

Shiloh Visitor

February 2019

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35, NIV)

Our verse for the year 2019 indicates a desire to express, to actively participate in, to be a part of an action that delivers a clear message of agape love to others because we are a part of the family of God. We are told that the only reason we are able to love others in a Godly manner is because God *first loved us* (1 John 4:19).

As I shared in my sermon on the last Sunday of 2018, here are areas for us to consider using our spiritual gifts in, to express agape love to others, and to be a part of achieving the mission statement of Shiloh: Reach, Build, Serve.

Reach

Outreach Team
Missions Involvement
Free Community Meals

Build

Teach Class: "Fundamentals of Faith"
Discovering Spiritual Gift(s)
Streaming Worship Service
Church-wide Fellowship Opportunities

Serve

Disaster Relief Training
Homebound Ministry
Crisis Ministry

The reason we are active in a church is because our involvement shows our desire to love others because God *first love us*. May we find ourselves actively loving others in the name of Jesus this year.

The **Handicap Ramp Project** will be voted on as a church at the February business meeting. At that time details regarding costs, design, builder, and funding will be shared. **To date, \$45,500 has been given** towards the building of the ramp. What an opportunity to say to others that regardless of the location of an activity, entering and exiting our various buildings is available.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... Thank you to those who work behind the scenes in snow removal and making sure our parking lot, sidewalks and steps are safe. While I am inside where it is warm, some are out in the cold shoveling and clearing snow to make sure our safety is ensured. *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

on the Spotlight...

From King George to the Remotest Part of the Earth
by Joe Parker



There are times in our life when we experience a true message from God, and it's the type of message that leaves a lasting, indelible vision in your mind. Such was the case of the message Pastor Randy Allensworth delivered on the first Sunday of the New Year 2019. It was very obvious our pastor had given great attention to every detail in his message. It was also evident he had prayerfully addressed each item on his New Year agenda.

Through God's guidance he was providing us a roadmap of the direction we as a Church should follow as we move into the New Year. He also indicated that each individual may not totally agree or buy in but he simply stated: "You can take a bite, chew on it for a while, and spit it out if you don't like it." We are truly blessed to have Pastor Randy because he has the ability to explain what God has in store for us; he gives us the choice, and his visionary concepts are well defined in his messages.

As he concluded a series of messages based on the Book of Mark, he based his message for the New Year on Mark 16:15 where Jesus said: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Pastor Allensworth then specifically defined his message based on Acts 1:8 ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Pastor went on to relate "our world" to the teaching Jesus had provided his Disciples. Our area of King George, Virginia, relates to Jerusalem; the State of Virginia relates to Judea; the United States relates to Samaria; and globally relates to the remotest part of the earth.

He commented on the mission efforts that our Shiloh families are currently addressing in some very remote areas of the world. They include the remote Island of Guam where all the members of the Becker family will soon be serving, and he mentioned the region of Turkey where Dwight and Helen Ruth Lyon's daughter, son-in-law, and their family are currently serving.

Pastor Randy went on to define the Mission Statement of Shiloh that ties it all together: "**Reach, Build, Serve.**" He followed by providing examples of each of those simple statements and how he hopes the New Year will be an opportunity for us to improve and hold true to our Mission.

REACH—this statement, for example, includes efforts such as outreach, attendance, evangelism, and missions.

- He went on to commend the Church on a number of examples in which Shiloh has been very supportive in the mission field.
- He indicated it would be nice to occasionally invite more people into the Church by simply having a community meal maybe three or four times a year. He envisioned this as a means to reach out to the local community.

BUILD—this related to building up the Body of Christ.

He envisioned some new classes we may need to build up

the Body of Christ. For example, maybe a class in Christianity 101 for new Christians to teach fundamentals and maybe a class in recognition of Spiritual Gifts.

- The Technology Team suggested "live streaming" of Sunday Services to reach beyond the doors and into the community, to the sick and to the shut-in.

