement, as an amendment to the Bylaws, will be held Wednesday, November 30th after supper at a church business meeting.

The Statement and discussion guidelines are posted on the door to the church office; the statement and support documents were both emailed, and mailed to those who do not have email. If you did not receive or haven't seen these documents, they are available in the office.

Please be a part of this discussion; prayerfully consider this statement and its significance to our congregation, to the broader Baptist/Christian community, and to a community needing welcome and reconciliation to the Church.

—*Libby Bellinger, Chair of Deacons*

We have been asked by members to share this letter from a former member: <http://www.actlocallywaco.org/2016/11/21/the-church-i-grew-up-in-is-considering-becoming-welcoming-and-affirming/>

A note of thanks from the CCC

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who offered to serve on various church committees for the coming terms. Our task as a committee is not easy but by having so many volunteer it has been much smoother this year. To those of you who volunteered for a committee and were not selected, we would say "Thank you, and please volunteer again next year." This year saw many new members offering to serve and this is exactly the type of response our church relies upon. In fact, committees such as Finance and Personnel had more volunteers than slots available. Thank you again and please don't forget us next year!

Committee Coordinating Council



Mission Waco's World Cup Fair Trade Market Open House especially for Lake Shore

**Thursday, December 1
4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
15th and Colcord**

See the selection of fair trade gifts and have a holiday treat with friends from church.

Advent Missions Tree

Every year we decorate two trees — the Chrismon (“Christ monograms”) Tree in our sanctuary and the Missions Tree in our hall. On the first Sunday of Advent, more than a hundred Christmas ornaments will hang on the Missions Tree. Our missions covenant groups have chosen projects that will benefit ministries in Waco and around the world. On the back of each one you’ll find a description of a missions project. Stop by the tree before or after Sunday School or worship. Choose a project you want to do this Advent season, sign the numbered tag that says “God’s Love Made Visible,” and rehang it on the tree. Take the other ornament home to hang on your tree. *On the first Sunday of Advent, please choose only one ornament, so everyone will have a chance to get one. You may get more ornaments the next Wednesday or Sunday.* The list below gives *samples* of how the Missions Tree projects make God’s Love Visible to the world at Christmas.

This year’s ornaments



Our ornaments this year are made by Syrian refugees living in Turkey. CBF personnel in Turkey are working with relief and ministry to the hundreds of thousands of refugees pouring into the camps. The Christian population is very small but valiantly trying to meet some of

the drastic needs of the refugees. In their words: “First, food because as one man told us, ‘We have not eaten in three days, thank you so much!’ Next, heaters, blankets and clothing. Next is language to help them to be able to function in the new

country.

One of the women who helped make the ornaments is Ayse. Her husband was abducted off the streets of Aleppo, and Ayse and her two small sons have not seen him since. Escaping Aleppo because of the bombing, she has tried to provide for her children by sewing by hand. She uses money earned by making ornaments to buy food and clothing for her boys first. “When we got to the border, it was closed, so we sneaked under the border fence. While we were going under the fence, the border guards saw us, so we had to leave our suitcases to escape to the other side.” Making the ornaments helps her provide for her two small children. The youngest was being fed only eggs and powdered milk before she received help.

When you help with a Missions Tree Project, you also help Ayse and her boys.

Community Missions Projects

Mission Waco/Mission World

Mission Waco’s purpose is to provide holistic relation-based ministry with the poor and marginalized in inner-city Waco, as well as throughout the world, including Church Under the Bridge and the Meyer Center.

- Pack a hygiene kit for a homeless man.
- Pack a hygiene kit for a homeless woman.

Meals & Wheels

In our church kitchen we package and deliver meals to more than fifty individuals three days a week as we partner with Meals and Wheels to help meet the needs of older adults.

- Provide funds for a portable electric heater for a MOW client.

World Hunger Relief International

World Hunger Relief is committed to the alleviation of hunger around the world. It trains individuals to work with communities in developing sustainable farming techniques.

