



Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? There is no one but us. There is no one to send nor a pure heart on the face of the earth but only us, a generation comforting ourselves with the notion that we have come at an awkward time. But there is

"Ascension," Jan Richardson

no one but us. There never has been. — Annie Dillard

Worship at Lake Shore

Ascension Sunday

The Worship of God May 13, 2018

Preaching

Melanie Briscoe Sermon: "This same Jesus . . . "

The Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

Melanie Briscoe preaching this Sunday

Melanie Moore Briscoe has been active in our congregation the past several years, along with her husband, Conway, and her daughter, Rebekah. Her creative and artistic spirit has been a gift here. A native of Waco, she graduated with an M. Div. from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth in 1999. The December



of that year she was ordained by Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin. Melanie served churches and campus ministries (some under appointment of the Bishop of the United Methodist Church) for 10 years prior to Bekah's birth.

What were we thinking?

A report from the Needs Assessment Task Force **Tonight — May 9, 6:15 p.m.**

Many of you took a survey in February that focused on the core values and activities of our church. The data was collected by the Needs Assessment Task Force and the findings have been shared with the Deacons. Now it's time to share them with you. The Task Force will present the survey results and recommendations on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:15 p.m. in the Blue Room. Please attend!

Task Force Members: Mike Raymond, Chair, Kristi SoRelle, Carlos Hinojosa, Henry Kari, Kyndall Rothaus and Pam Smallwood



Waco Foundation to Present at Lake Shore May 16 at 6:15 p.m.

How much do you know about Waco Foundation? Did you know it's an organization that works to strengthen local non-profits and has since 1958? Did you know they manage over \$80 million in charitable assets for almost 200 different entities?

The Finance Committee and Deacons are considering setting up a fund in Lake Shore Baptist's name at Waco Foundation. Find out why at our Wednesday night seminar on May 6:15PM.

Sponsoring the Network of Affirming Baptists at CBF Annual Gathering

On Sunday night, the deacons approved a request we have received to help sponsor the Affirming Network Breakfast on June 14 at 7:00 a.m. at this year's Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Annual Gathering at he Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas.. Since this is not a budgeted item, we will be accepting individual donations. This is a great opportunity to send our funds to denominational efforts that align with our values. Let me tell you a bit more about the breakfast:

Until recently, CBF's hiring policy prohibited "the purposeful hiring of a staff person or the sending of a missionary who is a practicing homosexual." This policy applied to persons directly hired by CBF, but congregations were free to hire who they wanted.

For the past two years, the Illumination Project Committee studied the CBF hiring policy and surveyed CBF churches across the country. Their final recommendation, which was approved by the Governing Board, was two-fold.

First, the Illumination Committee wrote a new hiring policy that eliminated the previous discriminatory language. (You can read the new policy at illumination project.net.)

Second, the Illumination Committee also recommended an "implementation procedure" which states, "Among other qualifying factors, CBF will employ persons for leadership positions in ministry who exhibit the ideals set forth in our hiring policy, have gifts appropriate to the particular position and who practice a traditional Christian sexual ethic of celibacy in singleness or faithfulness in marriage between a woman and a man." In other words, CBF may hire gay people for lower level positions but not for leadership or missions positions.

Many people within the life of CBF are working to fight against the discriminatory nature of the implementation plan. Nathan Russell, a gay Christian who works at Brite Divinity School and is a member of Broadway Baptist Church, has formed a Network of Affirming Baptists who will meet for breakfast at CBF's General Assembly. The breakfast is in the same building as the conference, making it an important, visible event in the life of CBF.

Nathan called Lake Shore to ask if we would consider being a sponsor for this breakfast. If you would like to contribute to the sponsorship of the breakfast, please give your donation to Krysta. Thank you!!

— Kyndall



Reviving the ancient Christian tradition of quarterly Ember Days, these one-day retreats offer time, silence, beauty and Sabbath rest at the hinges of the year. Each Ember Day will center around a theme suggested by the Earth's season and by the season of the church year—Advent, Lent, Pentecost and Ordinary Time. Revive yourself through reflections, prayer, walking, journaling, and spaciousness of heart—all healing spiritual practices in the busyness of our lives.

Location: The Fields' Farm

A light lunch. No cost; suggested donation \$15. RSVP required: (254) 722-2403

Leader: Victoria Grace Kabat holds a certificate in "Transforming Communities: Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats" from Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. She is certified in Spiritual Direction by the Diocese of Austin.

Shepherd: Marsha Martie is the pastor of Crossties Ecumenical Church and a teacher at the Servant Leadership School of the church. She is certified in Spiritual Direction by the Diocese of Austin.



Feel free to bring food.

The roles we see women play in media shape the roles we expect them to play in real life. Justice begins in our imagination. Join us to experience this excellent commentary on sexism and gender roles, based on the 1973 tennis match between Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King.



