

# Lake Shore Lines newsletter

December 18, 2019



Windows  
OF  
Light

**Worship at Lake Shore**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
*December 22, 2019*

**Sermon**  
*"Trusting the GPS"*  
*Charlie Fuller*

**The Scripture**  
*Isaiah 7:10-16*

*The Dedication of Finnley Joel Ramirez*

## **Christmas Eve Service**

**Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.**

You can prepare but still it will  
come to you by surprise

crossing through your doorway  
calling your name in greeting  
turning like a child  
who quickens suddenly within you

it will astonish you how wide your heart  
will open in welcome

for the joy that finds you so ready  
and still so unprepared.

—Jan Richardson

# Poinsettias for Advent

## The Gift of Poinsettias

### Given in memory of...

Jim Bowie by *Marilyn and Ashley Bowie*  
Dean and Trudy Cayo by *Raymond Family*  
Katherine Baird Darmer by *Bob and Alice Baird*  
Missy Davis by *Celia Dupree*  
Missy Davis by *JoLeen Eiklenborg*  
Delia DeVries by *John DeVries*  
Dorothy DeVries by *John DeVries*  
Rev. John DeVries by *John DeVries*  
Minnie Herring by *Katy, Christy, and Mer*  
Fred and Hazel Hill by *Beverly and Dennis Hill*  
Oscar V. Hinojosa by *Emily and Carlos Hinojosa*  
Mr and Mrs Willie Hobbs, Jr by *Willie, Barbara, and Gayl Hobbs*  
Vicky Hunt by *Skip and Sandy Londos*  
P.M., Jeff, Jerry, and Jack Johnston  
by *Jackson, JoAnn and Juleigh*  
Gerald Jud by *John DeVries*  
David Kopplin by *Faith Kopplin*  
Malcom and Vivian Nall by *Beverly and Dennis Hill*  
Mr and Mrs Frank Houston by *Willie, Barbara, and Gayl Hobbs*  
Joan Parsons by *Sharlande Sledge*  
Carolyn Plaa (2) by *Katy, Christy, and Mer*  
Carolyn Plaa and Minnie Herring by *Sandy and Skip Londos*  
Glenda Hobbs Reynolds by *Willie, Barbara, and Gayl Hobbs*  
Roy Smallwood by *Pat and Nathan Stone*  
Margaret and Rupert Sledge by *Sharlande Sledge*



Alex Ware by *Pat and Nathan Stone*

Nancie Wingo by *Sharlande Sledge*

### Given in honor of...

My grandsons, Miles and Finneas Colescott by *Faith Kopplin*  
Annette Brister by *her children and their families*  
Leslie, Barry, Taylor, and Brady Cuman by *Celia M. Dupree*  
Michelle Dupree by *Celia M. Dupree*  
Gretchen, Jeff, and Eamonn McElroy and Mark, Christy,  
and Grant Gehlbach by *Nancy and Fred Gehlbach*  
Barbara, Willie, and Gayl Hobbs by *Faith Kopplin*  
Geemi Johnston by *Jackson, JoAnn, and Juleigh*  
Grandma J by *Jackson, JoAnn, and Juleigh*  
Krysta Pittman by *Ellen Brown*  
Joan Rectenwald and Victoria Rectenwald by *Ellen Brown*  
Kyndall Rothaus by *Pat and Nathan Stone*  
Megan Grant by *Emery and Rory*  
Sharlande Sledge by *Faith Kopplin*  
Sharlande Sledge by *Raymond Family*  
Sharlande Sledge by *Naomi and John Fox*  
Sharlande Sledge by *the Kellison-Stonikinis Family*  
SoulFriends by *Elizabeth Dell*  
Pat Stone by *Nathan Stone*

## Caroling and Chili Supper Wednesday, December 18

**Be here at 5:00.**

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

Chili *after* caroling

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



## Reflections

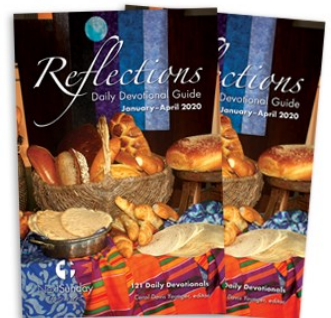
Devotional Guide

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.



## Family Corner

Join us before caroling to see the completed family house!

### **Transitions: a further step into the light**

Each of life's transitions invites us to deepen our awareness of who we are and how we relate to God. In this retreat we will reflect on our own invitations, notice any fears or reservations, and envision a bright path forward while we support others to do the same.

