

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

February 12, 2020

Not this Sunday, but **next** Sunday,
February 23,
our special guests in worship will be:

Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili



Lake Shore Baptist Church is honored to host Reverend Dr. Malkhaz Songulashvili, the Metropolitan Bishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia on Sunday, February 23, 2020. He is the Bishop of the Tbilisi Peace Cathedral.

We are hosting Bishop Songulashvili through the invitation of the Alliance of Baptists and friends at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. The Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia is a partner of the Alliance of Baptists with whom Lake Shore is a member congregation. Paula Clayton Dempsey says Bishop Songulashvili is "... excellent in the pulpit, whimsical, articulate, graciously hospitable, and a terrific people person." We gladly anticipate his message of welcome and invitation for all that he shares with people around the world.

The youth choirs of Southland Baptist Church, San Angelo South Main Baptist Church, Pasadena

The combined Southland Baptist San Angelo and South Main Baptist Pasadena youth choirs will be helping lead in worship on Sunday, February 23. These groups have taken summer tours together in recent years to Los Angeles, West Texas, Little Rock/Branson, Providence/Boston and summer 2020 to Washington DC for the YouthCue festival at the National Cathedral. They are in Waco next weekend for the YouthCue Youth Choir Festival at Baylor University. A student choir of 250+ singers and the Baylor Symphony Orchestra will present a concert the same day at Jones Hall at 3:15pm.

Worship at Lake Shore The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

The Worship of God
February 16, 2020

"What Does it Really Mean to Hear?"
Charlie Fuller

The Scripture
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Richard and Nikki Groves our special guests tonight at supper and during seminar time

Richard Groves and his wife Nikki are in town from their home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We don't want to miss this chance for Richard to visit with us on a Wednesday night. We extended an invitation. He accepted. We are glad!



If Richard's name is new to you, he was the beloved pastor at Lake Shore from 1975-1981. [Here's the link to the church website](#) where you read more about Richard's pastorate in the history written by Rufus Spain.

To read the encouraging words he wrote to Lake Shore after our welcoming and affirming vote in 2016, [click here](#).

Richard will speak/visit/remember/look forward with us at the 6:15 seminar time. He and Nikki are delightful folks. All of us are connected to them through our Lake Shore community and story. If you know Richard and Nikki, please come. If you don't know them yet, please come. You'll be glad you did.

Gayle Avant has kindly agreed to postpone his seminar to a later date.

Transition Team Nominations Reminder

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.

Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Forms are available in the church office.



Ash Wednesday service February 26 at 6:00 p.m.

The early church observed Lent as a time of repentance and renewal — a way of preparing for Easter. During the eighth century, the church began observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, as a solemn day of confession. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the sign of ashes that the worshipers receive on their foreheads as an act of repentance and a symbol of mortality. We hope you will come to this meaningful service that begins the Lenten season.



Introducing the Republic of Georgia and Malkhaz Songulashvili *Presented by Mike Long* Wednesday Night Seminar February 19 — 6:15 pm

Since 2008, Dr. Michael Long, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures and Professor of Russian at Baylor, has been conducting research on the Republic of Georgia's efforts to restore and preserve its cultural monuments, namely churches and monasteries. One of Michael's former students, who was on a Fulbright in Georgia, introduced him to Malkhaz Songulashvili via email, and in 2014 they met for the first time in person. In April 2015, Michael organized a symposium on the Baylor campus titled "Georgia at the Crossroads" and invited Malkhaz as the keynote speaker. Malkhaz is no stranger to Waco or to Baylor. The Baylor Press published Malkhaz's monograph titled *Evangelical Christian Baptists of Georgia: The History and Transformation of a Free Church Tradition* (2015). Malkhaz was a featured speaker at the preaching conference at Baylor in summer 2018. Mike, Katie Cook, and Guilherme Almeida visited Malkhaz in Tblisi, Georgia, in the summer of 2019.

We hope you will be here for Mike's presentation. His introduction to the Bishop will give context to Sunday's worship on February 23.

