

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

November 27, 2019

Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1

Charlie Fuller, preaching
Missions Tree
Advent Books

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8

Charlie Fuller, preaching

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15

Charlie Fuller, preaching

Service of Light In the Darkness

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Open House

to welcome Charlie and Cindy Fuller

5:00pm-7:0pm

Stonikinis and Kellison Home

Wednesday, December 18

Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper

5:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22

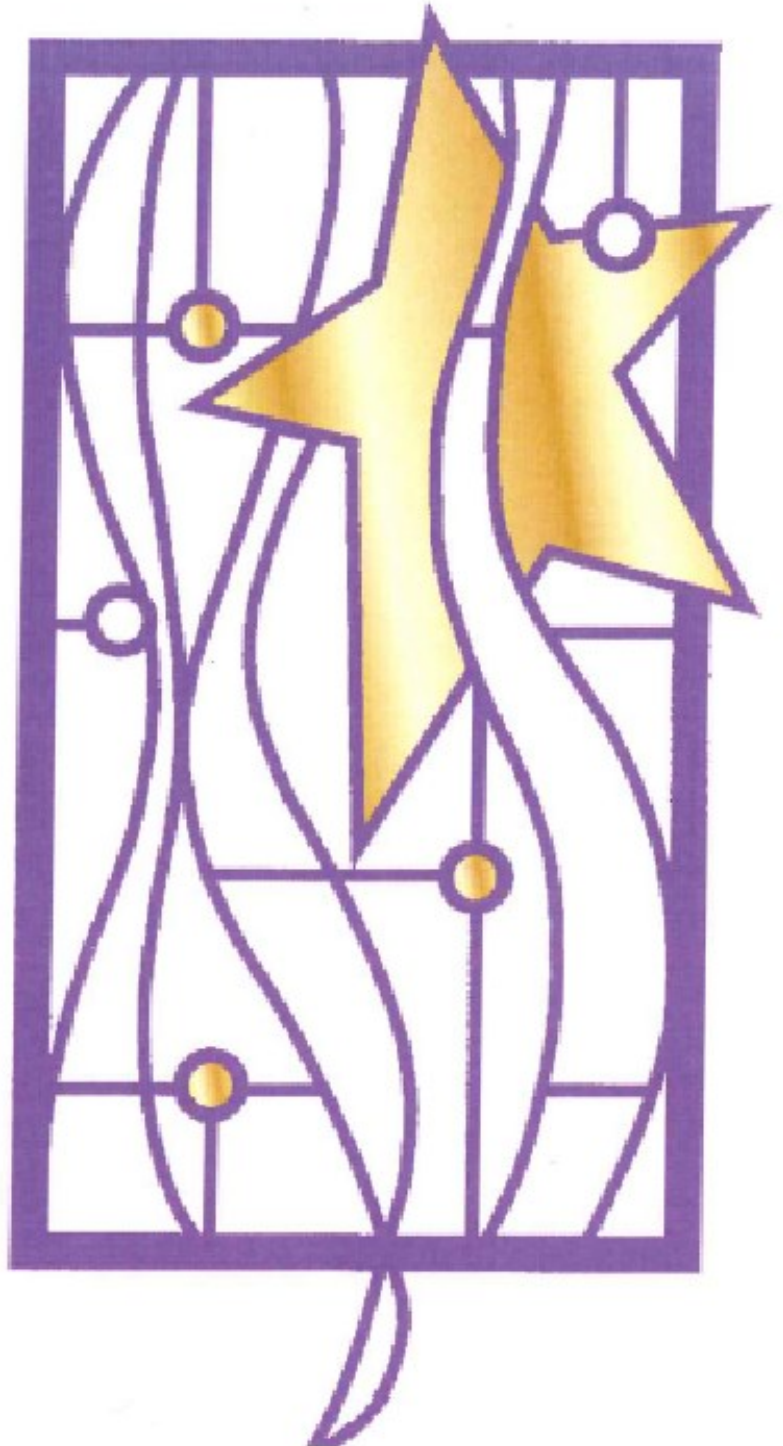
Charlie Fuller, preaching

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 p.m.



I'm always looking for light. Light as it glows through fall leaves or peeks through a slatted fence. Light that reflects off a window. Light that wakes me. Light that lingers long enough for me to see the way home on my afternoon walk. Light in a voice, a word, a star. Light that contrasts with the shadows.

