

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

Worship at Lake Shore The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

The Worship of God
October 28, 2018

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Job 42:7-17

Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 6:15pm

To vote on the Deacon Nominations

*Please be sure to have your votes in by
Sunday, October 28.*

A Letter from Zach and Claire Helton

Lake Shore Family,

As we reflect this evening on the one-year anniversary of our ordination at Lake Shore, we write to you tonight with full hearts to include you in the most recent, bittersweet development in our vocational journey. Several months ago, we received a letter from Northminster Church in Monroe, Louisiana, asking us to consider applying together for their open senior pastor position. Co-pastoring has been a dream of ours for some time, though it is still rare to find an opportunity for it. After a lengthy interview process, tomorrow the pastoral search committee at Northminster will present our names to the church as candidates to jointly serve as their next pastors. Though the decision still hinges on a congregational vote following our preaching in view of a call on November 4th, we wanted to be sure that you all heard this first from us.

We are so deeply grateful for Lake Shore, for who you all have been to us over the past five years. You have held to your tradition of shaping young pastors for ministry, and it has been a privilege to minister alongside you, to learn from you, and to count you all as friends. In our spiritual disorientation and wandering as seminary students, you gave us generous space to take our first faltering steps in ministry and helped us to discover our own voices as preachers and pastors. You

have loved us and offered your blessings on the dedication of both of our boys. As we have borne witness to the growth of your youth and children and accompanied them through milestones of joy and grief, our love for them has grown as well, and that will make this transition very difficult for us. It has been an honor to work alongside each of you to find ways to create formative spaces for your youth and children, spaces in which we have been mutually formed. You have become an integral part of our story, and we have no doubt we will be drawing on our experiences here and telling the story of this place wherever our journey takes us.

The next few weeks of transition will inevitably fly by, and we wish we could slow them down to be able to take the time with each of you that you deserve, to say goodbye. If all goes according to plan, our final Sunday at Lake Shore will be November 11th, followed by a week of packing and preparing for the move to Monroe. We will hold you all in our prayers as you navigate this next season of transition and seek out the best candidates to fill our roles. May the Spirit of Wisdom lead you to someone who will encourage and challenge you as you continue to grow into the likeness of Christ, a fuller embodiment of love, which is what all of this has always been and will always be about.

With great love,
Zach and Claire

Pastor's Update

Lake Shore family, the deacon executive committee has asked me to keep you informed about my involvement in the wider community, which is a great idea since I don't always think to mention what I'm up to. J September was a particularly busy month for me. At the beginning of the month I met with pastors from our Southwest Baptist Camping Association, which is made up of progressive Baptist churches around the state and a few surrounding states, to plan youth camp for our youth next year. I will be camp pastor in the summer of 2019, leading the teenagers in a series titled by our very own Molly Hepp, "Wack from Front to Back: The Bible." In early September I went to Boston for an event organized by Baptist News Global for senior pastors by invitation only titled "Conversations that Matter." The theme for this continuing education opportunity was "Pastoral Leadership in a Polarized and Politicized Manner." We spent three days addressing topics like economic inequity, racial inequity, and LGBTQ inclusion in the church. On Wednesday night we walked the Black Heritage trail together. When I returned from Boston, I helped to host the second annual Nevertheless She Preached conference here in Waco. Last year I co-founded the conference with Natalie Webb, and it has grown into a national, ecumenical preaching and empowerment event designed and led by women. We had nine keynote speakers, nine workshop leaders, and over 250 registered participants, many of who traveled from out of state to be here. During the conference I was interviewed by Sojourners Magazine, and they included a clip from the interview in a video for survivors of assault that eventually made it into Huffington Post. Sojourners published three of my sermons in their 100 sermons project that came out this past month. At the beginning of October I sat on a panel on women's leadership in Sakina Dixon's leadership class at Baylor. I also went to my first meeting as a member of the Advisory Board for Baylor's Public Deliberation Initiative. I'm also on an advisory board for Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles as she seeks to establish a new Baptist House of Studies at Perkins School of Theology at SMU; we met for the first time this past month, and I'm very excited about this possibility for Baptist seminary students in Texas. I've also been working with the Alliance of Baptists to strengthen the network of Alliance pastors and churches in the southern part of the country. These are a few of things I've been up to in addition to living amongst you lovely people and taking care of my sweet baby, who is my constant source of joy.

Love to you all,
Kyndall

"Chinese Society and the Third Revolution" Wednesday night seminar — October 24, 6:15 p.m.

Following our visit with Brittany and Casey in Chengdu, China, last Wednesday night, Dr. Xin Wang, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and director of the Asian Studies program at Baylor, will talk with us about China. Yes, he will talk about the overall situation for religion, but he will also present broader reflections on China: things that have been changing, things that have staying pretty much the same: the standard of living, the educational system, the policies and personality of Xi Jinping.



He was born in Xi'an, an ancient capital of China, and he completed his master's and doctorate in education at Baylor. In addition to his recent book *Higher Education as a Field of Study in China: Defining Knowledge and Curriculum Structure*, his publications have been mainly focused on the civic culture of the emerging middle class in China and China's higher education reform. His recent research projects include China's newly emerged urban art communities. Besides teaching and research at Baylor, he directs and leads the Baylor in China study abroad program every summer.

The Faces of Beloved Community



**traveling photography exhibit
highlighting the people and places
of CBF Global Missions.**

at Lake Shore, October 14– November 7

42 large, high quality photographs
curated on behalf of the CBF Missions Council,
drawing on the best of thousands of photographs of
"beloved community" around the world.