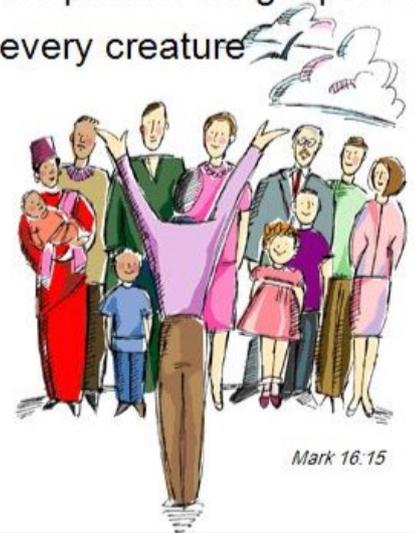
• He strongly indicated more fellowship programs such as the Harvest Festival and Eggstravaganza where families can spend time together.

SERVE—we need to improve on reaching out to our members and community.

- The Pastor addressed the comment we often make: "I wonder where what's his name is ..." and suggested that we need to do a better job on this issue by actually finding out where what's his name is located.
- The Pastor went on to share with the congregation that more than \$45K has been donated to build a front ramp on our sanctuary. He stated we should all be aware that one day we may be the one who needs that ramp. He also pointed out that it serves as an invitation to the public that we are open to anyone that wishes to attend: young, old, or physically challenged.
- He suggested we should look at training in Disaster Relief and maybe take advantage of the training offered by the Virginia Mission Board.
- He said we need to be more active in reaching out to our homebound and attentive to our prayer list.
- He stated a Crisis Ministry needs to be developed to address people who may be in need.

From King George to the "remotest part of the earth" is a tall order but one that has been a standing order for Christians from the very beginning. Our pastor simply reminded us of our duty and provided a vision for our New Year—not his but God's.

Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to
every creature



Children's Ministry

By Rebecca Goff

On Friday, February 15th the youth are off to Camp Piankatank so we will have a children's only movie night starting at 5:00. More information will follow in the bulletin. Mark your calendars for roller skating at Stan's Skateland in Montross on March 23rd.

Children's Church this month has the theme, "Always Open: Service with a Smile" taken from Mark 9:35, NIRV which says, "Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.'" Our lessons this month will show how Jesus demonstrated what serving really means, from washing His disciples feet to laying down His life for the world. As we serve the people in our life, we reflect the character of Jesus to them.

EXCITEMENT...JOY...TEARS...LAUGHTER!! Do you remember how you felt when you were expecting a baby? Whether it's your first child or not, there is nothing like bringing a new life into the world. We recently have had some new births in the church family as well as a few ladies that are currently expecting! This is exciting news and as a congregation we would like to share in their joy by presenting the families with a gift basket filled with goodies to help out and show our love and support. I mentioned earlier the theme for this month's Children's Church is "Always Open: Service with a Smile" and we are in need of a volunteer to act as coordinator for the Baby Baskets. If you would like more details or would be interested in leading this ministry please e-mail Rebecca Goff at children@kgsiloh.org or call (918)855-2252.

Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon & Stephen Hagewood

Upcoming youth activities:

Mars Hill at Shiloh, February 2nd from 5-9pm
Winter Blast at Camp Piankatank, February 15-17, 15 teens attending, SOLD OUT!

Wednesday Night Bible Study for Middle and High School, 6:00-6:40
Youth Choir, 6:40-7:00

Sunday Night Youth Group and Fellowship, 5:00-7:00

Summer Camp and Mission opportunities are being planned so stay tuned for details on locations, dates, and fundraising events!

AWANA News

By Stacy McKinley

December 2nd was an early Christmas for AWANA members due to all the donations you generously provided. Being at AWANA that Sunday was a Christmas gift in itself; it was so exciting to watch. The look on the children's faces as they picked a gift or two for their family member, knowing it came from the heart was quite a sight to behold. Each of them running to get presents wrapped before family members arrived or siblings saw what was purchased. The sound of wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift bags being used by our youth group and adult wrappers who volunteered Sunday afternoon. The chaos was enchanting. Each child left with gifts wrapped, labeled and ready for Christmas morning because of the church support we received.

As we roll into a very cold new year the kids continue to memorize God's Word at an impressive speed. We are so proud of each and every one of them. We will have several special event Sundays to allow for additional rewards over the next few months. Please continue to check your e-mail and schedule so your child may participate. God Bless.

