

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

August 28, 2019

Guiherme Almeida, Guest Preacher

This Sunday we welcome *Guiherme Feitosa de Almeida* to our pulpit. *Guiherme* is Senior Lecturer in Musical Theatre and Collaborative Pianist at Baylor University - Dept. of Theatre Arts. An ordained Baptist minister, *Guiherme* earned his Bachelor of Church Music from North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife (Northeast Brazil), and his Master of Music from Baylor University.



He has served as liturgist for *Sacred Seasons* (Seeds of Hope Publishers) and has been a commission member at the Baptist World Alliance, serving in the Commission of Baptist Worship and Spirituality. *Guiherme* is an ASCAP Composer, with work previously published by Cantus Quercus Press.

Guiherme served in Christian base communities in the Northeast of his native Brazil as pastoral musician and liturgist. He is immersed in music coaching and storytelling, liturgy and arts, the pastoral practice of liberation theology, artists' spiritual formation, Theatre of the Oppressed, ecumenical dialogue, and music and missions.

This past summer he had the privilege of joining Katie Cook in leading the inaugural project: *Creating Hope*, a program of Seeds of Hope Publishers. *Guiherme* taught an introductory course of *Theatre of the Oppressed* to interfaith college-age students in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. Another highlight of this Summer was serving as respondent to one of the keynote speakers at *TogetHER: Re-Imagining, Re-Reading HERstory in the Church*, BICTE (Baptist International Conference on Theological Education).

Guiherme is married to *Carla*, Interior Designer at Nikasa Design and Adjunct Lecturer at Baylor; they have made Waco their home since 2006.

Guiherme is a long-time friend of Lake Shore's. He has played the piano for us several times, first at the memorial service of *Sudie Adams* and then at the service of her sister, *Dulcie Brooks*, both of whom grew up in their beloved Brazil. *Guiherme* was also a friend of our food pantry ministry, particularly helping us through his kind spirit and transporting food.

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 supplies for our children's center. Here are some items that the Center can use: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, graham crackers, saltine crackers.



The Worship of God The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost September 1, 2019

A Place of Privilege
Guiherme Almeida

The Scripture
Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Celebration of Communion

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 28 6:15 pm
to vote on the recommendation
of the Interim Committee
for interim plan

"The interim committee recommends that Lake Shore Baptist Church engage an intentional interim pastor to provide congregational leadership until a permanent pastor is called."

Wednesday Night Suppers begin tonight!

Wednesday night suppers are a signature Lake Shore tradition where all ages eat together each week. Around the tables, we celebrate the good news of the church family and lift up to God the names of those in need of prayer. We hope you will join us each Wednesday night from August 28 through next May.

To make or cancel reservations:
email krysta@lsbcwaco.org

Prayer for the Church offered in worship by Brett Younger, Sunday, August 18

When we were at Lake Shore, I learned that the longing for home is a gift from God, because it helps us recognize the occasional, obscure glimpses of home. Every once in a while, for just a moment, we come close to finding or being found by our home far away. Our search for home leads us to blessed people and holy places.

These are places where we feel we belong and which in some sense belong to us, places where we find ourselves at home, and places where hearts beat to the same rhythm. Those places are signposts that point the way home. For sixty years, Lake Shore has been home for so many of us.

Let's say a prayer of thanksgiving.

God, we long for a people and a place that feel like home.
Help us live in gratitude for the home that is Lake Shore.

We give thanks for the joy and sacredness of worship,
the diversity of thought,
the sense of humor,
and the welcome we receive and share.

Help us accept one another,
love one another,
and forgive one another.

We thank you for friendships that surprised and sustain us,
friendships with those who are
older than we are
and younger than we are,

for friends we knew would be our friends the moment we met,
and friends for whom it took years to discover
that we'd been friends all along,

We are grateful that your love invites us
to a community of kindred hearts.

May this church be given
to your kindness,
your goodness,
and your children.

May this church be given to Christ.
Amen.