Children's Corner

Company of Parents Update

Last Friday night, several Lake Shore parents of children and youth gathered to share their favorite books, rituals, resources, and routines that have been helpful in making faith formation an intentional part of their family's rhythms. We had good conversation and I came away with a good list of books in particular that I'll share in the children's newsletter this week, so keep an eye out for that list and get ready to add a few great titles to your family's bookshelf!

Catching up with the Ramirezes

Our children were great participants in the Skype call with Brittany & Casey Ramirez serving as field personnel with CBF in Chengdu, China - holding up lettered signs to spell out "WE LOVE YOU" and asking lots of good questions! (pictured below: Henry Swanson listening as Brittany & Casey answered his question by sharing their Chinese names)



All
is
Calm

This Advent we are re-visiting an Advent theme and beloved banner: "All Is Calm." Those words were a prayerful hope to hold on to the first time we focused on them; they will be again in 2018. We seem to need them now more than ever.

It's a Lake Shore tradition to create its own booklet of Advent meditations, a series of personal reflections written by our members. This is the time for writing meditations so that the book will be ready for the first Sunday of Advent — December 2 this year.

This year we invite you to focus on the phrase "All Is Calm." Especially in this world that is often far, far removed from images of peace, search for the calm, quiet ways Christ has come to you. The holy gift of Christmas does not come in grand gestures. And, like Christmas itself, calmness is a pure gift of grace that comes every once in a while, even amidst the rush and stress of our daily lives and the whirlwind of news that seems to want to send our world over the edge every day. When we pay attention to the gift of calmness, may we recognize things that make for peace.

We need 15 more writers. If you would like to write a short meditation, please send an email to Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org for prompts and writing guidelines. Meditations to be in before November 11.

Celebrations

David and Prudencia Tonghou, have a new son, Bingyui David Tonghou, who was born Wednesday, October 17, in Northport, Alabama. His two big sisters Yahtah and Konyui welcome him home! Our blessings on all the Tonghous, part of Lake Shore's extended family.

Prayers for . . .

Ibby and Van Jones, who are both sore but very, very grateful that they are OK after they were in a terrible car wreck Monday afternoon at the intersection of Austin and 25th Street. We are grateful for the firefighters who got them out of the car and the good reports they received at the hospital.

Barb Francis, who is with her 91-year-old father, Merle Schlosser, this week in Tucson, Arizona. He had surgery on Monday to replace one valve in his heart and to repair another. He also had a procedure to correct his atrial fibrillation.

Charlotte Neeper, one month-old daughter of Haley and Lucas Neeper and granddaughter of Kay and Keith Bailey, had an echocardiogram last week that showed that Charlotte has a hole in her heart. She will have another echocardiogram in December to see how she has progressed. The family requests our prayers.

Ron Beal had an appointment at UTSW Medical Center in Dallas on Tuesday because he has again been suffering with a persistent headache of unknown origin. Unfortunately, he received no relief on this week's visit and will return to Dallas in a few weeks for one more type of injection. We pray for Ron's relief from these severe headaches.

Gordon Lawrence's daughter Angie has been in Providence the last few days for injuries she suffered while exercising.

The Deacon Nominating Committee & Committee Sign-Up

The Deacon Nominating Committee solicits your recommendations to the committee. Please make your recommendations on the nomination form and place your list of nominees in the designated box in the hallway outside the church office door by **Sunday, October 28**. Forms are in the church office and on the table in the hall outside the office.

Qualifications for election as a deacon (per the bylaws):

- member of Lake Shore Baptist for at least two years
- at least 18 years of age
- involved in ministry
- committed to attendance at deacon meetings and retreats
- intentional in his or her quest for a mature faith
- regular attendance in worship and other church programs
- committed to regular financial stewardship through the church budget
- given to reconciliation and reflective of the biblical model of servanthood and personal moral integrity.

Committee sign up sheets are also in the hall. Sign your name to the committees you would like to be considered for in 2019.

Please complete these forms by **Sunday, November 4**.

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, October 28

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

Monday, October 29

5:30 — Spanish Class

Tuesday, October 30

3:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 31

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Staff Notes

Kyndall will be out next week, October 20-23.

Meals and Wheels needs a driver for Fridays. If you are interested and would like to have more information, please contact Beverly Hill.

LAKE SHORE YOUTHS

Friday - 10/26

5:30pm - Meet at Lake Shore to head out to Fall Retreat
 (more details in the full Weekly Youth Update)

Sunday - 10/28

No youth events

Wednesday - 10/24

5:15pm - Dinner in the sanctuary
 6:15pm - D&D&JC

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 Sunday, October 24

Extended Care: Gail Boyd
 Ushers: Barbara Hobbs
 Willie Hobbs

No Wednesday night supper on October 31

Baylor- STEPPING OUT

November 10, 2018

LSBC

9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Baylor University is requesting anyone participating needs to sign a Release Form. Therefore, LSBC Parents of Youth will need to sign Form D and all adults will sign Form E. This Release Form includes a Photo Release.

Desserts for Wednesday Night Supper

If you would like to bring enough dessert for eighty to eighty-five people on a Wednesday night, please let Sharlande or Krysta know. We need desserts for October 24; November 7, 14, and 28. Thank you in advance for the chocolate cakes, apple cakes, brownies, cupcakes, pumpkin pie, Christmas cookies, and anything else you would like to bring. The Wednesday night supper crowd will love to eat your desserts!

The Deacon Executive Committee will have their first "Open Mic" event Wednesday, November 7, in lieu of a Wednesday night seminar.

Please submit questions for the Deacon Exec Committee to Krysta via email or leave on her desk by October 31.

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 \$2,529.00.

Year to date needs
 \$412,730.64

Year to date received
 \$326,402.98

Difference
 (\$86,327.66)

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