

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

January 22, 2020



A Meditation on Psalm 22

led by **Bill Bellinger**

tonight: Wednesday night, January 22

Bill is the chair of the Baylor Department of Religion and the teacher of Lake Shore's Bereshith Sunday School class. Bill is known for his research on worship texts in the Old Testament. Much of his work explores the book of Psalms. We missed Bill and Libby while they were in North Carolina last fall and look forward to Bill's thoughts on how this ancient psalm still speaks to us today .

Worship at Lake Shore The Third Sunday After Epiphany

The Worship of God

January 26, 2020

"Not All Who Wonder Are Lost"

Charlie Fuller

The Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23



A conversation with Dr. Peaches Henry, President of Waco NAACP

**Wednesday, January 29
6:15 p.m. after supper**

In response to our invitation to speak, Dr. Henry said, "I think that the most important thing we can do to promote justice in our country is to recognize that silence and inaction equal complicity. People of faith must safeguard justice for the most vulnerable among us. This is the message that my faith compels me to share." She is in her second term as president of the Waco Branch of the NAACP. Its mission, like that of the National NAACP, is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

A committed community volunteer, Dr. Henry has served on the executive council of Parent Teacher Associations and on campus decision-making committees from the elementary to secondary levels in Waco ISD. She has been a member of the superintendent's Advanced Academics Advisory Board. Also, she has served on Waco ISD search committees for principals and assistant superintendents. In 2017, she developed the Lean-on-Me Mondays Tutoring Program to help Waco ISD elementary and middle school students prepare for the STAAR exams. During 2018-2019, she developed the Hidden Figures STEM Project which focused on female students from the five Waco ISD middle schools to develop their interest in STEM areas.

She is a member of the Gamma Upsilon chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, an educational sorority. She is the chairwoman of the chapter's annual Commission on Civil Rights. A member of the Waco Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, she serves as her sorority's Social Action Committee chairwoman. *cont'd on page 3*

Announcement for Tonight

Dear Lake Shore Family,

At the request of the Committee Coordinating Council, tonight's called business meeting to discuss and vote on the 2020 committee nominees has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for another date.

Transition Process Overview

Many of you are rightfully curious about what our transition process might look like. Here's an overview. As you read and think over what's here, please offer yourself and your church to God, praying for God's will to be done throughout this process.

Theological Framework: Holy Indifference

We want what God wants for our church. Nothing more. Nothing less. There's a difference between human decision making and discerning the will of God. God is in the business of constantly transforming both individuals and communities of faith.

Key question: What kind of pastor does God need us to call?

Methodological Framework: Appreciative Inquiry

Organizations have to leave things behind if they are to move forward. But research tells us that people move forward with greater energy and focus if they bring some things forward from their past to their future.

Key Questions: What is right about our church and how do we build upon that? What will we leave behind?

The Role of the Transition Pastor:

The transition pastor serves as a guide or coach for the process. The Transition Team and the Pastor Search Committee make any and all decisions regarding process and candidates.

Five Parts of the Transition Process:

- 1) **Preparation:** The congregation selects the Transition Team and learns about the transition model. The Transition Team organizes their work and outlines how they will lead the congregation to discern God's will for Lake Shore.
- 2) **Self-Study:** The congregation engages in a self-study of its past, present, and future. This is estimated to take anywhere from 90 – 180 days.
- 3) **Active Search:** The congregation elects the Pastor Search Committee and the search begins, informed by the outcome of the Self-Study.
- 4) **Call:** The Pastor Search Committee brings a recommended candidate to the church for approval.
- 5) **Begin:** The new pastor begins work in our midst.

The Self-Study portion of the process will be informed by three important congregational conversations. Each of these will likely be Saturday morning sessions so that as many people as possible can be involved.

Here are a few of the key questions for each session:

Session dealing with the PAST:

How did we get here?

What is our congregational DNA?

What are the core positives of our church?

