

Shiloh Visitor

July 2020

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...

So Pastor, I have a question about the COVID-19 situation and Shiloh Baptist Church... (DISCLAIMER: All of the names used are fictitious and the questions represent a compilation of questions that have been asked over the past 3 months).

(From Tom the Thinker) **What have been some of the most challenging decisions you have had to make with the COVID-19 pandemic and the church?** Good question. One of the most challenging was the decision to stop worship services on March 15. With COVID-19 came a lot of questions and few answers. The safety of people became the main priority and influenced canceling church activities and finding alternative ways to allow people to experience worship made these last 3 months challenging.

(From Wanda the Worshiper) **What have Sundays in June been like when people were allowed to worship in the sanctuary after 3 months of absence?** The worship services have been a great experience but different at the same time. With social distancing in place, some wearing mask and others not, we have averaged in the 80's those in attendance. People have sung with enthusiasm, smiles are seen, people have been excited seeing one another, and our services have been joyous occasions. Even those in the Family Life Center have expressed thankfulness for being back in God's house for worship.

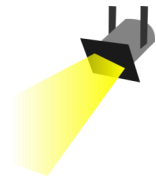
(From George the Giver) **How have offerings been impacted during this time?** Our offerings have been good with monthly offerings varying. Some months have been higher than others but I have found the people of God have been faithful in their giving. For some families their income has been reduced and for others their income has remained the same during this time. The one change that is evident is that more people have used the E-giving option as a means of giving to the church.

(From Mary the Member) **When will we be starting Sunday School for all ages?** I wish there was a simple answer to your question. It may be another month or two or even Fall before we begin Sunday School again for all ages. It would be simple to say, "Next Sunday" but that is not possible. One of the complexities is that not every class is the same. For example, some classes are made up of adults who no longer have children in the home. Those classes could start as long as distancing is followed and class members feel it is safe for them to return. However, if an adult class has members who have children and those children and youth classes do not have teachers who feel it is safe to attend, then the question arises as to what does the adult class do with the children and youth who attend with their parents? Sunday School may be phased in depending on which children and youth classes have available teachers and which classes can maintain some distancing due to the size of the classroom. There is no easy answer to this question, Mary. Let's just say perhaps by September for most classes. Please be patient.

(From Carl the Complainer) **Pastor, I cannot think of anything good for the church that has come out of this. Can you?** Yes, I can. We have found we need the socialization and fellowship experiences that church worship and activities provide us. We have also found that our homebound have felt they are a part of church again because of our live streaming of the worship services. In order to do so, an upgrade of our equipment is necessary and what a blessing for those watching from home that would be!

In the Spotlight ...

Farewell: Until We See you Again
by Jane Heath



CHAPTER 1—

On January 6, 1969, James Aikey and Barbara Humphries processed into the Air Force. Barbara was next in line behind Jim just as God planned for her to be, and true to her nature she did not waste any time with unnecessary chit chat. “I had him in my sights and knew I was going to pursue getting to know him,” Barbara remarked. To make a long story short, they married in May of 1972. After many moves, Jim was stationed in Maine when he finished his military career in 1988. In 2012, after several more moves, the Aikeys journeyed to King George where Barbara grew up to help care for her ailing parents. When her dad passed in December of that year, Barbara’s mother came to live with them.



CHAPTER 2 —

The Aikeys visited several churches before joining Shiloh’s fellowship in 2013. It did not take long for them to take advantage of the many opportunities for service. Barbara got involved with WMU and eventually became a teacher of one of the adult co-ed classes. When Jim felt the call to work with middle schoolers, Barbara left the adult class to assist Jim. Both Jim and Barbara have been faithful members of our Wednesday night meal teams. Barbara said serving in various capacities resulted in many wonderful friendships and relationships within the church. Jim is a long-time member of the welcome team and has served as assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He will be leaving his post as Superintendent when they depart from us. Barbara has served on the SMT team and the Missions Team and together she and Jim have been active in AWANA. When asked why they chose Shiloh as their church, they both agreed that it was the friendly welcome they received plus they liked Pastor Jessee’s preaching style.

“Thank you. Barbara and Jim, for all you’ve done for the Lord at Shiloh. May God bless you abundantly and keep you safe on your journey to your next life chapter.”

CHAPTER 3 —

After a prolonged illness, Barbara’s mother passed in 2019. Their plan had always been to leave King George and move to Ohio where Jim has family and be close to them. Akron is only about eight hours from King George. They have promised to come back to see us when they visit their daughter, Lisa, in Maryland. Barbara said, “Shiloh made King George feel like home. We made friends here that will be friends for life.” On June 19th, we bid our friends farewell and God Speed. They will definitely be missed, and we wish them much happiness in this next chapter. Our hearts are Aikey Breaky but blessed to have had them in our midst for as long as we did.

Youth Group

By Stephen Hagewood

The youth have enjoyed activities and Bible Study on Sunday and Wednesday evenings into June. We have stayed in touch and kept activities rolling using Zoom and completed a Bible study curriculum on "Making Decisions" and also studied the book of Philippians.

