

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

January 3, 2018



Worship at Lake Shore Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Matthew 2:1-12

The Celebration of Communion

If you could see the journey whole
you might never undertake it;
might never dare the first step
that propels you from the place
you have known toward the place
you know not.
Call it one of the mercies
of the road: that we see it
only by stages as it opens
before us, as it comes into
our keeping step by
single step.
There is nothing for it
but to go
and by our going take the vows
the pilgrim takes:
to be faithful to the next step;
to rely on more than the map;
to heed the signposts
of intuition and dream;
to follow the star
that only you will recognize;
to keep an open eye
for the wonders that attend the path;

to press on beyond distractions
beyond fatigue
beyond what would tempt you
from the way.
There are vows
that only you will know;
the secret promises
for your particular path
and the new ones
you will need to make
when the road is revealed
by turns you could not
have foreseen.
Keep them, break them,
make them again:
each promise becomes part of the
path; each choice creates
the road that will take you
to the place where at last
you will kneel to offer the gift
most needed—
the gift that only you can give—
before turning to go
home by another way.

*Painting "Journey of the Magi" by James Tissot;
Epiphany blessing "For Those Who Have Far to Go" by Jan Richardson.*

First Sunday Fuddruckers Lunch January 6, after worship

A time for visitors and new
members to meet other members
and staff.

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 the Carver Park food pantry.
They are asking for canned fruit and fruit
juice.



When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with
 their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 ...To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Middle East Update

led by
Joanne Held Cummings
 Wednesday, January 9
 6:15 p.m.



We are always glad when Joanne Held Cummings is in Waco because she always captures our attention when she brings us up-to-date on the state of international relations in the area of the world in which she serves through the United States State Department. Currently, she is stationed in Baghdad, and her title is “Political Advisor for the State Department to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIL.”

Her presentation may involve talking about the relations among Turks, Syrians, Iranians, and Iraqis, and especially the Kurds who live in all four countries. And then there are all of the other parties to the disputes — the Russians, Saudis, ourselves, and many others. Joanne may address the question, “How has the balance in the region been affected by the planned withdrawal of the U. S. from Syria and the planned cut-back in Afghanistan?”

She may also tell us what it’s like to live in Baghdad in 2018-2019 and answer the question, “What does everyday life look like right now?” And she will certainly be glad to respond to the questions you ask.

Join us *promptly* at 6:15 Wednesday night, so we can devote the full hour to this rare opportunity to learn from Joanne’s experience, wisdom, and insight.

Missions Tree

If you chose an ornament from the Missions Tree that called for a gift to Christian Mission to Gaza, LSESD in Lebanon, Shalom Children’s Center, NSAM Baptist Church, Shalom Children’s Center, CBF missions projects in China or Puerto Rico please bring your check by this Sunday, January 6.



Christmas Eve Offering



On Christmas Eve, we collected \$1,320 to send through the International Committee of the Red Cross to use in its relief work in Yemen. The Global Missions Covenant Group chose the ICRC because it seems to have the best organization on the ground in Yemen, and seems to be able to work most effectively with all sides in the conflict. The ICRC is working tirelessly to provide food, clean water, essential household items, and health services to the Yemeni population. As we send our offering, we will remember the desperate needs of God’s children in Yemen, who live under such dire conditions.

Deacon Ordination

January 27

Deacon’s to be ordained, include: Kay Bailey, Judy Bowman, Donna Casstevens, Vernon Davis, Preston Dyer, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Jenna Swanson.

Children's Corner Upcoming Events

Wed Night Activities Resume
January 9

Company of Parents
January 18 (6-8pm)

Prayers for . . .

Merilyn Carden in the loss of her husband, Bill Carden. The Cardens were members of Lake Shore during the 1970s and 1980s, and they have remained a dearly beloved couple in the Lake Shore extended family. Bill died at Providence on Sunday, December 30, after a long illness. Our prayers are with Merilyn and Bill's children Virginia, Mike, and Amber in this loss. Bill's service will be Friday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. here at Lake Shore. Visitation will be Thursday, January 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at OakCrest Funeral Home. [Click here](#) to view Bill's obituary.

Nathan Stone, who is in treatment for bladder cancer.

Tom Charlton, who is in hospice care in Fort Worth.. Our prayers are with him and Becca.

