



Shiloh Visitor

December 2019

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...



There are many churchwide opportunities this December to experience Christian fellowship and worship. Please see below, and contact the church office if you would like more information on any of the upcoming events.

Sunday, Dec. 1: Service of Light - 6:00 pm



Sunday, Dec. 22: Community Carol Sing, Supper & Bonfire-5:00 pm



Sunday, Dec.15: Sounds of Praise Cantata - 11:00 am
"The Song of Bethlehem"



Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service - 5:30 pm



Sunday, Dec. 22: Children's Program - 11:00 am



Sunday, Dec.29: Sunday School Breakfast - 9:00 am



Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon & Stephen Hagewood

December is always a busy month as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior! The youth will have several activities to be involved in this month!

- **December 15 - Christmas Cantata** - several of our youth are now a part of the adult choir!
- **December 22 - Community Carol Sing, Supper and Bonfire** - this is always a wonderful way to share the love of Christ to those around us!

In addition, we are having the Second Annual **Christmas Lock-in on December 20-21 from 7 pm - 7 am!** We will play Christmas games, listen to Christmas music, watch Christmas movies and have tons of fun!!! We will also have a gift exchange during this time so please bring a wrapped \$5 gift card to your favorite fast food or coffee place (be creative here, we don't want 20 Sheetz gifts cards LOL!). Youth are also encouraged to wear their best Christmas onesies, jammies, t-shirts, leggings, etc... Also, bring a snack and a drink to share!

Merry Christmas!



Music News

By Barbara Perry

Hi Everyone! We are gearing up for Christmas now. All Choirs have started a little Christmas music and the adults are working on a cantata for December. Come and join a choir!

The Sounds of Praise will present "The Song of Bethlehem" on Sunday, Dec. 15. See you there!

in the Spotlight ...

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Shiloh's Bob Baird Proclaims 300th Anniversary Celebration of King George County

Bob Baird, President of the King George Historical Society, communicated the following during the kickoff celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of King George County. The celebration was held at the University of Mary Washington Dahlgren Campus on November 15, 2019.

In describing King George, I like to borrow a term from the music industry—"mash-up." The term mash-up is used to describe a song that is actually a meshing together of a number of different songs to tell a story. I contend that King George County is such a "mash-up."

King George is a transitional place where the land and the water meet on three sides—a peninsula so isolated in Colonial Times that it was often bypassed by much of the strife that tore our new land.

It is a place where white men and the Indians met to build relations for the future. Sometimes, the meetings were good; sometimes they were bad. Witness Pocahontas' kidnapping from what is now the Fairview Beach area.

It is a place where the seeds of our American culture were planted and took root. King George is part of the Northern Neck, which is often referred to as the Athens of the New World due to its residents' focus on individual freedoms, education, civic duty, and statesmanship.

It is a place where many and varied religious denominations have established churches and flourished.

It is the birthplace and/or home to many of America's presidents and military leaders—Washington, Madison, Monroe, the Lees, and John Marshall.

It is a land that has long been torn, split between the beliefs, customs, and norms of the people north of the Potomac River and those of the south.

It is a place where the stressful changes of desegregation were implemented and eventually bore fruit.

It is a place where waterman, farmers, tradesmen, teachers, retailers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, researchers, professionals of all kinds, members of the active military, and veterans live side by side and support one another.

At various times, King George has been known for its production of tobacco, fish and seafood, pickles, flowers, bean sprouts, bricks, and sand and gravel and as the home of one of the nation's foremost military research and development labs, which led the nation in areas such as computer science, global positioning technology, naval weapons design, orbital sciences, and materials testing.

It is a place constantly changing, whose countryside and culture is evolving from that of rural to a mix of rural countryside and suburbia with ever-increasing pressure for growth due to the expansion of the population centers to our north.

It is a place where recreational opportunities abound on the land and on the waters of the Rappahannock and Potomac.

It is a county whose roots were based in the soil, in forests, in rivers, and the bay; but a county where now stands branches of some of this nation's finest educational facilities and some of the most advanced research and development facilities in the world.

It is a place where, while many of our citizens' families have been here dozens or even hundreds of years and are related; others are transitional or have only recently put down roots.



It is a land where visitors are welcomed to visit, to sit a spell and have a glass of lemonade or sweet tea, have a meal, stay the night, and/or put down roots and become part of our wonderful county.

It is a place where the concepts behind the kind of constitutional republic established by our forefathers are truly demonstrated with the citizens working individually, collectively in association and with their elected representatives to do their best for our citizens individually and for our county.

It is like country music evolving from its varied roots and becoming something different, but at the same time retaining a real-world focus on people, their lives, their experiences, and their values.

With the pressures imposed by today's fast-paced society, history is often pushed aside in favor of subjects deemed more critical to one's immediate success. Such action, we believe, can result in our society having to repeat mistakes and relearn lessons that our ancestors experienced long ago.

