

LAKE SHORELINES

January 31, 2018

2018 Deacons Retreat



Brett Younger will speak and lead discussions on the Future Church (Capital "C") and negotiating the terrain emotional and social change

Brett is senior minister of 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.

**Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am.
at the Fields' farm
Breakfast and lunch provided.**

ALL CURRENT deacons are strongly encouraged to participate.

If you have not emailed your RSVP to Pam Smallwood please contact her immediately.

Worship at Lake Shore The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

Sermon

"Ancient Contemporary Church"

Brett Younger

The Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52

Lake Shore welcomes Brett to the pulpit this Sunday morning. Brett is now the Senior Minister of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. He was pastor at Lake Shore from 1996-2001. Among the gifts he brought to our congregation was the tradition of the April Fool's Day newsletter. But enough about Brett.

Among the many talents Carol Younger brought to Lake Shore were her gifts in writing, teaching, and missions and her sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday, Mr. Pastor," while dressed as Marilyn Monroe. Her other claim to fame is that she's David Davis' sister, and now their father, Vernon Davis, is a member here, too.

Before going to Plymouth in Brooklyn in 2015, Brett was Associate Professor of Preaching at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. He and Carol also spent a sabbatical in Chile ministering at the international, English-speaking congregation of Santiago Community Church. Previously he had served as Senior Pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, a church with a big pipe organ and lots of lawyers. His previous pastorates were at Lake Shore Baptist Church (small organ, Baylor professors), College Heights Baptist Church in Manhattan, Kansas (funeral home quality organ, Kansas State professors), and Central Baptist Church in Paoli, Indiana (upright piano, hard-working farmers).

Brett is the author of the not nearly popular enough book, *Who Moved My Pulpit?*, as well as *Time for Supper: Invitations to Christ's Table*, *The Lighter Side: Serving Up Life Lessons with a Smile*, and others. He writes a monthly column, "The Lighter Side," for *Baptists Today* and is a regular contributor to *Baptist News Global*.

A Prayer for the World

offered in worship by Don SoRelle on January 28

LORD, I AM CONFUSED AND DON'T UNDERSTAND SOME THINGS GOING ON IN OUR WORLD.

This morning we read about another suicide bomber who felt called to take not only his life but also those of almost 100 other innocent people. This act was carried out by someone who feels that YOU are OK with this because those whom he killed did not believe the way he did. *I don't understand...*

This week there was a meeting of rich and powerful leaders from around the world. One of those leaders recently made remarks disparaging and denigrating entire countries and groups of YOUR children, basically saying they are unworthy of the opportunity to come to the country he leads. *I don't understand....*

Then this week here in Central Texas, house fires tragically claimed the lives of 3 precious young sisters, as well as a grandmother, her daughter, and granddaughter. Was there something they had done that deserved such a terrible fate? *I don't understand....*

As we try to understand such things in our world, we pray for the wisdom to know that You are the one TRUE GOD, and that every soul on this earth is a child of yours. We need to understand that your commandment says that we do not go around killing innocent persons in your name.

We pray to understand that the rich and powerful are of no greater importance to You than the rice farmers in Asia, the Maasai herding his cattle in Kenya, the destitute in India who bathe and drink foul water as they try to live day to day, or the widow in Nicaragua using a microloan to build a business so she can feed, and clothe, and give shelter to her children. We pray for this understanding of our greater need to connect with others in our world.

We need to be willing to give up trying to make sense of that which may seem incomprehensible and be willing to accept that Life is sometimes beyond our total control and sometimes terrible tragedies occur to very good people. Let us remember the words of our faith.... "You shall have no other gods before me" and "Thou shalt do no murder"...

Let us remember the words of your Son when he said "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth," and again when he rebuked his disciples and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." These are the words we should strive to live by.

AND NOW I THINK I AM BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND.

