

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

July 10, 2019

Summer Sabbath



Siri River Valley, Portugal
Photo: Claudia Beal

Worship at Lake Shore The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 14, 2019

“Loving Our Neighbors”

Jon Singletary

The Scripture

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jon Singletary

Dr. Jon E. Singletary serves as dean of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University.

He joined the faculty in 2003 and served as director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries, which launched the Texas Hunger Initiative.

Before coming to Baylor, Dr. Singletary

was pastor of Richmond Mennonite Fellowship in Virginia. While serving as pastor, he worked with his congregation to organize a coalition to support nonviolent initiatives in the local community. Before serving as pastor, he worked as a community organizer for an agency providing healthcare to people who were homeless and for a Catholic community settlement house. He has earned an M.Div. from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and an M.S.W. and Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is married to Wendi and the couple has four sons, Haden (2000), Raul (2001), Harper (2002), Abbott (2006), and a daughter, Ainsley (2006).



Reception

honoring Ross
Tarpley

Sunday, July 14

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Lake Shore Baptist
Church



Gratitude for Ross Tarpley's Ministry at Lake Shore

Ross has been an outstanding minister of music. He has Bobby McFerrin-level vocal versatility and range, and superlative keyboard skills. But above all, his rehearsing skills and focus are exemplary. Every rehearsal features a full round of vocal warm-ups, followed by teasing out the highest quality, refined vocal sound and blend from the choir possible. In short, he takes special care to maximize our musicality. I will greatly miss Ross's incredible talent, big heart, and warm smiles. He has been a huge gift to LSBC during his time with us. Best wishes to you, Ross, at First Baptist of Austin!

—Bruce Evans

Oh Ross, I read your letter with multiple reactions...deep sadness that you are leaving us and huge excitement about your opportunity at First Austin!

You have been a gift to us, both musically and as a minister. You are an outstanding teacher! You have gotten sounds and musicality out of our aging voices which have been amazing! You have guided worship thoughtfully, creatively, and worshipfully.

May you go with our blessings and all of our recommendations. Go in grace and peace, the peace that only comes from the God who is both here, sending, and there, welcoming you. With much care, Libby

Ross was a gift from God to us. He has been a blessing to our choir. We will miss him so much but can't help but be thrilled about his new job. —Kay Avant

Of course my best Wednesday & Sunday joy was hearing Ross' beautiful voice and musicianship. I greatly appreciate the hard work Ross gave us to help us be better singers and musicians. While I may forget some of our best moments, I won't forget the respectful way Ross approached each time with us – every single person and note was important. Ross – you will not be forgotten and you will be missed! *"I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars."* – Walt Whitman —Beth Farwell

My experiences with the LSBC choir are fabulous blessings. I feel harmony and majesty through sacred choral music. Ross Tarpley changed my relationship to music. He helped me understand the importance of finesse, pronunciation, and dynamics. He helped me want to become a musician instead of a mere singer in a pretty good laypersons' choir. I'm a long way from musicianship, for my musical performance resembles Fred Flintstone: enthusiastic, somewhat gifted, and undisciplined. But I am a better singer, and our choir has given more astonishingly beautiful performances because of Ross Tarpley. His talents as a pianist, solo vocalist, and conductor are awesome. Ross understands and loves music. He radiates excellence. Any church will be uplifted by his presence. LSBC is lucky! Ross Tarpley came into our world, and changed us forever. —John DeVries

Ross, this is one more of the many congratulations and blessings on the occasion of your experiencing this wonderful next part of the journey of your beautiful life. You have blessed me greatly with your teaching, challenging, compassionate ministry. I will miss you so much but am thrilled for you nonetheless. God speed my friend.
—Marie Allen

Lucky First Baptist Church, Austin. They get the super-talented Ross Tarpley. Lucky, lucky Lake Shore. We got to have him for a season. In my 47 years in pastoral ministry, if a church had a choir, I was in it. Singing is in my Hawaiian blood. Singing is therapy for me. So I've worked with many choir directors. Ross is the best, hands down. I have thanked him again and again for helping us to sound better than we are. He doesn't just prepare an anthem. He takes the choir deep down into the music, teaching us the subtleties of a line and the nuances of a phrase. What more can I say? Lots. But Sharlande gave us a limit of 100 words. So ask me privately. I'll tell you more. —Nathan Stone