As a minister, I'm always looking for light. Light that passes between people who care for each other. Light that streams into a hospital room. Light from candles that hallow the sanctuary at Advent. Light that falls on a passage that has long confounded me. Light that shines my way from the eyes of a child of God. Light that emanates from goodness.

In the letter to the Colossians, Paul writes, "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light."

Our Advent book of meditations this year is a series of personal reflections written by our Lake Shore family, near and far, now and then.

We focused on the theme "Windows of Light" in 2000, the year Lake Shore replaced the original windows in the sanctuary with those we have now. A few of those original writings are included in this collection.

As you read them between now and Christmas Day, know that you are surrounded by the "saints of light" who have gone before us from whom we have inherited wisdom and understanding and love and strength to act. We are all continuing to "inherit" those things from people beside us at work, at church, at home, and in our extended family today. Past and present saints leave us a heritage that began with the coming Light of Christ that guides us on our Advent path.

You hold in your hand a gift of the Light of Christ that has been revealed to others and now, through their words, to you. We invite you to "share in this inheritance." We pray that through the windows of their words you may claim more Light for your spirit and share that Light with the world.

Sharlande Sledge

Windows of Light

Advent books available Sunday, December 1

- One Advent book is available per household.
- Books will be in alphabetical order in the hall.
- Picking up your book helps defray mailing costs.
- Help us save postage by taking books to family members or people who live near you who aren't at church on the First Sunday of Advent.
- Books were mailed to the out-of-town people on our newsletter list who requested them.



**We Welcome
Charlie Fuller
on Sunday as
he preaches his
first sermon as
our
Transitional
Pastor**

Thank you to all those who have preached for us during the first part of this season of transition. Week by week, twenty-nine women and men -- some experienced preachers, others preaching for the first time -- kept us looking forward. From the diversity of preachers, twenty from the current Lake Shore congregation, we heard lots of different voices, and each voice spoke a fresh word to us. On behalf of the church, let me express our gratitude for your willingness to lead in worship. You each offered a great gift to us all. *Sharlande*

Jim Nogalski

TJ Geiger

Nate Myrick

Becky Kennedy

Libby Bellinger

Bill Bellinger

Henry Clarke

Vernon Davis

Steve Reid

Jon Singletary

Bob Darden

Tom Hanks

David Tonghou

Rick Allen

Brett Younger

Melanie Nogalski

Guilherme Almeida

Mandy McMichael

Andy Powell

Nathan Stone

Sharlande Sledge

Jeremy Everett

Tom Millay

Tom Pearson

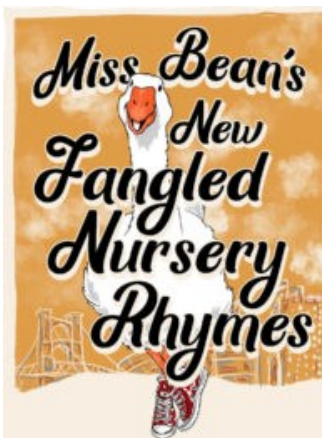
Kathy Reid

Bob Baird

Scott Houser

Blake Burleson

Mike Attas



*Come to a reading and
book signing, celebrating:*

Ashley's New Book!

after supper at church
Wednesday,
December 4

Advent Missions Tree

Every year we decorate two trees — the Chrismon Tree in our sanctuary and the Missions Tree in our hall. The projects for the Missions Tree will benefit ministries in Waco and around the world. This year we have ten projects for each organization — ten local, ten global. All one hundred projects cost about \$25 each, though if you choose ones which ask you to write a check or pay by card, you are encouraged to give more.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the one hundred Christmas projects will be listed on the wall. Next to each project description, you will see two ornaments. One is for you take home to hang on your tree, and the other is to place on the Missions Tree.

Stop by the tree before or after Sunday School or worship. Sign your name by the project you choose. On the first Sunday of Advent, please choose only one ornament, so everyone will have a chance to get one. Choose more projects the next Wednesday or Sunday. The list below gives *samples* of the Missions Tree projects.

Community Missions Projects

**The gifts need to be under the tree by
Sunday, December 22.**

Meals on Wheels

In our church kitchen we package and deliver meals to more than fifty individuals three days a week as we partner with Meals and Wheels to help meet the needs of older adults.

- Purchase a sheet of postage stamps and a flashlight for a Meals on Wheels client.
- Purchase AA/AAA batteries, flashlights, and/or nightlights for Meals on Wheels clients.