Session dealing with the PRESENT:

What is the current status of our church?

Where do we live? Who are our neighbors? What is our ministry context moving forward?

Session dealing with the FUTURE:

What is our shared mission/vision as a church?

What kind of pastor does that imply that we should look for? The Self-Study will have two products that will inform the discernment of the Pastor Search Committee as well as potential pastoral candidates:

- 1) A **CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE** that accurately describes Lake Shore; its history, current reality, and future orientation.
- 2) A **PASTOR PROFILE** that broadly describes the type of pastor we believe God intends to lead us into the next season of life as a church.

I know you have more questions. Feel free to ask them as we move forward together.



Transition Team Nomination Announcement

The Deacons ask for your nominations for the Transition Team that will lead Lake Shore's transition process. Please prayerfully consider those individuals you believe God is calling to lead Lake Shore through these days of preparation for God's future. The nominations will be collected and reviewed by a group made up of: the Deacon Executive Committee, an At-Large Deacon, and 2 additional members of the Committee Coordinating Council. This group will be co-chaired by the Deacon Chair, Kay Avant, and the CCC Chair, Libby Bellinger.

The committee will seek to have a Transition Team that represents the breadth and depth of our congregation while also having the skills and giftedness necessary to guide the entire congregation through the transition process. You can read an overview of the transition process elsewhere in this newsletter. Among the criteria the nomination group will use will be age, gender identity, member/congregant, family status (single, parents, families with small children, "empty nesters," widowed, grandparents, etc.), leadership skills, emotional intelligence, data analysis, data reporting skills, etc. The committee will also have to contact nominees to ascertain their willingness and availability to serve. The target number for the Transition Team is seven members. The Pastor Search Committee will be elected according to the by-laws **after** the Self-Study is complete. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Forms are available in the church office. The role of the Transition Team will be to lead the transition process in consultation with the Transition Pastor. It will plan and lead the congregational listening sessions, compile the results of the sessions, report the outcomes of the sessions, communicate regularly with the congregation, and produce the congregational profile and the pastor profile. Its role will end with the production of these two profiles. At that point the church will elect a pastor search committee to carry out the active search process for Lake Shore's next pastor.

Family Corner

Check out the Family Corner newsletter for pictures of the mid-winter retreat!

Transitions:

a further step into the light Lake Shore's 2020 Women's Retreat

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.

Friday/Saturday, February 21- 22
at DaySpring Baptist Church

Please sign up by emailing
sharlande@lsbcwaco.org or
krysta@lsbcwaco.org
as soon as you know you're coming.
Total registration
fee of \$50 due to Lake Shore
February 9.



Celebrations

Vicki Kabat's has a new book: *High Hope: Uplighting Stories about Home, Family, and Faith*, Here's how Amazon described her book: "With wisdom and insight, Vicki Marsh Kabat shares stories of home, faith and family that encourage and fortify us in a world that often no longer seems kind or gentle. Her attention to nature and awareness in relationships turns the small moments of each day into glimpses of grace to encourage us all." Blessings on your words, Vicki.

Prayers for...

Conway, Melanie, and Bekah Briscoe, who are awaiting word concerning whether Conway is on the list for a future liver transplant. We continue to join them in their prayers of hope.

Joanne Cummings, who is Policy Advisor to the Combined Joint Task Force Inherent Resolve. She is in the embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

Krysta Pittman's father had surgery for a broken wrist yesterday. He is at home, recovering.

Pat and Dwayne Lucas are grateful for the encouraging news about their granddaughter Alyssa, who has been hospitalized in Grapevine, and for Dwayne's successful medical procedure yesterday.

Vern Sauter is waiting for his surgeon's word that it is good for him to begin physical therapy tomorrow.

Ana Marie and Scott Houser say, "Christina's healing process has been slower than anticipated and insurance for prosthetic is giving us challenges, but Lake Shore's concern for her and her family is palpable and our one constant!!!!"