- Purchase hammers for the farm.
- Give a camera tripod for use at the farm.

Good Neighbor House

The house provides a place for educational and social programs that give opportunities for neighbors and volunteers to mutually grow and learn from one another.

- Donate 1-2 heavy-duty extension cords for outdoor use
- Give a space heater for the back porch.

Family Abuse Center

The purpose of the center is to minister to women and children who have suffered physical abuse.

- Buy a set of towels for a family who has spent time at the Family Abuse Center and is getting ready for a new home.
- Purchase a set of pots and pans for a family.

Talitha Koum Nurture Center

TKI is a faith-based organization, providing a mental health therapeutic Nurture Center that offers brain development and all-day loving care to at-risk children from eight weeks old to Kindergarten.

- Give a Tonka Steel Mighty Dump Truck.
- Give several packages of blue or red Solo plastic cups.

Lake Shore Baptist Children’s Center

Our center is a source of nurture and preschool education and a steady place in the lives of working families.

- Buy a mobile for a crib in our infant room.
- Give \$100 toward a scholarship for a child in the center.

Global Missions Projects

Shalom Children's Centre, Ghana

With Lake Shore's support, Christiana Owusu started a preschool in Ghana. Now in its thirteenth year, Shalom feeds and educates more than 300 children in Twifu-Hemang, a rural village in Ghana. Most parents can afford to pay only part of the cost for a child.

- Give \$60 per window for new glass windows for the school.
- Give \$30 per chair to help furnish classrooms.

Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development

In 2015 Lake Shore's Soup Supper benefitted Syrian refugees, living in Lebanon, by buying boxes of food for families. LSESD's mission is "to serve the church in the Arab world through spiritual, social and educational development."

- Give \$25 per child to purchase meal, clothes, and a gift for a boy or a girl at a Christmas event.
- Give a \$60 for a food voucher to provide a food voucher and hygiene kits for a family.

International Rescue Committee

The IRC in Dallas helps refugees from conflict zones around the world build new lives by supporting their transition to the United States.,

One of the ways they do this is by furnishing apartments with basic household items.

- Give a set of towels or a pre-paid phone card to refugees making their new home in Texas.
- Give new — or like-new — walking shoes (any size) to refugees.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Syrian Work Project

Refugees are starting small businesses, with the guidance and assistance of CBF missionaries. Some of them made the ornaments that are hanging on our missions tree.

- Give \$50 to support the work of the women who made our ornaments this year.

Central American Refugees, San Antonio

San Antonio Interfaith Welcome Coalition volunteers meet refugee women and children upon their arrival and give them support through clothes, food, hygiene kits, and a welcoming presence before the next leg of their journey.

- Give a hoodie for a woman and one for her daughter.
- Give a package of women's undies and a package of girls undies.

Christmas Eve Offering

Nsam Baptist Church in Cameroon is Henry Kari's home church; his mother and other family members are still active in the church. Historically, the building has been a place for worship for the people of the congregation. It is a sanctuary, offering a safe place when groups of villagers, Christians and Muslims alike, gather to discuss matters of importance to all the people of Nsam. Henry and his family visited the village last summer and saw what the church members were concerned about — the holes in the roof damaged by years of successive storms. They also found out that the physical foundation is at risk. Each Christmas Eve we focus on a different Global Missions project. This year we will give to people we know through Henry's stories, people without many riches by American standards, but so rich in stories and relationships, so they may make God's love visible in Nsam.



Children's Corner



Zach, James and I are in Florida/Alabama this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. Looking forward to seeing you next week as we enter into Advent.

Advent calendars for families are available in the hallway outside the office, be sure to pick one up so your family can practice entering this holy time with intention and care (and a little bit of fun!).

Mark your calendars for the Christmas workshop on Dec. 4, 4:00-6:00 - this will be a great time for families of all ages to make Christmas crafts, drink hot cocoa, sing carols, and enjoy being together!

Prayers for . . .

