

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

June 26, 2019

**Called Business Meeting with the
Minister to Children, Youth, and Families**

Search Committee

Wednesday, June 26, 6:15 p.m.

After supper and prayer concerns,
the Search Committee will respond to questions.

**Vote on Search Committee's
recommendation to name
Rev. Megan Grant as new
Minister to Children, Youth, and Families**

Sunday, June 30
immediately after worship

**Reception
honoring Kyndall Rothaus**

Sunday, June 30,
4:00—6:00 pm
Lake Shore Baptist Church

**Reception
honoring Ross Tarpley**

Sunday, July 14
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Lake Shore Baptist Church

**Worship at Lake Shore
The Third Sunday After Pentecost**

June 30, 2019

“In the Meantime”

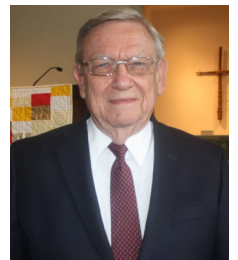
Vernon Davis

The Scripture

Jeremiah 29:4-13, John 20:19-29

Vernon Davis, Preaching

Vernon joined Lake Shore in 2016 to be near his son David, and David's wife, Magi, and bringing a lifetime of meaningful experience in congregational life. His presence is a gift to our church family. Vernon has extensive pastoral experience — at Grace Temple Baptist in Denton, as Associate at South Main Baptist Church in Houston and then, from 1971-1983, as the beloved pastor of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, a church where he and his wife, Bennie, made life-long friends. In 1983 Vernon joined the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, assuming the role of Vice-President in 1987. The Davises moved to Abilene in 1995 — the same year their daughter, Carol, and her husband, Brett, moved to Waco, where Brett was pastor at Lake Shore. Vernon was on the faculty of Logsdon School of Theology as professor of theology and director of graduate studies in theology. He became Logsdon's dean in 1998.



At Lake Shore Vernon is a member of the Bereshith Sunday School class, where he will teach this fall in Bill Bellinger's absence. He was ordained as a deacon earlier this year. Bob Baird, says: "I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Vernon. Our lives have many commonalities, and I have appreciated his insights about life and Baptist life in particular. Vernon and his wife raised two wonderful children, both of whom have made marvelous contributions to Lake Shore. What a gift now he is to this community." We wholeheartedly welcome Vernon's wisdom and pastoral spirit to our Lake Shore pulpit this Sunday.

A word from Ross

Dear Lake Shore,

After a hearty fifteen months of serving with and alongside you, it is with both great excitement and sadness that I inform you I will be going to First Baptist Church of Austin in view of a call on Sunday, June 30. While I would have never expected to receive a full-time job offer before graduating seminary, this opportunity has presented itself; and, through a rather long process, I continue to sense that God is in it.

I was first contacted about First Austin's Minister of Music position last September. As it turns out, my name was the first one submitted—before the church even officially announced the position's opening. I respectfully declined, feeling as though it was not the right decision at the time. The trail went cold for months until the search committee reached back out to me in March. They had secured a final candidate but then returned to the drawing board when the candidate had to withdraw due to family issues. My name then came up again from two outside sources so they decided to touch base to see if I would reconsider. Through prayer and discernment with friends and mentors, I decided to at least open that door. Now, after submitting a portfolio, one video interview, two in-person interviews, and months of conversation, First Austin has extended an offer to me. Following a church vote on June 30, I will start at First Austin on August 4. Beginning at part-time, I will progress into three-quarter-time around Advent/Christmas, and then complete the transition into full-time after graduation. My final Sunday

at Lake Shore will be July 14.

The reality of this opportunity is nothing short of providential to me. The number of *welcoming and affirming, Baptist churches in Texas with full-time Music Ministry* positions can likely be counted on one hand. Beyond that, the fact that First Austin pursued me as an option twice is both humbling and uncommon. In short, the unlikely combination of all these circumstances makes this a rare opportunity for me. My heart and mind are contented by the security of a full-time position at a church where my whole personhood and ministry can thrive. Thanks be to God!

Upon considering how to share this news, I decided that written form would allow everyone the freedom to feel and react in their own way before we gather again. I pray for your understanding in considering this narrative—its timing and how it unfolded—as I pursue this unexpected call. May Holy Spirit continue to be our guide.

Please know that I love and care for you deeply—I have from the very beginning. You play a special role in the community, and Waco will continue to need your courage and fortitude. You have played an even more significant role in my life as the first ministry context where I could be fully myself. Lake Shore has truly been a place of healing and reconciliation for me, and for that I will be forever in your debt.

