

# Lake Shore Lines newsletter

November 28, 2018

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## Advent and Christmas

### First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2

*Open House at Rick and Pam Allen's home*

*5:00-7:00 p.m.*

### Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9

*Christmas Workshop, 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 12

*Service of Light in the Darkness, 5:15 p.m.*

### Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 16

Wednesday, December 19

*Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper*

*5:15 p.m.*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*5:00 p.m.*

Calmness. It is what we wish for, hope for, long for through our songs and prayers each Advent. Easing into a focused, attentive pace is our common dream. We all need the spaciousness that nurtures our calmness and clarity.

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The holy gift of the Incarnation does not come in grand gestures. It 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 send parts of our world, even parts of ourselves, over the edge every day. As you focus on "All Is Calm" this Advent season -- especially in this world that aggravates fear and stress -- look for the clear, quiet ways Christ comes to you.

It is right and good—that in the midst of the rush and celebrations, the noise and the news, the excess and the unimaginable—that we seek a space away from the activity of the world for a little while each day. We pray that quiet can come upon us, like it settled upon Mary, so that we can reflect on all that we have seen and heard. Calm reflection will sustain us as we become agents of God's peace in the world.

Each year members of our congregation write Advent meditations to guide us through the season. We give thanks for the writers who took the time to prepare for Advent even before its liturgical beginning on December 2. They paid attention to things that calmed their hearts or remembered things that caused them to dearly long for the spirit of calmness and peace. They expressed themselves in memories, prayers, poems, and guided meditations. Some of the writers are new contributors to this traditional Lake Shore book. A few worshiped with us here at Lake Shore until moving away a few years ago, but we always welcome their insights.

"All Is Calm" -- we seem to need the words now more than ever. May these meditations help us claim this prayerful aspiration as we live attentive to Christ's incarnation.

**Advent books available  
Sunday, December 2**

- One Advent book is available per household.
- Books will be in alphabetical order in the hall.
- 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.
- Books were mailed to the out-of-town people on our newsletter list who requested them.

**Vote on the 2018 Budget  
Sunday, December 2  
after worship**

***Prayer for the World,  
offered in worship by Steve Gardner  
Sunday, November 25***

Our Loving God,  
on this day when we recognize you as king,  
we pray for a renewed vision of your kingdom,  
and we pray that you will give us  
the wisdom and strength to build  
some part of that kingdom here on earth.

Lord, sometimes we feel that we are living  
far outside of your kingdom.  
How can we be living under your leadership  
when thousands of children are starving and living in  
terror in Yemen, and Sudan, and Cameroon,  
and so many other places?

When our country closes its borders to refugees  
who are fleeing from hunger and violence?  
When we allow our actions to damage your creation,  
endangering the lives of future generations?

But we also know the good that can be done  
when we live into your kingdom.  
When we reach out to our local community, saying that  
all are welcome here in this place.  
When we join hands with Carver Park Baptist, and  
Community Self Sufficiency, and Caritas, and Meals on  
Wheels, and Anali Looper at American Gateways to  
address the needs our local community.  
When we reach out to the Shalom Children's Center in  
Ghana and the ministries of Hanna Massad in Gaza  
and Alia Abboud in Lebanon  
to lend support to children and refugees  
in those troubled places.

Lord, help us NOT to be overcome with evil  
and helplessness,  
but to overcome evil with good.  
Teach us to know how to live as your Kingdom People  
in these difficult times.

Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
here on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.

# 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 “All Is Calm,” 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 the Missions Tree projects.

## Community Missions Projects

### Meals on 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.*

- Purchase a large package of adult incontinence briefs for a Meals on Wheels client.

### The Cove

*The Cove is a teen nurturing center designed to provide a safe space for students experiencing homelessness to access the resources they need to thrive.*

- Purchase 2 or more packages of Dubble Bubble Original Flavor Individually Wrapped bubble gum.
- Purchase a Swiffer Wetjet Spray Mop Floor Cleaner Starter Kit.

### Family Abuse Center

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

- Purchase a toaster for a Family Abuse Center client who is getting ready to move into a new home.
- Purchase board games for the Family Abuse Center’s activity room.

### Talitha Koum Institute

*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 Toughest Mighty Dump Truck.
- Purchase a Little Tikes Gas ’n Go Mower for the children at Talitha Koum.

### Mission Waco/Mission World Meyer Center

*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.*

- Purchase 2 or more pairs of men’s outdoor mid-to-heavyweight wool socks for a homeless client.

### 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.*

- Give a Fisher-Price nativity set for one of the classes in our Center.
- Give \$20 or more for preschool books for one of the classes in our Center.

# Global Missions Projects

## Song for Shalom, Ghana

*With Lake Shore's support, Christiana Owusu started a preschool in Ghana. Now in its fifteenth 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 \$30 per chair to help furnish classrooms.

## Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development

*In 2015 and again in 2018 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 \$50 or more to assist the LSESD with meeting the urgent needs of the displaced and vulnerable families in the Mena region.

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

*CBF Field Personnel serve within three primary contexts: global poverty, global migration, and the global church. This year we are giving to these two areas of ministry:*

- **China**

To help Brittany and Casey Ramirez's work in China.

- **Puerto Rico**

In cooperation with Iglesia Bautista de Metropolis, Carolina, Puerto Rico, give \$40 or more to assist in building temporary classrooms for children where recovery work continues in the aftermath of Hurricanes Maria and Irma.

## Nsam Baptist Church, Cameroon

*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. Its roof and foundation are in great need of repair.*

- Give \$50 or more for the renovation of Nsam Baptist Church.

## Interfaith Welcome Coalition, 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.*

- Purchase some of the following items to share with immigrant children seeking asylum in the United States: small Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars, coloring books for very young children, small boxes of crayons, bilingual board books, gloves or mittens.