Welcome Offered in Worship by Becky Kennedy, August 25

Welcome to Lake Shore Baptist Church where summer has come to a close. You can tell this because all the children look sleepy and the parents look relaxed. If you're visiting, we have some folks who have cards that you can fill out and place in the offering plate later in the service.

Because my job takes me to some amazing locations around the globe, I often get asked, "What's your favorite place to visit?" I typically respond, "All of them." But when pressed for one I always answer "Kenya."

I'm not exactly sure what it is about Kenya that makes it my favorite. I just know that when I walk out of the airport I feel like I've arrived at my second home.

It could be because of the frequency of my visits. Over a fourteen year period, I've been to Kenya more than any other country, including our neighbors to the north and south.

It could be the smells and cuisine. Having grown up on a farm in northeast Alabama, the smell of earth and woody smoke and the taste of simple food like beef, chicken, and vegetables grown in a family's garden takes me back to my childhood. I can be anywhere in the world and get a whiff of earthy smoke, and I'm transported to Kenya.

It could be the way I feel welcomed. As soon as I get off the plane I see large signs that say "Karibu." "Karibu" is the Swahili word for "Welcome." "It's different than the word for "hello," which is "Jambo." Welcome...as if you are a long lost relative returning to the mother land. And the way it is said in the lilting, sing-song accent of East Africa makes me feel warm and fuzzy. "Karibu." "Karibu." It's authentic, it's reserved for family...and all are family. Before you get too impressed that I know Swahili, you should know that I've just revealed 50% of my vocabulary.

But probably the main reason Kenya feels like a second home is because of the people. Over many years I have made friendships. When I am with them my friends, I feel safe and loved. I would go anywhere in Kenya with these friends and not feel threatened in a country where violence is possible and probable. They take care of me. I've eaten at their tables and slept in their homes. And when I leave, there is a sadness.

At Lake Shore, everyone is welcomed here because we believe God's love knows no bounds. If you are new to Lake Shore, I hope you will visit often so you can become familiar with the culture of Lake Shore. Maybe your familiar will be the smells of coffee and doughnuts, old books and crayons. Or maybe the sounds of singing and laughing and children and sometimes crying. Or familiar foods like Taqueria #9 and the occasional soup from a global locale. But of course, there are the people of Lake Shore. People who have said, "I want to join this motley crew on a journey, with Jesus as our guide, to see where it takes us." And with these people, you can feel safe and loved. You will be taken care of.

So, "Karibu"...Welcome.

"Back to School Is Not Just for Kids!"

Wednesday night seminar, September 4
Ashley Thornton and Kenneth McAdam

Kenneth McAdam from the STARS book club will talk about the lunchtime reading club for WISD kids led by Antioch. Last year the club helped organize hundreds of volunteers to read with kids at schools throughout the district. Ashley is now the AfterSchool Alliance coordinator for Transformation Waco. She will talk about the afterschool academies.

**Find out how you can support
our public schools this year.**

Family Corner

Tonight, August 28:

Supper and Business Meeting.
No Youth due to Business Meeting.

September 1:

Joint Children and Youth Committee Meeting directly after church.

Fuddrucker's First Sunday Lunch

Food for youth on Sunday, September 1

Breakfast:??? Dinner:???

September 8

Breakfast: TBA Dinner: TBA

If anyone would like to volunteer for breakfast/dinner on any of these periods or in the future, please email me. One need not be a parent of youth (or even a member of church) to provide food and eat with our youth.

Contact Megan if you would like more information about our family ministry.

Prayers for . . .

Cassie Smith, whose grandmother died early Monday morning. Our prayers are with her and her family.

Sharon Fontaine, who will have surgery on Friday, August 30, at Scott & White to rebuild the ball and socket joint that was seriously injured week before last.

Stephen Pounders, who had surgery this morning toward the goal of alleviating the constant pain in his lower back.. The surgery went well.

Missy Davis, who is in the ICU at Scott & White for the foreseeable future. No visitors before 1pm. Prayers and cards are always welcome. JoLeen appreciates all the love and support.

Rita Joseph and Jen and Linda Johnston, who care for her.