Transitions: *a further step into the light*

Lake Shore's 2020 Women's Retreat
Friday, February 21-Saturday, February 22

DaySpring Baptist Church
7900 Renewal Way



The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends at 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Jeannette Marsh, retreat leader



Please sign up by emailing Sharlande or Krysta as soon as you know you're coming so that we may plan for meals.

**Total registration fee of \$50 due to
Lake Shore
(scholarships available)**

Family Corner

February 26:

No Wednesday Night Supper due to Ash Wednesday Service

Infant care will be provided. We do, however, invite toddlers and up to join us as this is a powerful way to share in the life of faith with children.

Remembering Milly Held

Very early this morning Milly Held - our dear, kind, and faithful friend -- died at Sodalis where she had lived the last several years. Recently she had been cared for by her hospice team and always by the tender love of her daughters, Melinda Brunger of



Houston and Joanne Cummings, who is serving in Baghdad. Both of them were able to spend good and holy time with their mother during the last few weeks.

We give thanks to God for Milly's long and good life. She would have been 98 years old in March. For 76 of those years, Milly celebrated life with her husband, Cokie Held, as they lived their days to the fullest both here and in the Middle East, where Cokie was a career diplomat. We have missed Milly's presence in worship with us since Cokie's death three years ago, for the Helds were faithful participants in our worshipping community.

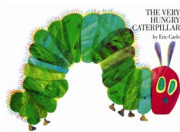
Over and over these past few weeks, Joanne has said, "I'm so glad I came home." She is flying back to her post in Baghdad on Saturday. We pray for her and for Melinda and their families in the coming days when the loss of their mother is so new to them. In the coming weeks, at a time that is right for both of them, we will remember Milly at a memorial service at Lake Shore.

Through their loss, may we hold them in our prayers. In that way, we can "hold the Christ Light for them." With great love and prayers for peace for Joanne and Melinda and with great thankfulness for the life of Milly, who now rests in God's presence forever.

Reading Picture

Books to Preschoolers

As we begin 2020, we want to continue a ministry in our Children's Center that both preschoolers and volunteers enjoyed in 2018. We hope you will volunteer to read to preschoolers this spring. You may choose to read to one of 7 classes of children, ranging in age from 6 weeks-5 years. All times will be 9:30-10:00, with seven volunteers for seven classes each day. Teachers will be in the room to help things run smoothly. If you have a favorite children's book to share, please bring it. Wonderful children's books are available in the church library, and a basket of books will be available in the Children's Center Office. This is a fun way for us to celebrate and support the Children's Center. Thank you for volunteering! [Sign up here](#), or contact Beth Raymond for more information. —Children's Center Board



Prayers for . . .

The Ramirez family is in Malaysia while waiting for the health crisis in China to deescalate. They covet your prayers as this sudden departure has been emotionally and physically draining.

Robin McDurham had breast cancer surgery on February 5. She received a good report after surgery and returned home on Saturday. A mealtrain has been set up for the McDurhams. To reserve a space, here's the link: <https://mealtrain.com/yo7l3m>

The Briscoes, who are grateful that Conway has been approved as a liver transplant candidate. He is listed on the transplant list at both Baylor hospitals in Dallas and Fort Worth. They are sending updates through caringbridge.com. When you register you receive updates on Conway's progress and the family's prayer requests, beginning with a donor liver and successful surgery.

Dorothy Neatherlin's sister, Mary Darrow, entered hospice care in San Antonio last week on Tuesday.

Kay Avant's aunt, Hazel Coalson, died yesterday at 101. Arrangements are pending.

Vern Sauter's niece, Candace Eckert, died after going in to a coma during surgery on Feb, 4, 2020 at the Mayo Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. She and her family lived in Bismarck, ND.

Mary Louise Baker, who joined Lake Shore in 1997, died on Sunday in Stone Mountain, Georgia. When Mary Louise was at Lake Shore she served God through the church by singing in the choir, delivering Meals on Wheels, and teaching the Philia Sunday School class. Her nieces and nephew are planning a graveside service in King's Mountain, North Carolina.