We recently recognized the accomplishments of our 2020 high school and college graduates. Our high school graduates include Mahala Becker, Robert Lee Burge Jr., Claire Chalkley, Lauren Gebstädt, Savannah Hagewood, Gabby Lyon, Matthew Rose, J.D. Stutz, and Daniel Stutz. Those who earned following degrees include Peyton Clatterbuck, Maggie Jensen, Garrett Mills, and Alex Morgan. Here's another BIG shout out to ALL of them for these GREAT accomplishments!

Youth Summer Camp at Piankatank is still a go! The camp is coordinating directly with us for our youth to enjoy single-day activities on both July 14th and July 17th! Some of our youth are also volunteering with children's Music Camp. We are also coordinating a couple summer youth socials for July and August. So, please stay tuned for updates via email and/or our Facebook group page.

Thanks to all the youth (and parents) for their patience and cooperation despite circumstances to maintain activities and continue our spiritual growth. Shiloh is blessed with great young people!

Children's Ministry

By Rebecca Goff

It is that time... time to think about Vacation Bible School! We invite all children ages 5-11 to join us July 27-31 to learn about Heroes of Faith in the Bible. We will have music, games, crafts, snacks and a time to learn about faithful people from that Bible that we can look at as heroes today. VBS will start at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. I encourage you to pre-register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/kgshiloh2020>. Please remember that even if you pre-register you do still need to check in to receive your group assignment. Please invite your family and friends. It will be a fun time for our children!

Music News

By Barbara Perry

We are so excited to be preparing for our Summer Music Camp. On the week of July 6-12 we will have 30 or so young singers come to participate. Youth and children from ages 8-17 are invited to join. This year we will prepare the musical "Back to the Beginning" while learning about God's Love and the Creation. We are looking for volunteers to help with props, sewing, costumes, helping with the kids, and helping backstage. If you want to participate, we have a spot for you!! Contact me at barbaraperry@live.com to join the fun.

Meet New Friends

By Brenda Hastings

Shiloh is happy and excited to meet some "new" friends! We've seen them both before, but now we want to remember them especially in the upcoming years.

- Sara Hall, daughter of previous secretary Sherri Hall, will soon be travelling to Central Asia. She will be enrolled as a college student. She will spend time with college students of Central Asia.
- Katie Barnum, daughter of Steve and Donna Barnum, has been to Shiloh and shared her experiences serving in short-term projects. She will now travel to Southeast Asia and fellowship there.

Both Sara and Katie will begin training for their adventures in August. Please remember them as they begin their journeys. As we are thinking about our friends, the Beckers and the Vincents, let us also add these two amazing young women to our list of special friends. As they are overseas, we will be able to follow them and get updates about their new jobs. May they go with blessings and thoughts from us at Shiloh!

Sunday School

By Gail Davis

Classes currently available. Contact class teacher or the church office for details.

Masterworks (co-ed) – Jeff Hughes. 9:00 am.

Explore the Bible (Ladies) – Cathy Lyon. 9:15 am

Explore the Bible (co-ed) – Dwight Lyons. 9:00 am

Family Recommendation -YouTube

Check out the YouTube site called ‘Bible Prophecy’.

The narrator uses graphics and narrative to walk through each book of the Bible. I personally found this very informative and a great way to understand the scripture and believe it is suitable for grade school children as well as adults. And it’s a program that can include the whole family.

For the Toddlers and Preschoolers, search YouTube for ‘Toddler Christian Videos’. There are some fun, animated stories and songs.

Please stay in prayer for our home bound. Cards and calls are always appreciated. You’ll find these lovely folks listed in the bulletin (both online and Sunday paper versions). Phone numbers and addresses are in the church directory.

Birthdays

- 2 Meredith Busic
- Haley McKay
- 3 Michael Lee
- 4 Bill McConnell
- Jean Rowe
- 6 Jim Barry
- Bobby Bowen
- Kathy Lehman
- Rod Parker
- 8 David Norris
- Daniel Wise
- 9 Fran Crisafulli
- Judith Lee
- 10 Edna Lee
- 11 Jenaveve Schouweiler
- 12 Calvin Norris
- 14 Shirley Frank
- 15 Samantha Hubble
- Julie Meler
- 20 Stephen Hagewood
- Renee Jensen
- 21 Allison Mann
- 22 Joseph Busic
- Harrison Ou
- Kevin Perry
- 25 Cindy Chalkley
- 26 Karen Schouweiler
- 31 Raychel Goff

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Anniversaries

- 5 Robert & Dawn Burge
- 9 Joshua & Caitlin Tubbs
- 13 James & Vickie Barry
- 17 Rob & Dee Dee Dean
- Joseph & Julie Meler
- Sovath & Sinay Ou
- 18 Daniel & Dana Wise
- 20 Randy & Amy Allensworth



Rev. Randy Allensworth, Pastor
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Cathy Lyon, MS Youth Minister
Stephen Hagewood, HS Youth Minister

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