

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

December 11, 2019



Windows
OF
Light

Worship at Lake Shore The Third Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God
December 15, 2019

“A Holy Freeway (NOT I-35)”
Charlie Fuller

The Scripture
Isaiah 35:1-10

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

Sunday, December 15,
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Home of Kim Kellison and George Stonikinis

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!

Caroling and Chili Supper

Wednesday, December 18
Be here at 5:00.

We'll board the bus in the front of the church and travel to see friends from church who spend most of their time at home these days. 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 a snack before you board the bus if you're used to eating early!)
\$3 adults and youth, \$2 children

Missions Tree



The response to the Missions Tree this year is great! After only two Sundays of Advent, 77 ornaments have already been chosen from the wall and put on the tree. The number of gifts under the tree for community ministries and checks in the office for global ministries are arriving at the church. You are choosing to open "windows of light" for Waco and the world this Advent season.

Twenty-three star ornaments are still on the tree, some for each of the ministries we're helping. Within every category, a few ornaments are still available. Community ministries ornaments are available in Talitha Koum, Meals on Wheels, The Cove, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, Family Abuse. Global ornaments are available for Shalom Children's Center, Lebanese Society for Social and Economic Development, Christian Mission to Gaza, CBF China, and American Gateways.

We started with ten projects for each organization. Each of the one hundred projects costs about \$25 each. If you choose a project which asks you to write a check or pay by card, we hope you will consider giving more.

Instructions for Missions Tree Stars

Stop by the tree before or after Sunday School or worship or any time during the week. The 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 to take home to hang on your tree, and the other is to place on the Missions Tree.

Reflections

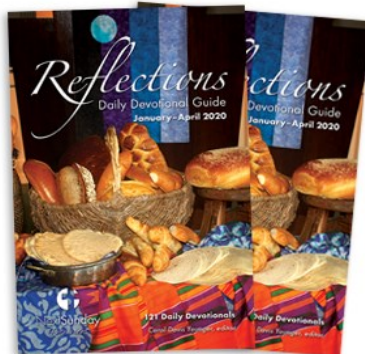
Devotional Guide

If the photograph on the cover of the January-April 2020 *Reflections: Daily Devotional Guide* looks familiar to you, it should. It's a picture of the Lake

Shore communion table that Sharlande took on World Communion Sunday a few years ago. Lots of you reading this newsletter probably ate the bread in the baskets!

Reflections is edited by Carol Davis Younger. The first issue of 2020 includes 121 daily devotionals by 17 different writers. You know some of them; Rachel Sciretti, Sharlande Sledge, Brett Younger, and Carol Younger each wrote a week's worth of the meditations in this issue.

If you are currently on the subscription list for *Reflections* through Lake Shore, your book will be in the hall this week with your name on it. If you would like to receive the three issues of *Reflections* in 2020, let Krysta know.



Joanne Cummings speaking at Lake Shore

Tonight, 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 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 and lives at Sodalis in Waco. We are glad to get to hear from Joanne every time she comes back to see her mother.

Family Corner

2nd-6th Grade Sunday School Party

Sunday, December 15, 12-2

At the home of Buddy and Louise Powell

At the party, we will eat lunch and play games!

We hope you can join the fun!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2019 Family Christmas Workshop! Check out the family newsletter for pictures!

Remembering Missy Davis



Lake Shore member Missy Davis died the night of December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. All day she had been surrounded by people who loved her dearly, especially, JoLeen Eiklenborg. JoLeen accompanied Missy on her journey through life, going as far as she could go with her beloved Missy.

Missy and JoLeen joined Lake Shore on Christmas Day, 2005. Many of you remember Missy's faithful presence at church every Sunday. Her warm smile and her gentle spirit welcomed us near the library door.

Missy genuinely loved the Christmas season, so it's tender to think that her death was on the first Sunday of December and her service will be here on the Saturday after Christmas, December 28, at 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help with the reception after the service, please let the office know.

Celebration for...

Aaron and Sakina Dixon are the new parents of their second child, Aaron Darnell Dixon, II, who was born at Hillcrest on Tuesday evening. His sister, Josephine, welcomes him home. If you would like to provide a meal for the Dixon family, here's a link to their Meal Train site: <https://mealtrain.com/0y27g3>



Prayers for...

Christina Houser came home from the hospital on Tuesday, December 10, after surgery at Scott & White Hospital in Temple last 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, is in chemotherapy in Cameroon. 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. A service in her memory is scheduled for Saturday, December 28, at 2:00. Our prayers are with JoLeen in the days to come.

Vern Sauter fell on Friday night as he was leaving a restaurant. He has been hospitalized at Hillcrest for a broken leg, a broken clavicle, and a broken finger. On Tuesday, December 10, he had surgery for his broken leg. Their prayers are that he will be accepted at Hillcrest for a few weeks of rehab.

Donna McMullen had several falls the last few months that have resulted in a few injuries. She's living with her daughter Kay. She's recovering from her physical injuries and her mind is sharp. We received a note from Donna that she loved the Advent book.

Joan Rectenwald fell last week. We are grateful for her ministry of cooking for us, and we pray for her healing.

Jim Fau has been traveling to Tomball, Texas, to be with his family. Jim's father, Jim Fau, Sr., is now in hospice care at home continuing to battle cancer which has moved to the spine. Please pray for Jim Sr. and his family, including Emily, Jim, and Noah at Lake Shore.

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 **Wednesday, December 11.**

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
Megan Grant,
Minister to Youth, Children, and Families
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
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Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor
Jon Snyder, Director of Music



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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
3:00—Newsletter Deadline
3:00—Service of Light in the
Darkness
5:00—Christmas Open House

Wednesday, December 18

5:00—Caroling followed by Chili
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

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](#)

**Volunteers for
Sunday, December 15**

Extended Care: TBA
Ushers: Aaron Abel
Greeters: Kristi SoRelle

Thanks to all who
contributed soup, stew or
chili for our food pantry
at Carver Park for the
Thanksgiving service.
Total was over 100lbs.
—*Martie and Vern Sauter*

**Service of Lessons and
Carols
Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday night
supper
December 18**

Chili after Caroling
children, \$3.00
youth & adults, \$6.00

Rainbow Lunch
Sunday, December 15
home of
Don & Kristi
SoRelle

[Click here](#)
to read advent
meditations online!

**Christiana’s New
Clothing Store in Ghana**

Thanks to those of you who
have brought clothes for Ghana.
We mailed four boxes on Satur-
day. In the spring
Christiana plans to open a store,
selling good used clothing, particularly for chil-
dren who live in 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’ll fill the basket again, we’ll get the clothes to
Atlanta.



**Lake Shore
Children’s Center
Christmas Program
Friday, December 13
10:00 AM**

If you plan to give to
the 2019 budget,
please do so by
December 22. Money
given or postmarked
on December 31, may
not be deposited until
next year.

Newsletter News

The December 18 newsletter will be the last one we
publish in 2019. Since both Christmas Day and New
Year’s Day are on Wednesdays this year, and the
office is closed between those days, our next
newsletter will be published on January 8, 2020. If
you have news you need to get out in December,
please send it to us by Monday, December 16.