

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

February 19, 2020

Our guest proclaimer February 23 Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili

Lake Shore is honored to host Reverend Dr. Malkhaz Songulashvili of the Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia. 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, Fort Worth. The Evangelical Baptist Church of the Republic of Georgia is a partner of the Alliance of Baptists; Lake Shore is a member congregation of The Alliance. Paula Clayton Dempsey says Bishop Songulashvili is "...excellent in the pulpit, whimsical, articulate, graciously hospitable, and a terrific people person." His book, *Evangelical Christian Baptists of Georgia*, was published by Baylor University Press in 2015.

We gladly anticipate his message of welcome and invitation for all, a message that he shares with people throughout the world.

Singing in worship on Sunday: 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. In summer 2020 they will head to Washington, DC for the YouthCue festival at the National Cathedral. They are in Waco this 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 on February 23 at Jones Hall at 3:15pm.

Worship at Lake Shore The Worship of God February 23, 2020

"Learning Forever"
Malkhaz Songulashvili

The Scripture
John 14:15-31

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 Tbilisi, 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.



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.

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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. The sanctuary will be open earlier for those who wish to spend some time in silence.

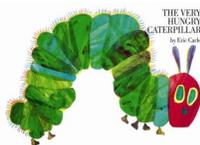


Reading Picture Books to Preschoolers

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



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

Total registration fee of \$50 due to Lake Shore

Retreat participants:

Katy Abel	Ana-Marie Houser
Henrietta Addo	Susan Johnson
Kay Avant	Ibby Jones
Kay Bailey	Vicki Kabat
Amanda Baker	Gwen Kari
Claudia Beal	Sandy Londos
Elaine Bearden	Jeannette Marsh
Libby Bellinger	Terri Jo Mosley
Judy Bowman	Jeanne Murphy
Gail Boyd	Kay Neugebauer
Donna Casstevens	Rebecca Pettit
Judy Davies	Louise Powell
Sakina Dixon	Sarah Randles
JoLeen Eiklenborg	Beth Raymond
Terri Evans	Martie Sauter
Beth Farwell	Sharlande Sledge
Patty Field	Kristi SoRelle
Cindy Fuller	Jane Vardiman
Beverly Hill	Angela Whorton
Emily Hinojosa	Laurel Zeiss

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.

Welcome, Rae Wright

We are delighted that Rae Wright joined us through church membership on Sunday after worshipping with us about two years. Here is her story in her own words:

I was born and raised in Midland, Texas, where most of my family still lives. I graduated from West Texas State University with a BS in Journalism, and MA in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. I served 18 years as a Baptist Campus Minister first at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville before moving to Waco where I spent 12 years at Baylor University. When I was a seminary student, I worked part time in a psychiatric hospital, and that experience stayed with me because I connect most with the image of Jesus as Healer. In 2007, I began my transition from student ministry to clinical social work by enrolling full time in the Baylor School of Social Work, graduating in 2009.



Currently, I am the clinical director for a faith-supported residential treatment center, Christian Farms-Treehouse, Inc. I enjoy helping our clients in their journey toward healing and wholeness. Many of our clients use substances to cope with trauma, grief, and mental health problems, and therefore, increase their suffering. We address both the addiction and underlying problems to help clients move forward in life. Showing up for clients every day is an act of service.

One of my favorite metaphors for church is “sanctuary.” I think it’s only fitting when churches call their worship space a sanctuary. After all, being in God’s presence is a safe space, *the* safe space. Sanctuary is what I experience at Lake Shore, in place, and, most especially, in people. The kindness and generosity of spirit you show encourages me each Sunday. Thank you for your warm welcome and I hope to be sanctuary for you.

We are full of joy that we will get to serve alongside Rae as we seek to be Christ’s church together.

Prayers for . . .

Brittany says, “We are coming up on our two weeks of being here (incubation time) so hopefully we can begin meeting more people here in Penang. We don’t yet know how long we will have to be here, but we are trying to figure out how to make life a little stable and normal during this temporary unknown time. I am still processing all the emotions that have come with this change in plans. Balancing the sad/frustrated/uncertainty of being away, yet at the same time so grateful we are safe and healthy and so supported by so many through it. We are hopeful to see the ways God works among us and through us in this very unknown and sometimes frustrating situation.”

Robin McDurham had breast cancer surgery earlier this month. To reserve a space on the Meal Train for the McDurhams, here’s the link: <https://mealtrain.com/yo713m>

The Briscoes are sending updates through caringbridge.com about Conway’s journey toward a liver transplant. When you register on Caring Bridge, you receive updates on Conway’s progress and the family’s prayer requests, beginning with a donor liver and successful surgery.

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.

Christina Houser got her new leg on Tuesday. Our good hopes and prayers to Christina on every step she takes!

Ibby Jones had a fall on Sunday that required a few stitches and staples. She is resting and recovering at home.

Congratulations to Barbara Francis!

The first weekend in February Barbara Francis, along with potters from throughout Texas, participated in the “Bountiful Bowls” art event in Rockport, TX. Each potter donated a bowl to be judged. Barbara won the “Bountiful Bowl” context for the second year in a row. Congratulations, Barbara!



After the bowls are judged each year, they are placed in a silent auction, benefitting The Aransas County Council on Aging. All the money raised helps Meals on Wheels.

Barbara is pictured here with the Director of the Council on Aging and the Director of the Art Center in Rockport.

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
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor
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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship
12:00—Global Missions Lunch
3:00—Newsletter Deadline
4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, February 26

6:00—Ash Wednesday Service
7:15—Choir Practice

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday,
Wednesday, Friday

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Family Self-Sufficiency

Thursday, February 20

**Volunteers for
Sunday, February 23**

Extended Care: Katy Abel
Ushers: Beth Raymond
Mike Raymond
Greeters: Donna Casstevens
Angela Whorton

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

[Sunday School Classes](#)

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**Missing Red Jacket
(without a hood)**

Please return a red jacket with gold zipper but
without a hood if you accidentally removed it
from the church hall.

Libby has the matching hood!

Thank you.

Good Neighbor Waco, a Christian non-profit organization, is seeking singles or married couples to serve an average of 7-10 hours per week in exchange for partially subsidized rent. Resident workers live in private quarters on site. A portion of their service hours involves hosting groups using the community rooms at 2301 Colcord Ave. and participating in household upkeep or administrative work. With their remaining service hours resident workers are encouraged to create and run neighborhood projects in their areas of interest including the arts, urban gardening, community engagement, education, worship, etc. Applicants would commit to 9-12 months of live-in service, to begin June, July, or August 1 (with specific dates and roles to be discussed during the application process). Residents must be able to live and work well with others and contribute meaningfully to community living. Applicants over 21 are preferred, although exceptions may be made. Good Neighbor does not discriminate by race, gender, gender expression, ethnicity, nationality, age or sexual identity. Although we expect settlers and board members to be Christian in order to follow our mission, activities at Good Neighbor are not restricted by religion.

For more information and an application please contact Heather_Deal@baylor.edu