Ross, as I said in an earlier message: Dang you! Bless you! Congratulations! Your repeated call from First Austin is a wonderful affirmation of your gifts of music and ministry that we in the choir have experienced "up close and personal" during the past fifteen months. First Austin is a great church, and we at Lake Shore have a lot of personal and historical connections there. In Austin, you will have not only the support and security of a full-time position, but also the resources to build a broader music program. I only wish that we could offer all of that right now at Lake Shore!

We have grown as a choir and a church under your leadership. Everybody knows that you have a beautiful voice, but we in the choir also know that you have remarkable conducting skills, shaping the dynamics and tone of every line of every anthem. I am confident that we will carry those lessons into the future at Lake Shore.

Please let us know if we can be helpful in any way as you move into this new chapter of your life and ministry, and please keep us at Lake Shore in your prayers! All the best, Steve Gardner

Steve has put this better than I could, Ross. He has, however, forgotten to add "tall vowels....," which I shall remember forever... Godspeed, Ross. I hope to see you down Austin-way at some indefinite future time. —Tom Hanks

You embraced us right where we were and with no judgment—ok, maybe just a teeny bit, but it was deserved and delivered to us with kindness, humor, and flair. You persuaded us that we had it in us to "sing beautifully" and you never seemed to tire of having to tell us the same things over and over (even when you were). *We* never tired of hearing them from you nor of striving to deliver what you asked. We have *all* been blessed by your generous spirit, creativity, hard work, and your beautiful voice. Thank you for sharing so selflessly this early part of your professional journey with us. We have been changed by it and part of us goes with you as you move onward. —Jeannette Marsh

Ross led our choir with such musical talent, patience, fun, kindness/diplomacy (at times needed), inspiration, and love. While I'll miss him terribly, I will happily watch him "fly" away to serve others. (And I will keep watching!) — Myrl Luper

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Children's Corner

Hello church friends! With **15 children** and **4 chaperones** going to camp this year it is time to think about how we will transport them all to Brownwood. If you have a minivan you could loan to a chaperone for the week, or if you'd be willing to drive to drop off or pick up campers, please email lbcwacokids@gmail.com!



Sharing a Little Cool Breeze



You can help make this summer more bearable for those less fortunate. If you'd like to bring a new or gently used fan, please drop it by the church during office hours. They will be equally distributed between Meals on Wheels and Caritas as a collaborative effort to support older adults. In some instances, your gift could be life-saving. You can also join the "fan club" at Caritas. All donations go toward buying fans, food, and helping pay electricity bills for those in need. To learn more, [click here](#).

Called Business Meeting Wednesday, July 24 — 6:15 p.m.

- To vote on the recommendation of the Committee Coordinating Council to nominate the following persons to the Interim Committee: Vernon Davis, co-chair, Beth Farwell, co-chair, Barbara Johnston, Becky Kennedy, and Henry Clarke
- To vote on the recommendation of the Deacon Executive Committee to name Henry Kari to fill Nate Myrick's unexpired term on the current diaconate

Gratitude for Ross Tarpley Continued

YOU HAVE SUCH A GIFT!! Lake Shore has been blessed to have you as part of our team ...and I send you forth with LOVE and GOOD WISHES for a marvelous experience with ...and for First Baptist, Austin!! —Barbara Johnston

Ross, your genuine, loving spirit is apparent in your warm and joyful smile! I've so appreciated your openness in sharing your story of your faith along with your story of coming out, a courageous act in the midst of your pursuit of ministry. And now, you move forward to share again, I feel blessed by your presence here. You will forever be a part of this community and my heart. My love to you, Ross! —Kristi SoRelle

Prayer concerns...

Brittany and Casey Ramirez were here on Sunday. They came home from Chengdu, China, earlier than expected because Casey needed to have a lesion on his lungs checked out. He will have surgery July 23 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. He will spend his birthday, July 24, in recovery.