Beth Farwell's son, Tom Tice, is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Beth visited him for his birthday last weekend. Tom is in the 82nd Airborne Division and will be deployed to the Middle East later this spring.

Virginia Reichenbach, a member of our outreach Sunday School class at The Delaney, died Friday evening, February 7. She had received Meals on Wheels lunches delivered out of our church kitchen every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for at least the last fifteen years. Virginia had been the across the street neighbor to the Edens and the Parsons families. Several of our other church members — most recently Nancy and Fred Gehlbach, Rosemary Richards, and Ibbey Jones — grew to love and respect Virginia as they got to know her through their Meals on Wheels deliveries. Though a member of First Presbyterian, Virginia was a faithful member of her Sunday School class; she studied and absorbed every word of the Smyth and Helwys curriculum and read the *Reflections* devotional guide every day. Last Sunday class members spent time remembering the significant presence Virginia held in their lives. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday in May.

Beverly Hill

Our Church Staff

Charlie Fuller, Transition Pastor
Cindy Fuller, Organist/Pianist
Louis Garcia, Custodian
Megan Grant,
Minister to Youth, Children, and Families
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 19

5:15—Supper
6:15—Children’s Activities
6:15—Seminar
7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Volunteers for

Sunday, February 16

Extended Care: Thomas Spitzer-Hanks
Ushers: Beth Raymond
Mike Raymond
Greeters: Donna Casstevens
Angela Whorton

LET’S WELCOME THEM



**REFUGIO PROGRAM FOR
CENTRAL AMERICAN
IMMIGRANT CHILDREN
COMING TO WACO**

Please donate: Cuddly comfort animals and soft security blankets. Bring them to the church, we’ll need 20 sets.

**MUCHAS GRACIAS
TODOS !!!!**

[Sunday School Classes](#)

Missions Calendar

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

**Wednesday night supper
February 19**

Creamy Chicken Breasts, Rice, Carrot Salad, and French Bread
children, \$3.00
youth & adults, \$6.00

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

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

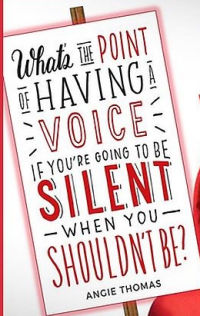
Annual Celebration Banquet

Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM CST

Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Fikkert, co-author of "When Helping Hurts"

Reservation Deadline: February 12

Waco Convention Center, Chisholm Hall, 100 Washington Avenue Waco, TX 76701
Martie and Vern Sauter have reserved a table. Let Martie or Sharlande know if you would like to go. Contact Martie or Sharlande if you’d like to be a guest at their table.



The Community Race Relations Coalition of Waco invites you to join us for a FREE showing

Based on the book by Angie Thomas
William C. Morris Award Winner • National Book Award Longlist • Printz Honor Book
Coretta Scott King Honor Book • #1 New York Times Bestseller!



THE HATE U GIVE

Tuesday, Feb. 18th 5:30 – 8:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
Parish Hall – 1100 Austin Ave.
(Parking at 12th and Franklin)

This film is most appropriate for viewers over 13. We will allow 11 or 12 year-olds but they must have a parent with them. No one under 11 will be admitted.

Seating is LIMITED You MUST reserve your seats!
Call (254) 717-7903 or email jo@welterfamily.org



NEW SHOWING!

FREE Dinner Will Be Served • Donations Gratefully Accepted!

2020 Waco NAACP Scholarship Banquet

"Standing in the Gap for Justice"

Featuring

Civil Rights Attorney

**DAMARIO
SOLOMON-SIMMONS**

"Law is his Ministry and Justice is his Passion!"

Nationally renowned attorney Damario Solomon-Simmons has advocated for reparations for the survivors of the 1921 Greenwood Massacre, citizenship rights of Black descendants of Muskogee Creek Nation Freedmen, and managed the business and legal affairs for several NFL and Olympic athletes.

Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:00PM

Lee Lockwood Library and Museum
2801 Waco Dr. Waco, TX 76707



Tickets \$50/\$400 Table of 8 • For more information: wacoacnp@gmail.com or 254-733-5261