Megan Grant's grandmother in Edmond, OK, is healing after back surgery last fall. She recently needed to have an additional procedure.

Family Self-Sufficiency,

First meeting of 2020, Thursday, January 23,
5:15 — 7:00 p.m.

Family Self-Sufficiency is an employment and savings incentive program for low-income families that have Section 8 vouchers or live in public housing. Six months of the year we host the meetings on the third Thursday of the month. Waco Housing Authority sponsors this vital program for adults on the road to becoming self-sufficient.

Two ways you can serve in this ministry today:

• prepare and serve meals at 5:15 and/or • care for children from 5:45-7:00 during the parents' meetings.

Come, be a friend to the children! Be a friend to their parents and grandparents, who are busy people all day long and live without a lot of the resources that we have in our church and in our homes.

Contact sanlondo@gmail.com or megan@lsbcwaco.org or Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org for more info.

Come in January. And we hope you will come again in the spring!

"Peaches Henry," continued from page 1

In 2013, she launched a new initiative: Project VIER (Voter Involvement Education Registration) Coalition that brings together area organizations that are committed to social justice, including the Community Race Relations Coalition and the Women League of Voters among others. On January 7, 2020, Project VIER kicked off its latest voter registration campaign. The coalition will register voters at the county health clinics, the public libraries, local high schools and colleges, and churches.

Currently, Dr. Henry is a professor at McLennan Community College where she teaches composition and British literature. With a masters and a doctorate in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University in New York, she is the author of articles on the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning and the journalist Frances Power Cobbe. She has spoken at national and international conferences in San Diego, Boston, Chicago, Great Britain, Australia, and Canada. A former director of Vacation Bible School, Dr. Henry is a member of Carver Park Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for over a decade. She is the proud mother of Corey Roberts Henry, a graduate of Waco High School and the University of Texas at Austin and currently a third year law student at St. John's Law School in New York.

Our Church Staff

Charlie Fuller, Transition Pastor

Cindy Fuller, Organist/Pianist

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, January 29

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Seminar

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Staff Notes

Jon will be out next
weekend. January
29-February 2.

Charlie will be out
January 30-
February 1.

Wednesday night supper

January 29

Pork tenderloin,
mashed potatoes, carrot salad
children, \$3.00
youth & adults, \$6.00

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

Sunday School Classes

Volunteers for Sunday, January 26

Extended Care: Laura Ziemer
Ushers: Faith Kopplin
Gayle Avant
Greeters: TBA

Come one, come all to the Community Race Relation Coalition's quarterly program on Thursday, January 23, 5:30 to 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Austin Avenue (park at corner of 11th and Franklin). Dinner is provided by the CRRC board, with donations accepted. The program will be a panel discussing "Our Ongoing Quest for Justice." Panel members are Bryan Dalco, Charley Garrison and Hope Mustakim. . . . This is free and open to all, but PLEASE RESERVE A SPACE by calling 717-7903 or emailing Jo@welterfamily.org.

The Neighbors International Program at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church is looking for a volunteer to teach English Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:30. For more information, contact Carolyn Dodson at 772-2042 or CO-Dodson45@gmail.com

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

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Family Self-Sufficiency

Thursday, January 23. 5:15-7:00



2020 PRUIT SYMPOSIUM

February 4, 2020 • 3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The Pruit Memorial Symposium at Baylor University brings the perspective of the Christian intellectual tradition to contemporary issues of common concern. Since 2013, this annual symposium has focused on the tradition of American black sacred music in conjunction with the Black Gospel Music Restoration project of the Baylor Libraries.

"David and Goliath: Gospel Music in Word and Song"

Armstrong-Browning Library — 3:30 pm.

"Fly Away: Gospel Music in Word and Song"

with Truett Seminary student Joslyn Henderson and others

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Toliver Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 1402 Elm Avenue