THANK YOU AND AMEN

Women's Retreat 2018



Children's Corner



The Potter's Hand

In our Wednesday night *Way of the Child* sessions this week and next we'll be focusing on the imagery from Jeremiah 18 of God as a potter. Since my co-teacher Barb Francis is actually a potter, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to do some extra work with clay! The kids will all have a chance to make their own pinch pots to be fired, and Barb will be bringing her pottery wheel next week to show them what that process looks like. We hope many of our kids will be able to join us for these special Wednesday nights!

—Claire

Celebrating Peter Helton

We are "showering" the Heltons with diapers until tonight, January 31. 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."



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: graham crackers, saltine crackers, Goldfish crackers, bananas, apples, Cheerios, and applesauce



Celebrations

Libby Bellinger, Associate Director of Meals on Wheels, was honored this week upon her retirement. She had worked at MOW for thirty-three years.



Prayers for . . .

Dr. James Vardaman, friend to many at Lake Shore, died early this afternoon, Wednesday, January 31, at Hillcrest. His wife, Betsy, and Bob Baird were with Jim when he died. David Hendon reports that his sister Jean had a successful aortic valve replacement today at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. Don Koester is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Keith Bailey is coming home tomorrow, February 1, after being in rehab for his knee replacement surgery. Milly Held has moved to Sodalis Memory Care on N. 19th. Ron Beal continues to seek effective treatment for persistent headache. Diane Rose and Dianna Vitanza are both healing at home. Gail Kamm is room 304 at Providence. She appreciates your prayers. Kate Smallwood, and her mother, Pam, leave Wednesday, February 7, for Denver where Kate will have surgery related to her Bronchiectasis diagnosis.

Brittany Rameriz sent this message on Monday:

We just boarded our plane to Hong Kong. This will hopefully be our last time to need to come to Hong Kong. Please pray for everything to go smoothly with the visa process. We turn in Casey's student visa application Monday morning in Hong Kong and then hopefully it will be processed and ready by Friday. We will be staying in Macau with some other CBF co-workers so that will be nice. We miss you all and are so thankful for your love and prayers!

Women's Bible Study

February 13, 10:00

LAKE SHORE GAME NIGHT

"WE DON'T STOP PLAYING BECAUSE WE GROW OLD. WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP PLAYING." - GEORGE BERNARD SHAW
BOARD AND CARD GAMES
AFTER SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Playing games together is an excellent way to foster the spirit of community and connect beyond the demographic walls we often construct between us. It's fun, but it's also important work for the community! We hope you can join us!

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Claire Helton, Minister to Children
 Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
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CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, February 2-3

Deacon's Retreat

Sunday, February 4

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, February 6

1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Game Night

7:15—Choir Rehearsal



Sunday, February 4, After Worship

Lake Shore will go on the offensive against hunger among the elderly by joining churches across the country as we participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." After worship on Sunday, youth will hold soup pots at each door of the sanctuary for your contributions. All money will go to Meals on Wheels.

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

ABRIDGED

Wednesday 1/31

Seminar by Dr. Peaches Henry, President of the Waco NAACP

Sunday 2/4

9:30am - Sunday School

10:45 - Worship / Souper Bowl

5:30-7:30pm - Super Bowl Party

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIELD TRIP TO PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA HAS BEEN MOVED TO FEBRUARY 11TH!

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

February 4, 2018

Extended Care: Beth Raymond
 Ushers: Susan Johnson
 Pam Smallwood

Wednesday night supper

February 7

Fantastic Chicken,
 rice, green beans, salad, dessert

children, \$3.00

youth & adults, \$6.00

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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13

Serving from
 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Join us as we prepare for Lent. Centuries ago due to empty pantries and ice boxes of foods that are not eaten during Lent (fats, eggs, milky foods, and some meats), people feasted on these foods before Ash Wednesday. Because many of these ingredients are used in pancakes, Shrove Tuesday feasts often include pancakes.

***\$3 suggested donation per adult. Children eat free.
 Email Krysta@lsbcwaco.org to RSVP.***

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 \$5,319.50.

Year to date needs
 \$39,307.68

Year to date received
 \$21,768.00

Difference
 (\$17,539.68)

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