

# Shiloh Visitor

August 2019

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

*From Randy...*

**“So, what are we doing for revival this year?”** ...Last year we had several Southern Gospel groups come and sing on Wednesday nights during the month of August. We had good turnouts and the music was inspirational and uplifting. In addition, we had someone from Shiloh speak each Wednesday night giving their testimony and speaking of God’s strength in their life.

One of the suggestions given was could we have a variety in style and music and try Sunday nights? So this year we will use a different approach to revival as we use Sunday nights to inspire us and to allow God to speak to us through music and through testimony.

This month our revival schedule looks like this:

**Homecoming: Sunday, August 4**

Theme: “He Touched Me”

Speaker: At this time both persons who I asked are not able to speak. So as of this writing, you are stuck with me. We will have a fellowship meal after the 11 AM worship service. Please bring side dishes and desserts for others to share. The church will provide the meat(s).

**Sunday, August 11 6-7 PM**

Music by: John Storke

John has sung at Shiloh before and will be singing many favorite gospel songs.

**Sunday, August 18 6-7 PM**

Music by: John Tibbetts

John sang several months ago during the 11 AM service. He will be singing songs of faith and religious spirituals.

**Sunday, August 25 6-7 PM**

Music by: Sounds of Praise

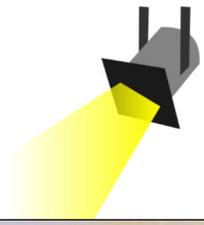
Our choir will be singing many of the favorite songs you chose in our recent survey.

After each of our Sunday evening services, there will be an informal social with desserts served.

There will be a testimony each Sunday evening from a Shiloh member on how “He Touched Me”. Invite a friend and be a part of Sundays in August at Shiloh.

# *in the Spotlight...*

“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea?” Job 38:16



**LCDR Kendall Miller, USN (Retired)**, passed away unexpectedly 19 days after speaking at our Memorial Day service in May. It's painful to listen to the CD of his speech right now, but we wanted to share his vision with others and pay tribute to him, using his words. He honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice and spoke about those who make everyday sacrifices while serving in the military. Here are some highlights from that Sunday in what became one of his final military observances, with his wife, Jean, encouraging him along.

He shared with us his religious experiences throughout his 20 years in the Navy's submarine service. Wherever he was stationed, his routine was joining a church, getting involved with Sunday School and Bible Study, and singing in the choir. He and Jean did exactly that at Shiloh 2 years ago.

He said God wants us to live for Him every day and that living for Jesus may require sacrifices: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” [John 15:13] He said our country doesn't always ask us to make the ultimate sacrifice. Many who join expect to make sacrifices, such as giving up a soft, comfortable bed, not being able to watch their kids grow up, or not going to their dance recitals—giving up everything to serve our country and God during war and peace.

When Kendall shipped off to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, his goal was to attain an education for job opportunities down the road. He wasn't expecting to give up every right and every freedom that he had come to know in his first 18 years. Nor did he expect to give up his identity and not be able to come and go as he pleased. He was told where to go, when to be there, and what to wear; all rights were taken away and given back to him later, one at a time. They called those rights *privileges*.

The only way he could get away from constant stress was to go to church on Sunday mornings and become involved with Bible Study and the choir. People at church didn't bother you; they let you enjoy your peace with God. He liked being around like-minded students in the chapel choir. He said when he was in church, the prince of peace was there. God helped him through, and Kendall committed himself to a spiritual routine. As a midshipman, he said going to church interfered with his sleeping, but he was eventually allowed to leave the base for an overnight trip. He visited his aunt and uncle in Arlington. They insisted he go to church and Sunday School with them.

Attending the same church were President Jimmy Carter and his wife. Kendall said he thought to himself: “Here's the President of the United States, probably the busiest man in the world, attending so I can find the time, too.” After Sunday School class was over, President Carter, who knew what it was like to be a Midshipman, came up to Kendall and wished him well. The president had spiritual commitment. That renewed Kendall's faith and lifelong commitment to put God first.

Later, he interviewed for the nuclear program. Admiral Rickover told him he would be more valuable to the program if he dropped out of some of his activities, such as sports and church, but Kendall would not sacrifice his spiritual life but gave up his bicycle and chess clubs instead and put in the 30 hours a week that was expected of him in the nuclear program. Then after going to the Orlando Nuclear Power school, even

more was expected of him. Once again, he attended services and Bible study at the chapel on base and joined the choir. His life was hectic there and church brought peace to it.

His next duty station was in Idaho, where he travelled 2 hours to the reactor site for training and spent 12 hours a day studying. Even though the shift schedule messed up his sleep, he stuck to his spiritual routine.

Again, the first thing he did was join a Baptist church there, sang in the choir, and relied on God to carry him through to keep up his spiritual relationship.

God carried him through during his deployments. Every time a submarine gets underway, there is always the risk of not coming back home. He told about his two deployments to the western Pacific. He was able to deal with a stressful 18-hour schedule because he never let up on his spiritual routine. During his many deployments, he missed out on the birth of one of his daughters, holidays, and other family events. He said it was all worth it for the cause.

Because his submarine had no chaplain or pastor, Kendall was volunteered as a lay leader. He led Sunday morning worship service and the singing. He encouraged everybody to write letters and send cards to family members at home to help them remember people in their lives.

