Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...

Communication is a 2-way street...the following is a humorous example of a communication gone astray:

SHIP: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

REPLY: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

SHIP: This is a U.S. aircraft carrier. I say again, divert YOUR course.

REPLY: No, I say again, you divert YOUR course.

SHIP: This is the Captain of a U.S. Navy Ship. Divert your course NOW!

REPLY: This is the keeper of the Lighthouse. Your call.

In any situation where communication must take place, there is a **Sender** and a **Receiver**. Whether you are a Captain of a ship or a Keeper of a lighthouse. It is important that during this time when we are without an Office Manager that clear communications are essential.

Our office volunteers at the time of this writing are Helen Ruth, Rusty, and Kim. We appreciate so much their giving of their time to communicate the activities and news of the church. Your communication is just as important when you communicate to the office any needs or information to be shared with the congregation.

In order to do our best to make sure the **Sender** communicates effectively with the **Receiver** the following basic information is always important:

Name of the person or group requesting information to be communicated

Time the event or activity is taking place

Place of the activity or event

Purpose of the event or activity or the reason the information is being shared

Sometimes when a miscommunication occurs, we experience what seems like a collision between a ship and a lighthouse. Questions are asked. Confusion is experienced. Extra time and energy are spent attempting to gather information and making another attempt at communicating.

January is a slow month. February begins to pick up the pace. March and April are like traveling on Interstate 95. If you don't keep up, you will get left behind (or run over).

We are to be about "**redeeming the time**" (Eph. 5:16). Thank you, office volunteers, and thank you leaders and members of Shiloh for avoiding the collisions that can occur with lack of communications.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil 1:21)

on the Spotlight ...

Grief Support Group

by Cindy Miller

Two things in life change you, and you are never the same: Love and Grief—Unknown

It never is easy to write

about grief because I don't feel qualified, even though I've lost some mighty close people in my lifetime. Some of us find it difficult to help people experiencing grief.

In a recent *Reader's Digest* article titled "How to Help a Friend Grieve" I paid attention to these suggestions: "Don't say, 'Call me if there's anything I can do,' because your grieving friend will not call." Your friend is overwhelmed. The article goes on to say: "Identify a need and figure out the best person to fulfil that need."—and on and on and on.

The final paragraph states:

Above all, show your love. Say something. Do something. Be willing to stand beside the gaping hole that has opened in your friend's life without flinching or turning away. Listen. Be there. Be love. Love is the only thing that lasts.

Quotes and platitudes about grief fill the Internet and muddle the mind, but the most comforting words come from those who've been there.

The **Shiloh Grief Support Group** is made up of those who've been there. My first introduction to the group was at Shiloh's Service of Light event the group sponsored in December.

It was well-organized and led by those who had experienced the saddest of times. The service provided an opportunity for grieving people to find hope, healing, and meaning. We didn't just light candles in memory of our loved ones but heard compassionate and sensitive words by those who knew what they were talking about.

The group gets together once a month at the church in an informal gathering around a table, where confidentiality is respected to show consideration for people who share their grief experiences with others going through similar circumstances.

The group leaders make sure it is a comfortable and safe atmosphere. There are no wrong answers there. The group uses tools to help them deal with grief. Of course, the No. 1 tool is the Holy Bible. They find inspiration from other books, too, such as *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. They discuss portions at a time, critiquing and comparing what they've read with their own experiences

WHEN THE CARES OF MY HEART ARE MANY, YOUR CONSOLATIONS

Cheer my soul.

P S A L M 94:19

Next Grief Support Meeting, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.



to understand their sufferings and the sufferings of others. They use creative resources to stimulate discussions on where they find themselves in the grief journey.

When it comes to grief, there are no rule books, timeframes, and judgement. I read somewhere that grief is as individual as a fingerprint, and just do what is right for your soul.

(These are simply my views and not the views of Shiloh Baptist Church or the Grief Support Group.)

Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon & Stephen Hagewood

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - We're preparing for our youth mission trip with Impact Virginia to Danville, VA on July 19-25! We'll get to meet and partner with other youth groups from all over Virginia and local churches in Danville to collaborate on various mission projects. There will also be daily activities, time to socialize, devotions and worship. We'll be staying at Averett University, and we'll have a day of fun and enjoy some local sightseeing!

DEPOSITS ARE DUE FEB 16th to Stephen Hagewood or Cathy Lyon. Registration deposits are \$100/youth. (Remaining amounts are due in June, which will be under \$200 per youth due to fundraising.) If any questions, please contact Stephen. We plan to send a great group of youth to Danville in July to Reach, Build and Serve!

WINTER BLAST – All youth already signed up for Winter Blast will be having a BLAST at Camp Piankatank on February 14-16! Be on the lookout for any emails and updates. It'll be here before we know it! See Cathy if any questions.