The King George Historical Society was established to pursue a mission of collecting, preserving, and disseminating information on the history of King George Co. and its people.

The Society strives to fulfill its mission by maintaining the King George Historical Museum and Research Center, by publishing newsletters to its membership, by sponsoring an essay contest each year for high school seniors, by inviting guest speakers to its meetings, and by generally ensuring that opportunities are provided for residents to learn about and from the county's history.

King George offers and means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. But to those of us that put down roots here long ago, it is our home and King George County: "We will always love you."

Women of Shiloh

By Brenda Hastings

GALS – Growing And Loving Servants – Women On Mission – Shiloh Style



Annual Cookie Exchange

Our annual cookie exchange will be at Sharon Band's home on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00pm. Bring some of your favorite cookies to box up for our shut-ins, as well as share with one another! Homemade or store-bought cookies will qualify!! And, if you'd like, bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. This is always a fun afternoon and you won't want to miss it!!

December 1-8 is the designated Week of Prayer for International Missions. Please use the prayer guide (provided in the Dec. 1st bulletin) to guide your prayers for missions. Also remember to pray for our families who are serving overseas, the Becker Family in Guam and the Vincent family in Turkey.

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions – We are able to do so much more together, than if we were chasing this vision alone. Since 1845, the International Mission Board has partnered with churches to send missionaries to live and work among those around the world with little to no access to the gospel: 3,678 missionaries*, **4.5 BILLION UNREACHED**, 847 People Groups engaged (through the work of IMB in just the last year). 100% provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve. *(updated October 31, 2019)

The Story of Lottie Moon

In the 1800s, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name. The offering was established to empower international missions efforts for Southern Baptists.

Fleece Needed for Blanket-Making

Go ahead and start collecting fleece for our fleece blanket making. This will be held during our regular GALS meeting - January 18th, 9:30am until we're finished, in the Family Life Center. This will be our 6th year that we will have made blankets for the homeless in Fredericksburg. Each year, we turn out more blankets—let's make this one even bigger! Our goal this year is 100 blankets!! You can drop off the fleece at the table underneath the Missions Bulletin Board.



Sunday School

By Gail Davis

December, though cold and perhaps even snowy, is the time to open our hearts to the warm assurances found only in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. The relationship Christ made possible through his resurrection. Though we celebrate His birth throughout this month through giving, singing, dramas, worship and special family gatherings, we shouldn't lose sight that it was through His death and resurrection that we have a relationship with God that will continue into all eternity. So for this month I challenge you, beginning December 1, to read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day. There are 24 chapters for the 24 days leading up to Christmas Day. Read them to your family perhaps at dinner. Initiate discussion by asking those to whom you are reading what is happening in the day's chapter and why they think it is significant. Use this time to draw closer to Christ and closer within your family circle. Enjoy this season of love and hope and may you be blessed in ways too numerous to count. Merry Christmas.

Children's Ministry

By Rebecca Goff

Christmas is the most wonderful time of year! December brings many special programs here to Shiloh. Due to all of the church activities this month, Children's Church will only be held on 12/08 and 12/29. December 15th will be the Christmas Cantata. December 22nd the children will participate in telling the Christmas story. Adults and children alike enjoy these special programs that help us stay focused on our one true Savior. Childcare will be available for Nursery and Toddlers. In Children's Church this month our theme is, "Unboxed! Find the Joy" taken from Philippians 4:4 (NIV) where it says, "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!" We "unbox" the best gift of all when we remember how God sent Jesus to be our Savior. With that kind of joy, we can always find a way to be happy—even when things don't go our way. AWANA News – It has been a fun year so far! The Christmas store will be held on December 8, during our last meeting of the year. We will start up again in January! The Christmas season is a wonderful time in our church. With all the festivities there are plenty of opportunities to come and worship our Living Savior. From my family to yours – Merry Christmas and Happy New

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Fundamentals of Faith

Fundamentals of Faith is a new Bible Study that will begin on December 1st, and will be held in the Chapel. The 13 week class offers a solid, biblical foundation. The first three lessons are: *Introduction to the Bible, How to Know the Bible, and God: His Character and Attributes*. Please contact Tom Crisafulli or the church office if you are interested in being a part of this study.



Upcoming Events

December 1	Service of Light - 6:00 pm
December 1-8	Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 5	Morning Ladies Bible Study
December 7	Cookie Exchange
December 8	Sunday Night Activities
December 8	BOD Meeting
December 8	Evening Ladies Bible Study
December 3, 10, 17, 31	Prayer Team
December 4, 11, 18	Wednesday Night Activities
December 10	Grief Support
December 15	Sounds of Praise Cantata
December 17	Feed the Needy
December 22	Children's Program
December 22	Caroling, Community Bonfire & Supper
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Day

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year.*

*Thank you Jesus Christ,
Savior and Lord!*



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