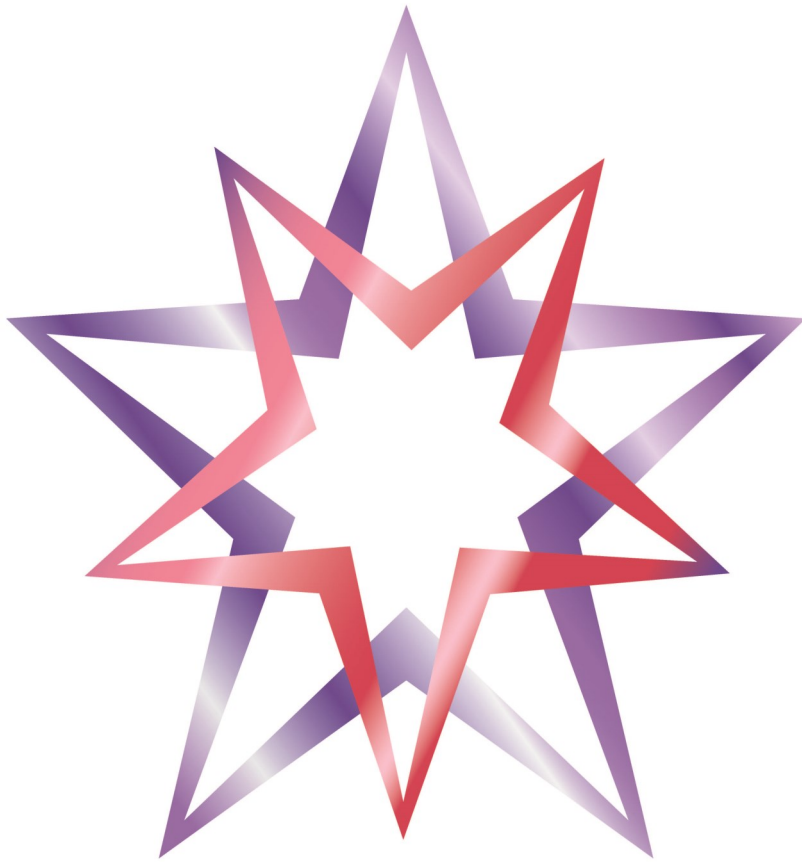


LAKE SHORELINES

December 7, 2016



GOD'S LOVE
MADE
VISIBLE

Worship at Lake Shore The Third Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God
December 11, 2016

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Isaiah 35:1-10

Christmas Open House

December 11, 2016
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Please come anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 on Sunday, December 11, to Alice & Bob Baird's house for our annual Christmas Open House. If you signed up to bring a particular food item, bring that. If you didn't sign up, we'd love to have you, so please bring whatever sort of easy-to-eat party food that you'd like to bring! It would help the Fellowship Committee if your food is brought on something disposable. The Committee members will be providing the desserts and drinks, so bring whatever "savories" you'd like to bring. If you don't want to bring any food, just bring yourselves!

Directions to the Baird house: Take Lake Shore Drive toward I 35. At the corner of Lake Shore and North 19th (China Spring Highway), turn left. At the intersection of N. 19th and Steinbeck Bend Road, turn right onto Steinbeck Bend. After the traffic signal at Rock Creek Drive, continue a few blocks on Steinbeck Bend until you get to Keys Creek Drive; turn left. At the first street, Deer Creek, turn left. The Baird house is 125 Deer Creek, and it's the 4th house on the right. Leave the circular driveway accessible for those who'll need to be dropped off by their drivers, please, and then park wherever you find a space along Deer Creek!