The Cove

The Cove is a teen nurturing center designed to provide a safe space for students experiencing homelessness to access the resources they need to thrive.

- Select an item on The Cove's Amazon.com wish list (items selected by teens at The Cove) and purchase your gift(s) online or at another store.

Talitha Koum Institute

TKI is a faith-based organization, providing a mental health therapeutic Nurture Center that offers brain development and all-day loving care to at-risk children from eight weeks old to kindergarten.

- Look at talithakoum.org/donate and click on the Talitha Koum Amazon wish list. Select an item on the list and purchase it online or at another store.

Family Abuse Center

The purpose of the center is to minister to women and children who have suffered physical abuse.

- Purchase bilingual books and games for the Family Abuse Center's activity room.
- Purchase blank journals and diaries for the Family Abuse Center.

Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center

Our center is a source of nurture and preschool education and a steady place in the lives of working families.

- Purchase Play-Doh sets for children 5 and younger who attend Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center. .
- Give \$20 or more toward the purchase of a swing set for the Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center for baby room.



Global Missions Projects

Song for Shalom, Ghana

With Lake Shore's support, Christiana Owusu started a preschool in Ghana. Now in its fifteenth year, Shalom feeds and educates more than 300 children in Twifu-Hemang, a rural village in Ghana. Most parents can afford to pay only part of the cost for a child.

- Give \$25 or more to purchase a set of two chairs for the Shalom Children's Center. Go to songforshalom.org/ donate and enter the custom amount (or, while you're on the site, sign up to make a monthly donation.)

Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development

In 2015 and again in 2018 Lake Shore's Soup Supper benefitted Syrian refugees, living in Lebanon, by buying boxes of food for families. LSESD's mission is "to serve the church in the Arab world through spiritual, social and educational development."

- Give \$25 or more to assist LSESD with its day camps for Syrian children, living in the refugee camps in Lebanon.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

CBF Field Personnel serve within three primary contexts: global poverty, global migration, and the global church.

- Give \$25 or more to purchase supplies for CBF fieldwork in China.

American Gateways

The mission of American Gateways: to champion the dignity and human rights of immigrants, refugees and survivors of persecution, torture, conflict and human trafficking through exceptional immigration legal services at no or low cost, education and advocacy.

- Purchase 12 or more legal pads for American Gateways.
- Give a \$25 or more Office Depot gift card for American Gateways to buy copy paper.



Christian Mission to Gaza

For many years we have partnered with pastor Hanna Massad to help in his ministries to Gaza for the people who suffer immense troubles. In addition to preaching at Gaza Baptist Church, he helps Palestinians — both Christians and Muslims — with their daily emergency needs.

- Give \$25 or more to help Christian Mission to Gaza with providing medical assistance and food to families who have been impoverished by the ongoing violence and chaos related to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Christiana's New Clothing Store in Ghana Opening This Spring!

In order to supplement her income when she goes back to Ghana in early 2020 and to give people in her village a way to buy the clothing they need at a reduced price, Christiana Owusu is planning to open a clothing store, selling good used clothing, particularly clothing for children who live in the village of Twifu-Hemang, near the school. She needs summer weight clothing — shorts for little boys are a priority — because of the year-round hot temperatures in Ghana. Girls' clothing and light women's and men's shirts (unsoiled) are good for the store, too.



If you have a few minutes during the Thanksgiving holidays to look for suitable summer clothing you have packed away at home or to stop at garage sales or thrift stores, we would love to recycle the clothing you find to benefit our friends at Shalom. You may place your gifts for Ghana in one of the large, marked baskets — one upstairs, one downstairs — at church by December 8. The next day we will send the boxes to Atlanta where they will be added to the Owusus' crate that ships next month.

Thank you! "Song for Shalom"

This year's ornaments
Ten Thousand Villages
Stars covered with
fabric from
Bangladeshi saris

OUR CHURCH HOME

BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

I was asked to say a few words about stewardship - 'tis the season.

When I grew up it was called tithing. It was something that you did, just like brushing your teeth. My grandparents were faithful stewards. So much so that when I "played church" at their house after church on Sunday night, I made sure that I passed the offering plate because I knew my grandparents would put money in it.

My mom and dad also practiced stewardship as I was growing up. I remember my dad bringing the check in from selling cows. My mom would then figure out what 10% of the amount was and write the check to the church. It always came off the top.