#### **Lake Shore's 2020 Women's Retreat**

Friday, February 21– Saturday, February 22  
led by Jeanette Marsh  
at DaySpring Baptist Church

### Christmas Eve Global Missions Offering — "from harm to home"



Lake Shore has had a long and meaningful connection to the International Rescue Committee (IRC). In solidarity with the IRC's care for refugees throughout the world, we will

give our Christmas Eve Offering to the International Rescue Committee. The IRC responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic well-being, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Within 72 hours of a disaster, the IRC is pledged to organize health care, distribute cash, and deliver clean water. The IRC works in more than 40 countries and 26 U.S. cities, helping people to survive and reclaim control of their futures. The IRC works in Syria and beyond its borders, providing relief to millions of displaced people; in Yemen, the country experiencing the world's largest humanitarian crisis of our time; in Myanmar; the Democratic Republic of Congo; South Sudan; along the Central American/US border.; and wherever people are seeking safety from harm and a new home.

The IRC supports refugees both through its own direct efforts and through its support of helpful public policies. To make a contribution to the Global Missions Offering, please make the check out to the church and write IRC on the subject line. For the world's children,

— *Global Missions Committee*

### **Celebrations for . . .**

Aaron and Sakina Dixon are the new parents of their second child, Aaron Darnell Dixon, II, who was born at Hillcrest on Tuesday, December 10. His sister, Josephine., welcomes him home. If you would like to provide a meal for the Dixon family, here's the link to their MealTrain: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0y27g3>

### **Prayers for . . .**

The Briscoes are in Fort Worth Monday and Tuesday for a two day massive testing event in which medical personnel will evaluate everything to determine if Conway is a candidate for a liver transplant. Melanie said they had a very positive day on Monday, and they are very hopeful. We join them in prayers of hope.

Christina Houser, daughter of Ana Marie and Scott Houser, was at church on Sunday. We give thanks for her signs of healing from her recent surgery.

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. If you would like to help with the reception after the service, contact Jenna Swanson.

Vern Sauter moved to rehab at Hillcrest on Monday. Martie said, "We are so glad to be here." On Tuesday Vern was doing a total of three hours of OT and PT. Martie and Vern's daughters, Mandy and Jennifer, and their families will be here in a few days to be with their parents during Christmas week.

Jim Fau's father, Jim Fau, Sr., died on Thursday after a short time in hospice care. Our prayers are with Emily, Jim, and Noah here and the rest of Jim's family in Houston.

Mary Louise Baker, a former church member who lives in Atlanta, is having surgery to place a rod in her femur after a fall. Our prayers are with her as she begins the healing process.

### **Missions Tree**

The response to the Missions Tree this year is wonderful indeed! After three Sundays of Advent, 96 ornaments have 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 quickly arriving at the church. If you have not chosen a project yet, please stop by the church to do so.



Lake Shore congregation, you are opening "windows of light" for Waco and the world this Advent season. If you have a gift for one of the Waco projects, please bring your gift by Sunday, December 22. If you would like to add a gift to any of the global projects, please do!

**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  
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager  
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor  
Jon Snyder, Director of Music



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**CALENDAR**

*Sunday, December 22*  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:45—Worship  
4:00—Soulfriends  
*Tuesday, December 24*  
5:00—Christmas Eve Service

*The office will  
be closed  
December 24-  
January 1.*

**First Sunday after Christmas,**  
December 29  
Worship 10:45  
**Epiphany Sunday,**  
January 4  
*Charlie Fuller, Preaching*

**Volunteers for  
Sunday, December 22**

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

**There will be no  
Sunday School  
December 29.**

**Our next newsletter will be  
January 8, 2020.**

[Sunday School Classes](#)

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

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

**Wednesday Night suppers  
begin January 15.**

**Called Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 15  
6:15 p.m.

If you plan to give to the 2019 budget, please do so by December 23. Money given or postmarked on December 31, may not be deposited until 2020.

**Missions Calendar**

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

\*The children's center will be closed December 25-26 and December 30-January 1.

- to hear the recommendation of the deacon nominating committee and vote on new deacons (Aaron Abel, Beth Farwell, Carlos Hinojosa, Faith Kopplin, Vern Sauter, Buddy Powell, Beth Raymond)
- to hear the recommendation of the Committee Coordinating Council and vote on new committee members
- to vote on the recommendation of the CCC and the Board of Deacons creating a new Family Committee