Welcoming & Affirming Statement

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Lake Shore Baptist Church took a historic step in the life of this community of faith. At a business meeting, the congregation gave 84% approval to revise our Bylaws to include a Welcoming & Affirming Statement. This vote came at the end of a year and a half process begun by the Deacons to educate ourselves about LGBTQI issues. A task group was created who lead us in a seminar series, "Compassionate Conversations." We explored the issues from a Biblical to personal perspectives. We had round table discussions and individual conversations. The task group proposed a statement after reviewing multiple examples from other churches. This statement then went to the Deacons and as a body they revised the statement which was approved last night. I include it for you here:

Lake Shore Baptist Church is a welcoming and affirming community of Christians attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We affirm each individual as a child of God and as created in God's image. Our welcome holds no bounds; we welcome all persons into membership and full participation in the life and ministry of our congregation.

I offer thanks to everyone who participated in the conversations, who struggled with this issue, and who were willing to vote their conscious.

I am grateful to be a member of this congregation called Lake Shore,
Libby Bellinger, Chair of Deacons



Imagine a red star on purple velvet. Now visualize each point of the star in a different fabric, each from a place in the world where Lake Shore has been connected through missions. Here's the story of the banner that we created in 2005 that is making its second appearance as our Advent theme. The red and gold batik from Indonesia represents tsunami relief; the red-strip, Operation Christmas Child in Nicaragua; the silk, earthquake relief in Pakistan. The Palestinian cross-stitch is from Gaza, where Lake Shore helped build a library. The brick-red with black stitching is from Ghana, where we helped build Shalom Children's Center.

Prudencia Tonghou contributed fabric from Cameroon, where we were connected with Habitat International. Gwyn Broyles gave the rose/blue cloth with triangular patterns to represent our connection to the memory box project for families touched by AIDS in South Africa. China is represented by the red silk with gold Chinese characters where our Soup Supper money helped an orphanage that year. In 2005 we also saw "God's Love Made Visible" in response to hurricane relief. The red bandana represents the United States and our connection to the Gulf coast.

For visual clues to the banner fabrics, look in the hall near the Missions Tree. Pam Allen designed the banner. Based on Sharlande's idea of red fabrics, Joyce McKee, Sandy Sadler, and Bobbee Watts created the banner.

Missions Tree

In the spirit of our Advent theme, "God's Love Made Visible," we are blessed to have ornaments that are handmade by a group of Syrian refugee women in Turkey. On November 27 there were 125 ornaments on the tree. Several dozen are still on the tree today.

If you haven't picked up an ornament, or would like another, here are some ideas of things still on the tree:

- **Meals on Wheels:** Provide a heater for a client.
- **Family Abuse Center:** Give a toaster for a family moving to a new home or a table setting.
- **Talitha Koum Nurture Center:** Give 1 large package of 4T pull-ups.
- **Mission Waco's Meyer Center:** Put together 2 or 3 hygiene kits to distribute to homeless women.
- **World Hunger Relief:** Purchase soup bowls.
- **International Rescue Committee:** Give a set of pots and pans to refugee clients who are making their home in Texas.
- **Shalom Children's Center:** Give money for 1 or more glass windows for the school.
- **SAIWC (San Antonio Interfaith Welcome Coalition):** Purchase a package of women's undies, size 5, and a package of girls' undies, size 6, 8, 10, or 12.
- **Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development:** Give money to purchase clothing and shoes for a refugee child in Syria.
- **Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development:** Provide a food voucher and hygiene kit for a refugee family.

The Gathering

We ask that you assist our pantry guests by bringing in toiletries that we can share with our guests, including toothpaste and canned goods. We continue to be grateful for your support.

— Food Pantry
Covenant Group



Children's Corner

The Christmas Craft Workshop was this past Sunday afternoon and we had a blast! Thanks to everyone who led a craft and to all who came and helped make the atmosphere festive!



Sunday School Note: Louise and Kay's class will be splitting into two beginning this Sunday: Toddlers (18 mos. - 3 yrs) will be with Ms. Kay in their same classroom, and Preschoolers (4-5 yrs) will be with Ms. Louise

in the Extended Care room.

We hope this will help us provide more developmentally appropriate content and attention for each of these groups! Let me know if you have any questions.