Continue to be rooted and grounded in Love, friends, comprehending with all the saints what is the height and length and breadth and depth, and knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge.

In love and deep gratitude, Ross



On Sunday Brittany and Casey in China, sent us the following message: As their church and their brothers and sisters in Christ, we remember them in prayer:

Dear friends,

We have some unexpected news to share and ask for your prayers. This past week we were in the process of renewing our visas. We needed a health exam for the renewal and Casey's chest x-ray showed something abnormal in his lungs. We immediately went to a Chinese hospital for a CT scan. And after two kinds of CT scans, they still couldn't determine exactly what the lesion is. At the recommendation of doctors at the international clinic, we have made the decision to return to the US earlier than planned to seek treatment.

It has been a very scary and stressful week as you can imagine, but we have had a lot of encouragement and support from friends and family both here in China and in the states. We were able to change our flights that we had already booked for August to leave early next week. We will be returning to Dallas and trying to get into a lung specialist as soon as possible. We are sad to be leaving our home and friends here earlier than expected, but we are eager to get home and get some answers about Casey's health.

Please be praying for us in this time. If you know anyone in the Dallas area that could help with Casey's medical situation, please let us know. Pray for us to be able to tie up all the loose ends here and get all the paperwork we will need to resume visa renewal from the States. Pray for Juniper as she transitions out of her school before the end of the semester and as she experiences reverse culture shock in the US. Pray for our travel to go smoothly for all of us, but especially for Brittany being 27 weeks pregnant.

While unknowns are hard and scary, especially when it comes to medical needs, we trust that God is in control and with us in this time. We will keep you updated as we know more.

Thank you for your prayers, Brittany and Casey

Children's Corner

Passport Camp

Parents/guardians: An email was sent last week with all the necessary forms and information. Please complete these forms as soon as possible. All forms must be completed in order for your child to attend camp! Drop them in the box outside the Children's Minister office or give them to Krysta.

If you still have not paid your deposit, please speak with Krysta or myself as soon as possible. (krysta@lsbcwaco.org or lsbcwacokids@gmail.com)

Notes:

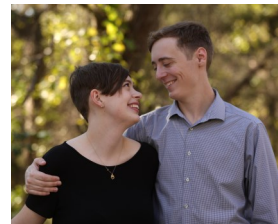
Find the Hinojosa meal train [here!](#)

If you'd like to help lead the combined Sunday School class this summer we are looking for volunteers for the month of July. Please see Jen or Jenna to sign up.

Celebrations...

Mikhayla Evans and Cody Gustafson will be married at Lake Shore on Saturday, July 6.

Special thanks to JoLeen Eiklenborg for all the things she always does for the church, especially last week while Gordon was on vacation.



Prayers for...

Helen Hastings moved home from St. Catherine's on Saturday. Naomi Fox came home from Providence on Friday..

Brittany and Casey Ramirez, who are returning to Texas on Monday, July 1. They were scheduled to return in August so that Brittany could give birth in Waco in September. However, circumstances this week necessitate an earlier return because of a medical concern with Casey. (see letter on page 2)

Louise Clark returned home Wednesday, June 19. after open heart surgery the Friday before. Home health is visiting her every day for six weeks. Her sister is staying with her during the day.

Terri Jo Mosley has returned home from Hillcrest, where she was in rehab "She's pretty comfortable at home," David said, "and we are doing better than we thought we would be doing."

Leah Miller, David Mosley's foster daughter, had a hysterectomy on Thursday. She is 29, and has two young children. The family is very concerned about Leah, who has a rare form of blood cancer.

Terri Evans' uncle, Walter Hanlin, is now at St. Catherine's in the Providence Hospice wing on second floor. We pray for him and his wife, Lynn, who is Terri's mother's sister, and for the whole Evans family.

Food Team

Thanks to all of you who are on our "Food Team."

This group, coordinated by Kay Bailey, is responsible for providing food for each person or family in our congregation who needs food at the time of an illness or hospitalization or at the death of a loved one.

These needs do not lessen during the summer or during an interim season at the church.

Kay contacts those on the "food team" list at the time of a need.

By signing up, you do not need to provide food or respond to a call/email at the time of every need.

However, the more names on the list, the more we can share responsibility.

We hope you will join the "food team" by contacting Kay Bailey (kbailey2@hotmail.com)

BBQ COOK-OUT
SAT, JUNE 29, 2019
5:00-7:00 PM

at
The Salvation Army Community Kitchen
300 Webster, Waco, TX



BURGERS ~ HOT DOGS ~ CHICKEN
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
Open to All at 5:00 pm
hosted by
Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church