Melanie, Conway, and Bekah Briscoe.

Nancy and Fred Gehlbach.

Robin McDurham, who is in chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.

Prudencia Tonghou's niece, who is still missing in Cameroon.

Rally for Refugees

Thanks to all of you who worked to make the Rally for Refugees a big success last Friday night — those who attended, gave financial gifts, danced, set up, contributed and bought silent auction items, brought wonderful cookies and cake and the best tamales, welcomed guests, and spread the word.



This night began as a collaboration between Patty Field and the Fellowship Committee and Steve Gardner and the band "After Midnight." Once we knew this fellowship/dance could be a benefit for Semillas and American Gateways, Kristi SoRelle coordinated a silent auction.

As of Tuesday afternoon, we have received over \$9,000 from entrance donations, food sales, auction sales, and other contributions.

Thank you, Lake Shore friends, for your generous contributions to the benefit, to the refugees. As originally planned by the Global Missions Covenant Group, the money we collected will be divided between Semillas, for trauma relief and sanctuary, and American Gateways, for legal aid. If you made an additional contribution to one of these agencies, your donation will go directly to Semillas or American Gateways.

Late last week, we learned from John Garland that the greatest need at Semillas is a social worker. Our gifts to Semillas will join gifts from DaySpring, Seventh, Calvary, and UBC to hire a social worker trained in trauma relief. If you would like to make a donation to this project or American Gateways, through Lake Shore, we hope you will.

It's good to be on mission together — with each other and with other churches.

New Members Dessert Night

Saturday, September 21,

7 pm until 9 pm

at the home of Preston and Genie Dyer

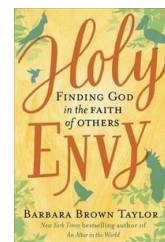
RSVP to kdsorelle@aol.com

"Finding God in the Faith of Others"

Led by Bob Baird, this 4-week Wednesday evening seminar will begin on September 18. The seminar will explore such questions as: Is God revealed in all the great world religions? What can Christianity learn from other religions? What can other religions learn from Christianity? How similar are the great world religions? How different?

The discussion sessions will be guided by the insights of Barbara Brown Taylor in her recent book, *Holy Emy*. Copies are available in the church office. It is not necessary to have read the book in order to participate in the discussions. Anyone interested in the interaction of Christianity and other world religions is invited.

On Thursday (August 29) we will have fifteen books in the office if you would like to buy one for \$20.



Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
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 Minister to Youth, Children, and Families
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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

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

[Sunday School Classes](#)

Staff Notes

Gordon will be on vacation next week.

Missions Calendar

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

Wednesday night supper September 4, 2019

Tilapia, Corn Casserole, and Sliced Tomatoes
 children, \$3.00; youth & adults, \$6.00
 Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or
 cancel reservations.

“Equipping and Encouraging Family Caregivers
 through Skill-building Workshops and Resources”
 free community service event
 by Care Partners and
 First Methodist Church, Austin Avenue Campus:
 September 21, 8:00

The office will
 be closed for
 Labor Day on
 September 2.

Volunteers for Sunday, September 1

Extended Care: Gail Boyd
 Ushers: Aaron Abel
 TBA
 Greeters: Melanie Briscoe
 Angela Whorton

An evening with
CARRIE NEWCOMER
 and pianist
 Gary Walters



Saturday, October 19, 2019, 7:00pm
 Lake Shore Baptist Church

Tickets: \$25, purchased by cash or check
 in the church office or online at
 Eventbrite.com

We’re giving Lake Shore members a chance
 to purchase tickets before we go to the
 general public next week, and we expect it
 to sell out quickly – so don’t wait! Carrie
 Newcomer has released 17 albums, has
 been featured in Rolling Stone, and earned a
 regional Emmy for a PBS special. Her song,
 “The Gathering of Spirits” (see it on
 YouTube) is a good introduction.



Lake Shore Baptist Church

missions service day

Saturday morning
 October 5

I can’t change the whole world,
 but I can change the world I know
 what’s within three feet or so.
 — Carrie Newcomer