Sunday School

By Gail Davis

From the Christian Living website:

Sunday School attendance is a reference to not only being faithful in the Sunday morning Bible study but any Bible study that is regularly offered at your church. Sunday School and Bible study attendance are extremely important for the following five reasons:

1. Attending Sunday School helps you develop pleasing faith in God. Without faith it is impossible to please God (see Heb. 11:6). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (see Rom. 10:17). And faith without works is dead (see Jm. 2:17).

Sunday School and Bible Study are ways for you to hear the Word of God, so you can be encouraged to obey it.

2. It helps you meet others who are serious about pleasing God. Unfortunately, there are many who go to church for reasons other than being pleasing to God. All of those who go to Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are not serious about pleasing God; however, the odds are better.

The percentage of those in these type of sessions who are serious about pleasing God tends to be greater than simply those who come to church on Sunday.

3. Attending Sunday School often equips you to minister to others. It leads to the development of the knowledge and confidence needed to help others grow in the Lord.

Great Sunday School and Bible Study ministries review the plan of salvation and essentials of discipleship enough that regular students become confident in sharing the information with others.

4. Your attendance encourages others to attend. When the attendance is down, it gives the impression that the sessions are not important. But when the attendance is up, it gives the impression that the sessions are important.

Just by being present, you can encourage others to attend the sessions and grow in the Lord as well.

5. These sessions help make the church stronger. The stronger the members of the church are, the stronger the church will be. When you attend these sessions, grow in the Lord, and help others do the same, you are a part of helping the church to grow stronger.

In summary, Sunday School attendance (and Bible Study attendance) helps you develop Your faith, helps you meet others who are working on their faith, helps to equip you to help others, encourages others to attend, and helps to strengthen the church.



Upcoming Events

February 3	BOD Meeting
February 3, 10,17,24	Sunday Night Activities
February 5,12,19,26	Prayer Team
February 6,13,20,27	Wednesday Night Activities
February 12	Grief Support
February 15	Children's Movie Night
February 15 - 17	Youth: Winter Blast
February 17	Quarterly Business Meeting
February 19	Feed the Needy

Music News

By Barbara Perry

January has been kind of quiet in the music world but don't worry we will be gearing up for Easter before you know it. Children's choir, youth choir and the adult choir, Sounds of Praise are all back to normal weekly rehearsals. Practice times are on Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. Children/Grace Notes, 6:40 Youth Choir and 7:15 p.m. Adults/Sounds of Praise. Now is a great time to join as we are learning new music and getting ready to prepare for Easter. Hope to see you on a Wednesday!!



Women of Shiloh

By Brenda Hastings

Snacks for Students

Did you know each week Sealston Elementary sends home bags of food for students that may not have enough to eat over the weekend? The school currently has more students that can benefit from this program than donors. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating some of the listed food items to support this worthy cause. Donations may be left in the marked box in the foyer of the Family Life Center. For additional information, please contact Carin DeClute.

Goldfish crackers	Raisins
Easy mac	Juice box
Fruit cups	Individually packaged snacks
Granola bars	Individual packs of crackers
Fruit snacks	Applesauce squeeze pouches
Cereal bars	Pudding cups

Isaiah 58:10 (ESV)

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.



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Birthdays

- 1 Roger Rouse
- 2 Cassie Brown
- 4 Kathy Kent
- 4 Robert Burge
- 7 Sherry Mills
- 7 John Busic
- 9 Madison DeClute
- 9 Eric Bosworth
- 9 Jackie Bosworth
- Lily Hubble
- Shelby King
- 12 Pam McConnell
- 15 Wendy Moore
- Ruth Titsworth
- 16 Dawn Burge
- 18 Chris Chalkley
- Nick Dean
- 19 Phyllis Stephens
- 21 Grace Clatterbuck
- Dan Titsworth
- 22 Michael Heath
- Lucas McMahan
- Samantha Tubbs
- 23 Micaiah Becker
- Joe Powell
- 25 Dee Dee Dean
- 26 Lee Lynn Crowell
- Miranda Wolfe
- 27 Natalie Holman
- Tim Lyons
- Jim Pitts
- 29 Veronica DeClute
- Julia Lumpkin

Anniversaries

- 8 Nelson & Sherry Mills
- 14 Tom & Fran Crisafulli
- 16 Frank Jr. & Judy Lee
- 23 Dan & Ruth Titsworth