Stewardship Report

Thanks for your response to the needs of Lake Shore's budget. As of this week, 74% of the budget has been pledged, which is a substantial increase compared with the percentage 2 weeks ago. It's still concerning that there are only 60 pledges at this point, compared with an average of 80 pledges total each of the past 3 years. Your financial support is needed.

Thanks,
Kerry Irons, Stewardship Chair



Service of Light in the Darkness

December 18, 3:00 p.m.

A quiet interlude from the expectations of the holidays, especially for those who find this season difficult.

A time of worship to bring our pains and losses before God to redeem in hope.

Celebrations...

Kylie and Colin Campbell welcomed their daughter Amelia Ruth to the world on November 28. They have been visiting Lake Shore and are friends of Jennifer and John Warren (among others)

Erica Lea, who did her seminary mentoring at Lake Shore when she was a student at Truett, is now the Pastor in Residence at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Click [HERE](#) to read the letter she wrote to us.

Prayers for . . .

Cokie Held, who entered Providence Hospital, Wednesday, November 30, after suffering a stroke. On Tuesday, December 5, he moved to St. Catherine's for continued therapy. The Helds' daughters have been here — Melinda from Houston and Joanne from Micronesia. Please pray for all of them, especially for Milly, as they absorb and make adjustments to Cokie's health concerns.

Mike Frisch has been at Hillcrest since Tuesday, November 29. He has been receiving care for two different medical situations. Mike and Lenesa ask for your continued prayers for his healing.

Claire Helton's uncle, Grady Jones, got his leg amputated this morning because of an infection. He is in a nursing home in Mississippi.

Ladye Ruth Casner is in a rehab/physical therapy center in Arlington, following recent hospitalization on the weekend after Thanksgiving because of her blood pressure

Caroling and Chili Supper

Wednesday, December 14

Bus leaves at 5:15 p.m.

Chili after caroling

We'll sing to people we love.

We'll board the bus in the front

of the church to leave at 5:15; please be on time.

Stay after caroling for a bowl of chili at the church.

\$3 adults, \$2 children (corny dogs for children)

(We do not use the regular supper list for that week).

Let us know by Monday noon if you are coming.



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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RETURN SERVICE
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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 13

10:00—Women's Bible Study
 1:30—Staff Meeting
 7:00—Lake Shore Book Group

Wednesday, December 14

5:15—Chili and Caroling

Thursday, December 15

8:30—10:30 Food Pantry Open

The Lake Shore Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:00 pm at Ashley and Craig Thornton's house to discuss **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** by Colson Whitehead. All are invited. For more information call Craig or Ashley at 757-0586.

Staff Notes

Sharlande is out of the office this Tuesday-Thursday this week and Gordon will be out of the office next week.

Wednesday night supper

No supper tonight

December 14, 5:15,

Bus caroling

followed by chili supper

\$3 adults, \$2 children
(corny dogs for children)

This is the last supper of the year.

We will resume

Suppers on January 11, 2017.

Volunteers for

Sunday, December 11

Extended Care: Annette Brister
 Ushers: Lawyah Kari
 Andy Powell

Poinsettias for Advent

We still have poinsettias available. If you would like to give a red poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent please fill out a form in the office, or email Krysta@lakeshorebcwaco.org

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

ABRIDGED

This Week

Wednesday // Pizza, Check In, and 4-Square in the Teen House from 6-7pm
 Sunday // Christmas Open House from 5-7

Beyond This Week

December 18 // Progressive Dinner and Payment due for MidWinter (\$40)
 January 22 // Company of Parents
 January 27-29 // MidWinter Retreat

For more information, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any questions, or you would like to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lakeshorebcwaco.org.

Women's Bible Study

10:00 am

December 13, 2016

There will be refreshments.

For more information, please contact Carol Bice.

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 \$17,681.77.

Year to date needs
 \$444,117.87

Year to date received
 \$452,906.11

Difference
 \$8,788.24

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