Buddy Powell's sister, Judy, had surgery to remove her ovaries at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on Monday morning. The good news is that the tumors were benign.

Bobbee Watts has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She lives near her son Robin in Kingwood. Bobbee and her husband, Bob, were members of Lake Shore from the early 1990's until Bobbee moved to be near her son in Kingwood just a few years ago.

Helen Hastings, at home.

JoAnn Miller, waiting for her next appointment.

Vicky Hunt, at home.

Deborah Harris moved to St. Catherine's on Wednesday afternoon.

Barbara Tucker is having surgery on her hand on Wednesday, November 30. She will be in a cast for four more weeks.

Doug Gray, Steve Gardner's brother-in-law, recovering from a heart procedure

Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 11

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Home of Alice and Bob Baird

125 Deer Creek Drive

This year we're asking for those of you who plan to attend to sign up for what you'd like to bring. Just bring your food (on disposable plates or containers whenever you plan to arrive. Sign-up sheets (for finger sandwiches, chips & dips, veggie trays, fruit trays, cheese & crackers, spreads & crackers, and desserts) are in the hall near the office.

Gracias from San Antonio

At la Casa RAICES we have welcomed 80-100 refugees a day in the weeks surrounding the election, and this means LOTS of clothing, lots of food, and



lots of time & energy. So our deep thanks to all who

donated clothing and to Laura and Owen Lind for gathering and bringing it to San Antonio.

With love, Jo (Pendleton)

on behalf of the Interfaith Welcome Coalition and the refugees

Poinsettias for Advent



You may give a red 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 4.**

We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 11

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

Kathy Coleman,
Director, LSBC Children's Center
Daniel Farris, Minister of Music
Louis Garcia, Custodian
Claire Helton, Minister to Children
Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 29

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

5:15—Supper
6:00—Children's Activities
6:00—Seminar
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

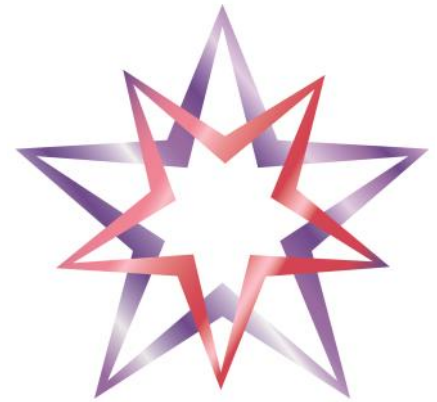
Thursday, December 1

8:30—10:30 Food Pantry Open

Wednesday night supper November 30

Shepherds Pie (meat, mashed potatoes, vegetables),
congealed salad, dessert
children, \$3.00
youth & adults, \$6.00

Contact Krysta@lakeshorebcwaco.org
by Monday noon
to add or cancel reservations.



Volunteers for

Sunday, November 27

Extended Care: Steve Gardner
Ushers: Isabelle Murphy
Lawyah Kari

Thank you to the Lake Shore members who helped us out in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during our busy pre-Advent week: Ibby Jones, Barbara Hobbs, Naomi Fox, and Beverly Hill .

Thank you to Steve Gardner, who sent the newsletter.

Thank you to those who came on Monday to decorate the sanctuary: JoLeen Eiklenborg, Pam and Rick Allen, Sandy Londos, Judy Bowman, Jenna Swanson, Louis Garcia, Gordon Lawrence, Sharlande Sledge. And the fabulous Isabelle Murphy who worked all day, even hanging banners!



2016 Pledge Cards

We have 45 pledges for a total of \$273,000. We need your pledge cards, too.

It's not too late to turn in your 2017 pledge card. You can drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or give it to Krysta during the week. Extra pledge cards are available in the church office.

The church office and LSBC will be closed November 26-27. Please call Sharlande or Gordon if you need anything.

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2016 budget of \$471,309.00 are \$9,063.63. This week's budget receipts were \$9,597.17.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$425,990.61	\$430,738.91	\$4,748.30

To give online, please click [here](#).