Children's Corner

A Busy Weekend! Lake Shore kids had a busy weekend with a great turnout at both MissionKids on Friday night and the Bike-A-Thon on Sunday afternoon. Thanks so much to Beth Raymond for her help at MissionKids, where we learned about the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development, the organization our Bike-A-Thon dollars will go to support! And thanks to all the kids (24 of them!) who came out and sweated to raise those dollars, and to the church members, family and friends who pledged to support them. We've already brought in \$498 in pledge money. Our kids have until this Sunday, May 13 to get their money turned in so we can send it on its way!





Movie Night Childcare There will be childcare available for movie night **upon request**, so please let Claire know ASAP if your kids will be attending! The movie starts at 5:00, and the kids will be down the hall watching *Moana*!

Bad Friends & Monsters

by Ashley Thornton

Art Exhibit and Book Release

May 17 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Art Club at J. H. Hines Elementary has worked hard this semester to illustrate a children's book, "Bad Friends & Monsters" written by Ashley Bean Thornton. Copies of the finished book will be distributed as a gift to first graders and Kindergarteners at J.H. Hines. Please join us on May 17, 2018 from 5:30 – 6:30 for an art



show and book release reception at East Waco Library, 901 Elm Street. A very limited number of copies of the book will be available for sale for \$10 with proceeds supporting the J. H. Hines Art Club.

Prayers for . . .

Kyndall Rothaus, who is on maternity leave. As you may know, Kyndall has received another foster baby to care for and love. We'd love for you to help care for Kyndall by signing up to take a meal. Let's shower her and Baby Girl with God's kind of love. https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8dwwrn.

Ron Beal, who will have hip replacement surgery at Hillcrest on May 15.

Kim Wilson, whose mother died last week in Beaumont. Our prayers are with Kim and Matt and their children, Kaitlin, Zach, and Sophia.

Tom Hanks had back surgery — a lumbar laminectomy — at Providence on Monday. He was released late Monday afternoon. Thomas was with Tom and Carole during the surgery and spent the first night with them.

Sandy Londos's sister, Carla Butler of Sarasota, Florida, is waiting further diagnostics and treatment for osteosarcoma. Carla and Sandy ask for the prayers of their Lake Shore friends and family.

Becky Ryals and Cindy Williams and their families. Cindy called the church on Tuesday to say that her brother, David, had died in Austin. David was the younger brother of Jean Williams; Jean and George raised him as their son. David and his wife, Becky, were members of Lake Shore in the 1990's and early 2000's. Becky is planning a service in Austin on June 9. Later in the summer they would like to have a service in Waco.

Kay Bailey's sister Nancy Lanham broke multiple bones in her ankle last Saturday night. Kay's brother, Ted Dodson, was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be staying with Kay and Keith while he travels to M.D. Anderson.

Elizabeth Dell's mother, Joan Dell, is now living at St. Catherine's.

Nate Myrick as he defends his dissertation Thursday, May 10.

Family Self-Sufficiency

a new call for volunteers Thursday, May 17 5:45-7:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer through Lake Shore's ministries, Family Self-Sufficiency gives an opportunity to help care for presechoolers and children while their parents meet in a mentoring meeting.

Waco Housing Authority sponsors this vital program for adults on the road to becoming self-sufficient.

We need childcare, beginning at 5:45.

If the weather is nice, children are on the playground.

Let Judy Davies know if you can help.

You'll be glad you did!

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 Ross Tarpley, Minister of Music



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, May 15

3:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Seminar

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Staff Notes

Kyndall is taking the rest of her maternity leave. this week and next week.

Ross is leaving for Malaysia on Sunday with the Baylor Men's Choir. He will be gone two weeks.

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

ABRIDGED

Wednesday 5/9

5:15pm - Dinner, followed by "What Were We Thinking?" Seminar

Saturday - 5/12

5pm - Battle of the Sexes in the Blue Room

Sunday - 5/13

9:30am - Youth Sunday School No Evening Activities

May 20th - Deadline to register for SWBYC

June 17-22nd - SWBYC

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 **May 16**

barbecue on bun or potato slaw, and orange congealed salad children, \$3.00 youth & adults, \$6.00

Meals on Wheels

cordially invites you to their annual

Sunday Brunch

May 20 — 12 to 2 p.m. John Knox Memorial Center Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum \$65 per person

Reserve your space no later than May 14. For more information: 254-752-0316.



Volunteers for Sunday, May 13.

Extended Care:

Lance Kellev

Ushers:

Aaron Abel JoLeen Eiklenborg

Check your info in the church directory. Any changes? Send to Krysta@lsbcwaco.org.

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 \$10,254.

> Year to date needs \$176, 884.56

Year to date received \$136,944.26

Difference (\$39,940.30)

To give online, please click here.