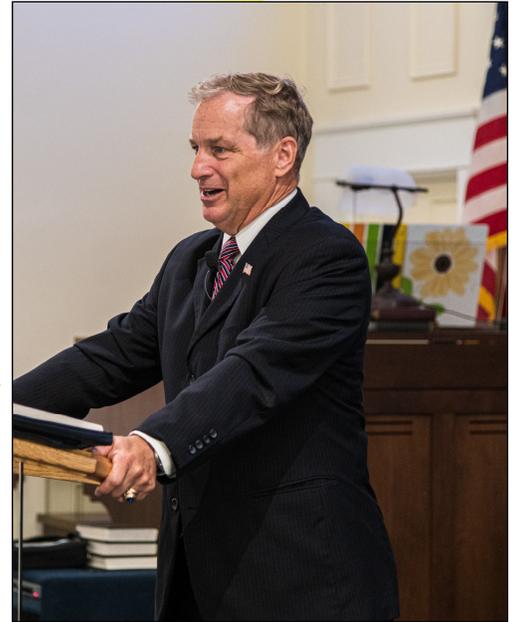
His next assignment was in Upstate New York, where they had 9-month winters and no Southern Baptist churches, but he found a church that had a really good choir; they welcomed him in and allowed him to work with a youth group and other programs.

He did the same thing when he was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, where there were many Southern Baptist churches. The first thing he did was find a church with a good choir. He said the important thing for a military person is to be involved in a local church and to have that foundation.

Kendall truly journeyed into the springs of the sea and walked in its depth. In his words: “No matter where we went or how deep the ship went, how far away we went, what challenges we encountered, God was always there. I'm confident that sacrifices I made for my country were well worth it for the defense of our country, but I couldn't endure that stress without God's ever-present love and couldn't endure it without the support of my local church.”

Thank you, Kendall, for your selfless service to God, your many churches, and country.

Rest well, good and faithful Servant!



# Shiloh GALS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Amazing Race



**Ready? Set! GO!!** The GALS will have their second annual Amazing Race on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 starting at 9:00am. Please sign up at the missions board if you plan to participate! Also, if you do not have a t-shirt from last year, please indicate your t-shirt size and favorite color! If you can be a driver, please indicate that also!

**Drivers Needed:** Teams will be broken up to 3-4 people. Each team needs to have a driver, so if you can drive, please indicate that you can drive and can take 4 people in your car (that includes the driver). All checkpoints will be in King George County. Each checkpoint will have a recognizable person there to greet you.

**Prizes:** There will be prizes!

**Bring a Friend:** What a way to introduce your friends to Shiloh women!! Just make sure to sign them up. However, we should have room for those few who don't sign up.

**Ending Picnic:** We'll end the race at noon with a picnic at the church. All food will be provided.

**Sign up deadline:** July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Come on – let's get racing!!

Childcare will be available.

*"...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31, NIV*

## Disaster Relief Training



Shiloh will provide 2 opportunities for Disaster Relief training. You don't have to attend both, just one, to be trained as a volunteer for BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) Disaster Relief. The dates are Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. More information will be available in the bulletins. See Ed Clarkston for more details.

## Shiloh Missionaries

As summer is coming to an end, so are the short term missionary assignments for Shiloh's teen missionaries. Mahala Becker will be returning home to Guam from serving in Uganda; Lauren Holman will be returning home from serving in Thailand; and Jordan Lyon will be returning home from her missionary journeys! Continue to pray for safe travels home as well as for those they have served in the name of Jesus!



The Becker family continues to serve our Lord through Trans World Radio. Keep them in your prayers as the typhoon season is nearing the South Pacific.



The Vincent family continues to serve in Turkey. Continue to pray for them as they serve our Lord as well as for their children as they are entering school and making new friends.

## Music News

*By Barbara Perry*

July was so much fun with music camp. We had 33 children, 7 youth, 20 adult helpers and 4 staff members. It was a great time and the kids were wonderful. We can't wait until next year!!

We are now preparing for our revival choir night where we sing your favorite choir songs and for homecoming. It's a great time to join the choir!!

## AWANA News

*By Stacy McKinley*

It has been an exciting summer for Shiloh; VBS in June and Music Camp in July. Let's complete the summer with the start of our AWANA program in August. August 25<sup>th</sup> we will reconvene for our first meeting of the season. Registration will begin at 4pm so please stick around to fill out a new registration form and provide uniform sizes if needed. After an long and hopefully enjoyable Labor Day weekend, we will then return September 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with you this year!

## Upcoming Events

August 1	Softball Game Staff Retreat - Office Closed
August 3	GALS Amazing Race
August 4	Homecoming & Lunch
August 5	Missions Dev. Team Meeting
August 6	Softball Game
August 6,13,20,27	Prayer Meeting
August 7	Youth at Shiloh in Bowling Green
August 7,14,21,28	Sounds of Praise
August 8	Softball Game
August 11,18,25	Revival - Music and Fellowship
August 13	Grief Support
August 17	FLC Reserved Disaster Relief Training
August 18	Quarterly Business Meeting
August 20	Feed the Needy

## Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon & Stephen Hagewood

Many of our youth will head back to school this month! Hard to believe that summer break is already concluding!

We have been invited to join Shiloh Baptist Church in Bowling Green for an evening of food and games on August 7th at 6:00pm. If your youth would like to attend, please RSVP to Stephen at [youth@shiloh.org](mailto:youth@shiloh.org).

We will also be going to Sky Zone for some fun before school starts and our rising 6th graders will be joining us!

Our fall retreat at Westmoreland State Park is on the calendar for October 4th-6th. If you would be willing to chaperone or help provide food, please let Cathy or Stephen know.

Our regular activities will begin in September which include Bible study on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm and Youth Group on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm so mark your calendars!



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**Cathy Lyon, MS Youth Minister**  
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