Barbara Tucker had surgery in December.

**Dianna Vitanza will lead
the Metanoia Sunday school class
in discussion of
Scenes of Clerical Life by George Eliot
beginning January 13.**

Please contact Claudia Beal if you have questions."

**Save the date:
2019 Women's Retreat
February 22-23
here at Lake Shore
Retreat Leader: Rachel Sciretti**

Remembering Bill Tolar, Lake Shore's first pastor

Information from *The Baptist Standard* and Lake Shore history:

<http://lsbcwaco.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/LSBC-50th-History.pdf>

Lake Shore's first regular, though part-time, pastor was Bill Tolar. While pastoring Lake Shore he also taught at Baylor University and pursued studies toward his doctorate at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Nevertheless, the church prospered under his leadership.

During his nearly three years as pastor, church membership grew to over 500 and the budget increased from \$30,000 in 1960 to \$75,000 in 1962. From a group of volunteers in the beginning, the church staff, in addition to the pastor, increased to five paid (some part time) workers: custodian, secretary, choir director, organist, and youth director. Also during Tolar's pastorate, the church voted to purchase a parsonage and an additional 3.3 acres of land adjacent to the original property. The pressure of work at the university and the seminary and the increasing demands of a growing church forced Tolar to resign effective April 30, 1962, although he continued as supply pastor until July 8

A long-time professor of biblical backgrounds and archaeology, Tolar died Dec. 29. He was 90. Tolar was born July 5, 1928, in Jonesboro, LA, to Peter Dane and Lora Stewart Tolar. At age 13, he began reading the Bible after a teacher told him it was the best-selling book in history, but 99 percent of the people in the world never had read it in its entirety. The experience changed his life. He made a profession of faith in Christ on Easter Sunday 1942, and one year later, he accepted God's calling to vocational Christian ministry. After ranking highly in an academic competition and being named Louisiana's top high school running back, Louisiana State University offered Tolar a full scholarship, but he wanted to prepare for the ministry at a Baptist school.

He earned undergraduate and master's degrees at Baylor University. He continued his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees. Tolar taught 10 years in the religion department at Baylor University and 38 years at Southwestern Seminary, where he also served as dean of the School of Theology, vice president for academic affairs, provost and acting president. He is survived by his wife Floye Kimball Tolar of Fort Worth; son William and daughter-in-law Laura Tolar of Hurst; daughter Lora Mae and son-in-law Brian O'Riordan of Chicago; and two grandchildren.



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
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Ross Tarpley, Minister of Music



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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 8

3:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

5:15—Supper
6:15—Children's Activities
6:15—Seminar
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday — 10:30

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Youth Update

This Week

Sunday (1/6)

9:30am - Time Well Wasted
5:00p - Sunday Night Youth

Upcoming

January 11-13th

Mid-Winter

Volunteers for Sunday, January 6

Extended Care: Hope Mustakim
Ushers: Pam Smallwood
Faith Kopplin

The following is from a church member who asked us to put this in the newsletter:

Church Deep Cleaning in Progress

In an attempt to assist the janitorial staff with extra labor and professional equipment, church members are voluntarily working to deep clean several areas of the church.

Women may have recently noticed the improvement in the women's restroom as a result of the deep cleaning effort already underway. Please be patient as we overcome years of use over the coming months by raising the standard of cleaning in this area. Several cleanings will be needed.

Beyond that, priorities in order of deep cleaning are 2) handicap restroom, 3) men's restroom, and 4) kitchen. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Our goal is for everyone to be comfortable with the church facilities, but deep cleaning of these areas will take months on a voluntary basis as time permits. Please excuse any inconvenience.

Wednesday night supper January 9 Chicken Divan

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

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

Winter Weather Closings

Weekdays: Our practice at Lake Shore in the event of inclement weather is to close our office and the Children's Center if W.I.S.D. closes. Inclement weather closings are for the safety of our church and center staff, children, volunteers, and guests. Sundays: Please check the website, lsbcwaco.org, for any updates about Sunday School and worship. We will post any cancellations as soon we know weather and road conditions.



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 \$6,795.00.

Year to date needs
\$510,999.84

Year to date received
\$476,394.30

Difference
(\$34,605.54)

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