In the past decade or so my concept of stewardship has grown. One reason is my having worked at a church - that really brings the concept to life and very close to home. The second thing is, I became familiar with the writing of Teresa of Avila — we are God's hands and feet in the world, ours are the eyes from which God looks out with compassion onto the world.

It also occurs to me that we are God's ATMs. We are how God gives money to address things we are both passionate about and called to do. When you take a look at the budget, notice the things Lake Shore does to show compassion and act as God's hands and feet. And think about how God meets you with compassion here at Lake Shore. I hope you will share your stewardship practice with your children, as it can leave a lasting impression. And I ask that you prayerfully consider what you're able to pledge for God's work. —*Angela Whorton*

Prayers for . . .

Missy Davis, who moved back to Ridgecrest from Providence Monday afternoon. As you know, JoLeen has been taking constant care of Missy for months. Megan said JoLeen plans to stay with Missy at Ridgecrest all the time. She suggested that a basket of snacks would be good for JoLeen. Megan suggests different kinds of trail mixes, any kinds of nuts, power/protein bars, Sonic gift cards, PowerAde (like GatorAde – the red or blue drinks). If you want to bring snacks to church today or tomorrow (Tuesday or Wednesday), we can get things to her. Or you may want to take them to Ridgecrest.

Christina Houser and her parents Scott and Ana Marie, as they anticipate Christina's surgery on Tuesday, December 3.

Brittany and Casey Ramirez as their visas are processed.

Henry Kari's younger sister, Emilia, who has been diagnosed with cervical cancer. She started chemotherapy treatment last week in Cameroon. Emilia is the mother of Hilary, who has lives in Texas and has visited Lake Shore. We pray for Henry and his family as they care for Emilia in the ways that they can from their homes in Texas and Cameroon.

Gaynor Yancey, Professor of Social Work at the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, and friend to many at Lake Shore, who is home after a stroke and one month in the hospital and rehab. We are glad for the good news that she has virtually no residual lasting effects.

Family Corner

Family Christmas Workshop December 7, 9-11am

Come and join us for crafts and wreath making!

Please RSVP to Megan@lsbcwaco.org or sign up in the hall. (Wreaths are limited)

Needs of the People

This week our child care workers have asked to stay with their families to celebrate weddings as well as togetherness. Please contact Megan if you are able to add a helping hand with our 3's and under.

Poinsettias for Advent



You may give a pink poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Complete the information form and send it, along with \$15 for each flower, to the office by **Sunday, December 8.**

We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15

I would like to add a poinsettia(s) to the sanctuary during Advent:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

I have enclosed a check for _____

I have enclosed cash in the amount of _____

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian

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, December 1

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, December 4

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Business Meeting

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

**Church office
closed November
28-29, for
Thanksgiving.**

Wednesday night supper December 4

Creamy chicken breasts,
rice, fresh fruit, dessert

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

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

Volunteers for

Sunday, December 1

Extended Care:

TBA

Ushers:

Aaron Abel

Greeters:

Kristi SoRelle

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday, Wednesday,
Friday

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

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

[Sunday School Classes](#)

First Sunday Fuddrucker's Lunch for Visitors and
New Members will NOT meet December 1.



**Lake Shore
Children's Center
Christmas Program
December 13th
10:00 AM**

Caroling and Chili Supper Wednesday, December 18 Be here at 5:00.

to board the bus in the front of the church.

Email Sharlande@lsbc.com by Sunday, December 15 to
let us know that you are coming for caroling and chili.

Chili after caroling

(so eat an appetizer before you board the bus
if you're used to eating early!)

Service of Light in the Darkness

A time of remembrance and communion

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.

In this quiet hour and in the spirit of
Christ's light and hope, we will bring our
pain and loss before God to redeem in hope.
Some people come to this service because of
its quietness and simplicity during a busy
season. Others have hearts full of emotions
unlike those they have ever known before.

During this service of prayer and
consolation we will read aloud the names of
those we love who have died. We will
gather in communion with each other and in the presence of
the great cloud of witnesses.



Christmas Open House Welcoming Charlie and Cindy Fuller Sunday, December 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Home of the Kellison, Stonikinis family

When you come to the open house bring whatever you
would like to bring, already on a plate for serving, to add to
the feast — Christmas cookies, fudge, finger sandwiches,
fruit trays, cheese & crackers, and more Christmas cookies!

