Scott Houser to Preach This Sunday

The Scott Houser family has been part of the Lake Shore congregation since the summer of 2008. Both Scott, and his wife Ana Marie, are Third Culture Kids. Scott was born in Dallas, yet grew up in Kenya and Tanzania. Ana was born in Panama, yet grew up in the Dominican Republic.

They met and married while undergraduates at Baylor 35-years-ago, and have lived and worked in pre- and post-democratic South Africa for 18 of those years. They have 5 children (Daniel, Elizabeth, Christina, Erika, and Louisa) ranging from 31 to 15 years of age. All have lived in South Africa; all are bilingual in Spanish and English!

Prior to a permanent return to Texas in 2010, Scott served in a number of senior non-profit roles, including Regional Programs Director/sub-Saharan Africa with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, yet day-to-day operationally, with the Sinomlando Center for Oral History and Memory Work in Africa (then affiliated with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg), with whom he first served as National Director of a United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded psychosocial-resiliency training program benefiting children and families affected by violent crime and HIV/AIDS, and then Program Manager—Memory Work in Schools and Oral History.

Scott holds both BA (Foreign Service/Political Science) and PhD (World Religions) from Baylor University. Publications include his dissertation “American and English Missionary Perceptions of the Zulus in An Era of Leveling the Mountains, Bridging the Oceans, Civilizing and Christianizing the ‘Heathen,’” “Puritanical and Apocalyptic-Minded American Missionaries in Southeast Africa—A Contrast with Bishop John William Colenso” in Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae (May 2019, Vol. XXVI), and editor of A Journey Towards Healing: Stories of People with Multiple Woundedness in KwaZulu-Natal (2011 Cluster Pub).

When I was recently asked to think about a theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign, I tried to draw a comparison between our “church home” and the home where each of us lays our head at night. It seems to me that both are similar in a number of ways. Each is a place where we have committed a significant amount of financial resources, but also quite a bit of what I call sweat equity. That is the time and energy that we expend in keeping the house safe and attractive to ourselves and others.

We can also look at our home as a place where we like to get together with friends and family. In this same way, we look forward to seeing our church “family” on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings,. It is the place where we reconnect with each other’s lives. Our home is also a place where we can go to feel safe…safe from actual danger or safe from the pressures and tensions of the greater world.

Is all of this not also true of our church home? Where else can we find a greater sense of peace and safety and solitude and rest and grace than at our church home? Where else can we feel the absolute knowledge that God is always there? —Don SoRelle

Pick up an envelope with your name on it by Sunday.

It contains copy of the 2020 proposed budget, the record of your 2019 contributions, and a pledge card for 2020.

PLEDGE CARDS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1.
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 24, 6:00 pm
followed by a pie fellowship

Family Self Sufficiency Banquet
Tuesday, November 19, 5:15pm
We need six Lake Shore helpers for childcare and serving.
Contact Sandy Londos.

Called Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 20 6:15 pm
to hear the recommendation of the Interim Committee and to vote on the candidate for Interim Pastor
and to discuss the proposed 2019 budget

You will receive a separate email with the candidate’s information next week.

Orange Week at Church
Clockwise from top left: Joan Rectenwald, serving the last pieces of orange congealed salad; Vivian Spitzen-Hanks with her pumpkin named “Sharlande;” fireman Jameson Randles in the Children’s Center Halloween parade; Jeanne and Isabelle Murphy’s candy corn cookies and pumpkin cookies.
**Family Corner**

**Needs of the People**
We are in HUGE need of volunteers for nursery workers for November! This need is for the Sunday School hour.

**Please contact Megan and save a date.**

**Upcoming Events**
November 6: Love Anyway Seminar-Youth/Adult

November 19: Family Self-Sufficiency Banquet

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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**Prayer concerns...**
Missy Davis is in hospice care at Ridgecrest. Our prayers are with her and with JoLeen as she readies the house for Missy to come home.

Megan’s grandmother will have back surgery November 15. Prayers for her safe surgery and quick healing.

Tillman Rodabough started physical therapy on Monday.

Cassie Smith is at home, recovering from her recent surgery.

Richard Capp died Tuesday night. We pray for his wife, Carol, and the Capps daughters, Catie and Mandy, who grew up in our children’s and youth programs.

Laurie Tsuchiya, the daughter of Sherry Castello and the late Don Castello, died on Saturday at her home in China Spring. Laurie’s memorial service is Saturday, November 16, 1:00 pm at the Lake Shore Funeral Home. Sherry is a dear friend of Lake Shore’s. We pray for her and her sons in their loss of Laurie.

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**The Deacon Nominating Committee**
The Deacon Nominating Committee solicits your recommendations to the committee. The list of deacons proposed to the church by the committee should reflect diversity in gender, age, ethnicity, and spiritual gifts. It will help the committee immensely to have a strong list of possibilities recommended by church members. Please make your recommendations on the nomination form and place your list of nominees in the designated box in the hallway outside the church office door by Wednesday, November 13. Forms can be found in the church office and on the table in the hall outside the office.

- Katy Abel, Rick Allen, Gail Boyd, Bruce Evans, Tom Milley, Jeanne Murphy, Laura Davalos-Lind

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**Places to Serve**
Committee Coordinating Council

Each fall the Committee Coordinating Council appoints members to serve for three-year terms on our committees. The CCC likes to hear directly from you about where you would most like to serve. Please look at the “Places to Serve” form inserted in this newsletter and review the committee descriptions to identify a committee that matches your interests and/or skills. “Places to Serve” forms are also available in the hallway for the next two weeks. Fill in your form and place it in the “completed forms envelope” (also in the hallway) by Wednesday, November 20.

— Kim Kellison, Chair Committee Coordinating Council

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**Song for Shalom**
Luncheon after worship on Sunday

Welcoming Christiana Owusu and Lela Wallis home to Lake Shore and to hear the latest news about Shalom

RSVP to: Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org

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**Join Our Monthly Support Team!**
We look forward to showing our appreciation to Shalom’s supporters this fall by sending YOU a “Ghana is Calling” shirt when you sign up to give monthly!

You will see details on our website here: 
[https://www.songforshalom.org/donate.html](https://www.songforshalom.org/donate.html)

$20 covers the cost of education & support of a child for one month.

$50 covers a teacher’s salary each month
Our Church Staff
Louis Garcia, Custodian
Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
Megan Grant,
Minister to Youth, Children, and Families
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor
Jon Snyder, Director of Music

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, November 13
5:15—Supper
6:15—Children’s Activities
6:15—Seminar
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Volunteers for Sunday, November 10
Extended Care: Jenna Swanson
Ushers: Mike Raymond
Beth Raymond
Greeters: Genie Dyer
Preston Dyer

Wednesday night supper November 13
tilapia, macaroni and cheese
children, $3.00 youth & adults, $6.00
Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Children’s Center
Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30
Family Self-sufficiency Banquet
Tuesday, November 19, 9:15
Come help with the meal and childcare.

To give online, please click here.

Sunday School Classes

Open House
Nativities from Around the World
at World Cup Fair Trade Market
1321 N 15th Street
Thursday, November 7, 4-7pm

Fine Arts Presents:
Fiddler on the Roof

Tickets:

www.midwayisd.org/FineArts

*Fridays’ performance will be moved to Saturday the 16th if there is a conflict with HS football playoff game.

Fair Trade Hot Chocolate, Tea, and Light Refreshments