Ladye Ruth Casner, member of Lake Shore who has been living near her daughter, Kathy, in assisted living the last several years in Arlington – was admitted to hospice care two weeks ago. Kathy, said Ladye Ruth would love to receive cards from her church family: 1408 White Squall Trail, Arlington, TX 76005.

Reagan Ramsower's mother, Ethel Ramsower, died early Thursday morning. Glenda said "She was admitted to hospice care Saturday a week ago and had a peaceful transition into the loving arms of God." Her service was Saturday in Plainview. Our prayers are with Reagan and Glenda and their sons, Ryan and Jason, and their families. (Ethel was Catherine Davenport's sister.)

Marian Funderburk had her third of four chemo treatments last week. She has reacted strongly to the cumulative effects of the chemo – bone pain, ensuing fever. May God bless her with the strengths she needs in these difficult days.

Helen Hastings isn't ready to get out quite yet. She wants to get back to Sunday School. "I think it will be a few more weeks," she said.

Missy Davis was admitted to Senior Care of Hewitt last week. She is undergoing a variety of therapies, and JoLeen says "she is working really hard." Please keep Missy, JoLeen, and their families in your prayers.

David Mosley's foster daughter, Leah, who will have a total hysterectomy soon.

summer reading for fall

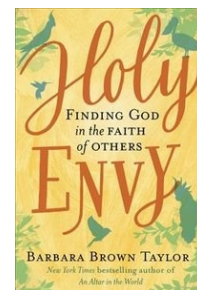
Holy Envy

by Barbara Brown Taylor

If you add one more book to the stack of books you plan to read this summer, make sure it is *Holy Envy*.

Taylor subtitled the article she wrote for *The Christian Century* this spring:

"how my attraction to other religions deepened my love of my own." In the early fall, Bob Baird will lead a seminar on the essential points of her newest book. Taylor tells about the visits she made with her college students in north Georgia to places in Atlanta where people of other faiths worship. Amazon has lots of used and new copies at a range of prices from \$2 to \$14.



Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
 Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
 Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14

9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—Worship
 3:00—Newsletter Deadline
 4:00—Ross's Reception

Volunteers for Sunday, July 14

Extended Care: Jennifer Warren
 Jeanne Murphy
 Ushers: Barbara Hobbs
 Willie Hobbs
 Greeters: Bruce Evans
 Sandy Londos

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

[Sunday School Classes](#)

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels
 Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Children's Center
 Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Help for Children at the Border

Vicki Kabat's good friend Meg Bierwirth of Central Presbyterian Church has been in touch with Humanitarian Respite Center run by the Catholic Charities, RGV. Meg is collecting items and cash donations this month and will deliver them personally at the end of July. If you would like to send donations, here is a list of what is needed:

- diapers
- men's and women's small underwear
- children's underwear
- socks
- shoelaces (these are taken from people in the detention center)
- toothpaste/toothbrushes
- combs
- HEB gift cards/monetary donations
- new or gently used shirts, long pants, jackets for all ages

Bring donations to the hall outside the office or contact Vicki Kabat for more information.

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE

LAKE SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week

Wednesday (7/10) - No dinner/no youth

Sunday (7/14)

9:30am - Sunday School: check ins
5p - Evenings with Chris

Upcoming

July and August Events - We have plans forming for something fun in each of the coming months. So, watch this space for more info.

Mission Waco School Supply Store

Mission Waco will offer new durable backpacks filled with selected items, for low-income parents to purchase. A donation box is at the church until the end of July. The following items are needed:

- New, durable backpacks
- Packaged pens (blue, red, black)
- Highlighters (any color)
- #2 pencils
- Pocket folders with brackets (any color)
- Hand sanitizers (small bottles)
- NEW socks: tube crew, any style, any color, sizes youth or adult.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed to stuff backpacks on Wednesday, August 7th 9:00-12:00, possibly on Thursday, August 8th same hours. Volunteers also needed to assist parents in stores on following dates:

Saturday, August 10th, 8:00-10:00a.m.

Tuesday, August 13th, 5:00-7:00p.m.

Call Martie Sauter 757-2918

Fun activity for families to do together!