MARS HILL – Shiloh is hosting a Mars Hill youth program on February 29th at 5-9pm. Free for all youth ages 12+. Includes dinner, games, youth presentations, Christian music concert and worship with guest music, Redeemer Church Band (with Joey and Sammy Hastings), and guest speaker, Jacob Yee! This is also a great opportunity for any Shiloh youth to share a short Christ-centered presentation with their peers. Please see Stephen if any questions or if you can volunteer.

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to participate in our regular Sunday youth group meetings at 5-7pm and Wednesday night youth Bible studies at 6-7pm.

Sunday School By Gail Davis

We often talk about having 20/20 vision. It's the perfect vision ratio. With it we can see clearly without the encumbrance of glasses. We can see the trees, the sky, the people we love. All things physical. But can we see the spiritual with the same clarity? We see with our hearts what we cannot see with our eyes. We can use our 20/20 heart vision to see what God has done and is doing in our spiritual lives. As we move through 2020, strive for the perfect 20/20 ratio that God makes possible to each of us. See clearly His path for your life. See it through His word in Bible study, see it through the pastor's message Sunday mornings, see it through fellowship with others seeking to know His vision for their lives. As the hymn says, "Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou has for me..." Looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School in 2020.



AWANA News By Stacy McKinley

The end of 2019 passed by so quickly that I want to again say thank you to those that donated items and supported the AWANA Christmas store. Thank You! As a recipient of a few of these lovely items, it was a pleasure to see how the kids reacted when their gift was opened. The kids are always so proud to be able to say they bought gifts for their family. Wrapping was made possible by the youth group and, as always, a HUGE thank you for their time and availability.

The kids have been moving and grooving on verse memorization since the holidays and we are excited about their progress. I wish I could say that study time is their favorite part of AWANA but alas, it's a close tie between game time and dinner. This should be no surprise to most of you. Please take the time to express appreciation to the AWANA volunteers that make these evenings possible.

AWANAs will meet every Sunday in February from 5p-7p. During the month, there will two opportunities for additional AWANA dollars – Backwards Night (2/9) in which we enjoy seeing all the backwards worn clothing, and Double Buck Verse Night (2/23). Encourage your child to study before the 23rd as each verse that Sunday is worth \$2. We look forward to seeing you!

Women of Shiloh

By Brenda Hastings



Women's Tea - March 7, 2020

AWANA Team

The 9th annual Ladies' Tea will be held on March 7th, at 2:00pm in the Family Life Center. Sharon Glasgow of Proverbs 31 Ministry will be our guest speaker. Our theme this year is "Vision 20/20" with our scripture verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7 - "for we walk by faith, not by sight." Table reservations are being taken NOW – see Sharon Band to reserve your table.

At our tea, we will be collecting shampoo, body wash and body lotion. This will be given to the residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Often these items are difficult for the residents to obtain but they are much needed. You may bring these items and put them in the box located at the Missions Table or you may bring them with you to the tea.

Mitten and Glove Collection

To follow up with our blanket-making, it has come to our attention that mittens and gloves are needed for the homeless. A collection box for mittens and gloves of all sizes is located at the missions table. Please contribute as you feel led to do so. We will collect them until February 16th.

Thank-you!

Thanks to all who donated fleece and came to make our blankets! It is a well-supported mission project and one that is well-received! Thanks also to those who distributed the blankets!

Upcoming Events

February 9 **BOD** Meeting

February 2,9,16,23 Sunday Night Activities Evening Ladies Bible Study

February 4,11,18,25 Prayer Meeting

Wednesday Night Activities February 5,12,19,26 February 10

Mission Development Team

Meeting February 11 **Grief Support**

February 13, 20 Morning Ladies Bible Study

February 14,15,16 Youth Winter Blast

February 16 **Quarterly Business Meeting**

Music News

By Barbara Perry

January has flown by and all the choirs are back up and running. Children's Choir (Grace Notes) and the Youth choir are working on songs for early February. The adult choir, Sounds of Praise, is recovering nicely from Christmas and ready to jump right into Easter. We have started practicing for a Choir Cantata on April 5. There is still plenty of time to learn it if you would like to join! Come out on a Wednesday!!

Children's Ministry

By Rebecca Goff

February 29 we are roller skating at Stan's Skateland from 10A.M. - 12P.M. We have reserved the whole rink just for the church. This is FREE. The cost of admission and skate rental is all covered so invite your friends and family.

The theme for Children's Church this month is, "Playlist: Put love in the mix" taken from 1 John 4:10, NIV where it says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." Our lessons this month will teach us that God is love. Even though we've all sinned, God loves us enough that He made a way for us to have a relationship with Him. Jesus showed us how much God loves us by dying on the cross for our sins.



Rev. Randy Allensworth, Pastor Barbara Perry, Music Minister Rebecca Goff, Children's Minister Cathy Lyon, MS Youth Minister Stephen Hagewood, HS Youth Minister

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Birthdays

- 1 Roger Rouse
- Cassie Brown Kathy Kent
- 4 Robert Burge Sherry Mills
- 7 John Busic Madison DeClute
- 9 Eric Bosworth 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