

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

December 4, 2019



Windows
OF
Light

The Worship of God

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Sermon

"A Subversive Stump"

Charlie Fuller

The Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Missions Tree

On the first Sunday of Advent, the Lake Shore members put thirty-seven stars on the Missions Tree, indicating projects in the Waco community and around the world through which Lake Shore members will open "windows of light" this season.



The projects for the Missions Tree benefit ministries in Waco (Talitha Koum, Meals on Wheels, The Cove, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, Family Abuse) and around the world. (Shalom Children's Center, Lebanese Society for Social and Economic Development, Christian Mission to Gaza, CBF China, and American Gateways).

This year we have ten projects for each organization — ten local, ten global. Each of the one hundred projects costs about \$25 each, though if you choose a project which asks you to write a check or pay by card, you are encouraged to give more.

Stop by the tree before or after Sunday School or worship or any time during the week. The one hundred Christmas projects are listed on the wall beside the tree. Sign your name by the project you choose. Next to each project description, you will see two "stars" (two ornaments). One star is for you take home to hang on your tree, and the other is to place on the Missions Tree.



Welcome, Charlie and Cindy Fuller

It is wonderful to welcome Charlie and Cindy Fuller to our church family. As we welcome them as new members, we want to share a little more about them with you.

Cindy has a Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music degrees from Baylor and a Master's of Music Education degree from Sam Houston State University. She taught at the School of Music at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas for seventeen years after being a stay-at-home mom with Cindy and Charlie's three daughters.

Cindy looks forward to supporting Charlie here at Lake Shore as he serves as the church's transitional pastor, and she anticipates sharing her gifts through volunteering in the music ministry and volunteering in missions opportunities.

You've read about Charlie in the last few newsletters and why he is well-suited to serve us during this time at Lake Shore. Charlie says, "here are some things you haven't already read about me in my bio." These jobs certainly round out his work experience!

"My summer job in college was working on a survey/engineering crew for the Arkansas Highway Department. During my junior year at Baylor I was the youth minister at First Baptist Church in West. One summer during my undergraduate years at Baylor I was a cashier/clerk at Jack's Drive-In Grocery on West Waco Drive (where Barnes & Noble is now). When Cindy and I were first married, I threw 335 copies of the *Amarillo Globe-News* every morning in Canyon, Texas." When Charlie was younger, he completed seven marathons. He ran the first four (including the New York City Marathon) and walked the last three (after knee surgery).

Charlie says, "Cindy and I have been called to Lake Shore to share this season of transition with you. We're thrilled to be with you! I think that the Fullers and Lake Shore have both been gifted to provide ministry to each other during these next several months. I believe that our gifts of education, training, life experience, and love of people have been used by God in the past and will be used of God in this near future for God's purpose in our midst. We're as excited to be ministered to by Lake Shore as we are to try to use our gifts for your benefit. We're looking forward to sharing life together!"

Dear Lake Shore Family,

What a wonderful first Sunday of Advent we had! It was a wonderful day of worship as we began our season of preparation and celebrated the hope of the one to come. Your welcome to Cindy and me filled our hearts and "charged our batteries" for some time to come. Cindy and I will be on the road this week taking care of some business in Little Rock and bringing some things to Waco for our apartment. Thanks for your prayers for traveling mercies. In the meantime, know of our prayers for our entire LSBC Family as we take the journey to Bethlehem together. We'll see you Sunday as we worship together the coming Christ child.

Blessings,

Charlie



Welcome, Henry Clarke

We are so glad that Henry Clarke joined Lake Shore on Sunday, November 24.

Henry grew up in rural Virginia and took a rather circuitous route intertwining information technology, organizational leadership, and ministry over a 30 year span. His entry in IT was a result of working in the early days of (CADD) Computer-aided Design and Drafting and finding a knack for getting the most out systems and software. That later led to working in large religious non-profits, managing donor development systems. For nearly 5 years I was the director of a missions organization based in Guatemala and have been involved in 2 church plants.

Late last year, Henry joined the Koinonia Sunday School class after Celia Dupree found him wandering in the halls one Sunday morning. We are grateful for all the gifts Henry has offered to Lake Shore since he has been here, and we are especially thankful that he preached for us last summer.

He says, "If I could only use one word to explain my decision to join Lake Shore, it would be 'community.' The community of faith and the people of Lake Shore made me want to join with them. Working through the search for a transition pastor caused me to know this community and its members at a deeper level with my membership being the natural next step."

"I want to do whatever I can to add to the life of Lake Shore Baptist Church and serve its members," Henry says. "I am so glad to found this beautiful spot in God's garden."

Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,
home of Kim Kellison, George Stonikinis, Emery, & Rory

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, veggie or fruit trays, cheese & crackers, and more Christmas cookies!



Family Corner

Family Christmas Workshop

December 7, 9-11am

Come and join us for crafts and wreath making! (Wreaths are limited)
Please RSVP to Megan@lsbcwaco.org or sign up in the hall.

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.

Prayers for . . .

Christina Houser, the 22-year-old daughter of Ana Marie and Scott Houser, had surgery at Scott & White Hospital in Temple on Tuesday to amputate her lower left leg, a procedure that Christina had anticipated for some time. We pray for Christina as she heals from this surgery that should help her participate in the fullness of life, both the daily tasks and the life-long dreams, without the pain she has had to endure in recent years.

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 lives in Waco. 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.

Missy Davis died on Sunday night, December 1, at Ridgecrest. Loved ones had been surrounding her all day long. JoLeen and Missy shared some peaceful final moments, listening to Missy's favorite songs. We give thanks for the sweet life of Missy. A service in her memory is scheduled for Saturday, December 28. Our prayers are with JoLeen on this day and in the days to come.

Aaron and Sakina Dixon ask for your prayers as they prepare for the arrival of their second child together, Aaron Jr., on December 10. Sakina is finishing her finals at Texas A&M this week, so they also ask for traveling mercies and endurance as she goes back and forth to College Station.

Joanne Cummings

speaking at Lake Shore
Wednesday, December 11
6:15 p.m.

Joanne is home from Baghdad until December 14. We don't want to miss the chance to hear her update us on the situation in the Iraq and surrounding areas while she is here. Joanne is currently the POLAD to the CG of CJTF-OIR (Or Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commanding General of the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve). Joanne's mother, Milly Held, is a member of Lake Shore lives at Sodalis in Waco. We are glad to get to hear from Joanne every time she comes back to see her mother.



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

Charlie Fuller, Transitional Pastor
 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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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8

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

Wednesday, December 11

5:15—Supper

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

[Sunday School Classes](#)

Volunteers for Sunday, December 8

Extended Care: Beth Raymond
 Ushers: Aaron Abel
 Greeters: Kristi SoRelle

Lake Shore
 Children's Center
 Christmas Program
 December 13th

Wednesday night supper December 11

TBA

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

Caroling and Chili Supper Wednesday, December 18

Be here at 5:00.

We'll board the bus in the front of the church.

Bus leaves **promptly** at 5:15 p.m.

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!)

\$3 adults and youth, \$2 children



Weather closings

Our practice at Lake Shore in the event of inclement weather is to close our office and the Children's Center if W.I.S.D. closes. If W.I.S.D. closes for even for two hours, the Food Pantry will be closed. Inclement weather closings are for the safety of our church and center staff, children, volunteers, and guests. If we need to cancel Sunday School and worship, the ministers will notify the congregation by email.



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"