## Christian Mission to Gaza

*For many years we have partnered with pastor Hanna Massad to help in his ministries to Gaza for the people who suffer immense troubles. In addition to preaching at Gaza Baptist Church, he helps Palestinians — both Christians and Muslims — with their daily emergency needs.*

- Assist a family with medical costs by giving \$50 or more for their daughter's treatment.
- Give \$60 or more to help feed a Palestinian family in Gaza for one month.

# This year's ornaments

This year we purchased our ornaments from Blue Sheep in Chengdu, China. Blue Sheep buys its products from skilled artisans who either live in remote areas or have been restricted by illness, poverty, a disability and disaster, and sells them to a larger market. Many are traditional handicrafts made by minority ethnic groups, such as the Miao. The profits are returned to the artisans, to their community, or to a particular area of need. This ensures artisans are given a fair price and protects China's diverse and traditional customs. Blue Sheep is also involved in relief work in which profits are used to benefit the producer, their communities or others in need as in post-disaster situations. Blue Sheep has provided food and bedding, solar lights, first aid equipment and rabbits to farmers after earthquakes, floods, and landslides. It has also, supplied books for community libraries and scholarships for the education of poor students, and it has helped to build dormitories, kitchen, and incinerators and toilets for schools serving one of China's minority ethnic groups.





## Christmas Open House

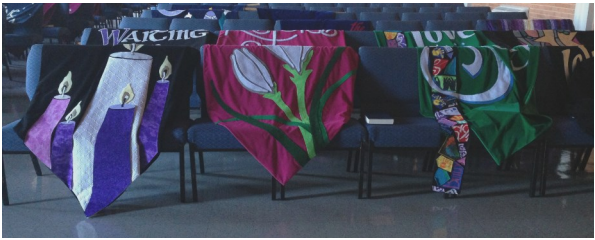
Sunday, December 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Home of Rick and Pam Allen, 2211 Colcord

When you come to the open house bring whatever you would like to bring, already on a plate for serving, to add to the feast — Christmas cookies, fudge, finger sandwiches, veggie or fruit trays, cheese & crackers, and more Christmas cookies!

## Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent

Saturday, December 1  
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

The tree, wreaths, banners, candles, chrismons, and missions tree all need to be in place before Advent begins on Sunday. We have jobs for helping hands of all ages.



## Poinsettias for Advent



You may give a pink 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 9.**

*We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 16*

## Prayers for . . .

Jonah Warren, 4, will have his second cataract surgery on Thursday at Cook's Children's in Fort Worth.

Kyndall is caring for two babies right now, one of whom is in a cast. Kyndall's mother, Kim, is here from Oklahoma until Friday to help.

Linda Olson fell Thanksgiving night and spent several days at Hillcrest hospital.

Nathan Stone's treatment for bladder cancer begins next week. Tom Charlton is in hospice care in Fort Worth.

Michelle Powell's mother recently received a difficult diagnosis. The Briscoes are caring for three parents, near and far.

The memorial service for Dorothy Clark, Magi Davis's mother, is Saturday, December 8, at Seventh & James Baptist.

Ross Tarpley's grandmother, Peggy Ives, is hospitalized in Kilgore for tests.

Tom and Carole Hanks need our prayers.

Mikhayla Evans visited the on-campus doctor Tuesday because of a lump in her breast. She will have an ultra-sound at 2 and will see the doctor again next Tuesday.

## Missions Around the Tables

Wednesday, December 5  
6:15 — after supper

Join us — children, youth, and adults — as we participate in some of the ministries connected with our Missions Tree, including a project we helped last year — "Hope for the Holidays," an idea of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services that makes sure children and families in detention centers in South Texas get Christmas cards. LIRS provides greetings for us to use in both Spanish and English, words like these:

*Yo estoy orando por usted y su familia. Yo continuo luchando por usted y su familia y por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que dejan su país en busca de una vida mejor.*

I am praying for you and your family. I am also fighting for justice for you and your family, and for all our brothers and sisters who leave their countries in search of a better life.

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

Louis Garcia, Custodian  
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist  
 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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### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 2

9:30—Sunday School  
 10:45—Worship  
 3:00—Newsletter Deadline  
 4:00—Soulfriends  
 5:00—Open House

#### Tuesday, December 4

3:00—Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 5

5:15—Supper  
 6:15—Missions Around the Table  
 7:15—Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday night supper

#### December 5

Joan's Spaghetti

children, \$3.00  
 youth & adults, \$6.00

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

### Eat Dessert First!

#### December 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Judy and Buddy Prather will be in town a few days in early December. Stop by the "green room" to visit with them and have an early dessert.

### Women's Bible Study/ Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 11  
 10:00 a.m.

### Volunteers for Sunday, December 2

Extended Care:

Kim Kellison

Ushers: Aaron Abel  
 Andy Powell

### Youth Update This Week

#### Saturday (12/1)

9:00am Decorating for Advent

#### Sunday (12/2)

9:30am Time Well-Wasted

5-7pm Church Open House

### Upcoming

December 1 - Decorating for Advent

December 2nd - Church-wide

Christmas Open House

December 5th - D&D&JC (is back!)

December 16th - Progressive Dinner (Murphy/  
 Miller/Swanson)

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Intergenerational Event  
 (in the style of years past)

DECEMBER 9, 2018

4:00-6:00PM



### Give Till You Smile 2019 Pledge Cards

We have 40 pledges for a total of \$222,480. We need your pledge cards, too.

It's not too late to turn in your 2019 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.



### 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 9,281.00.

Year to date needs  
 \$461,865.24

Year to date received  
 \$360,547.55

Difference  
 (\$101,317.69)

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