From Randy...

If you have ever been on a boat you have experienced the waves taking you up and taking you down. It’s like you have no control. Like the waves, we can be controlled and manipulated by our emotions.

One minute we are up emotionally and the next minute we are down emotionally. Like riding in a boat, we cannot take this very long without becoming seasick physically, relationally, and spiritually.

Our Series on Emotions will begin on Sunday, May 31. Invite a friend to sit with you. Encourage a co-worker to be your worship guest.

The Top 5 Emotions you selected are:

May 31:  Strength Over Stress  
(Isaiah 40: 28-31)

June 7:  Facing Your Fears  
(2 Timothy 1: 6-7)

June 14:  Winning Over Worry  
(Philippians 4: 1-8)

June 21:  Deliverance From Discouragement  
(Nehemiah 4: 1-15)

June 28:  Conquering Others’ Criticisms  
(Mark 2: 18-28)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.  (Psalm 103:1)
Should I not be Concerned about that Great...?

As we travel down the road of life, we never know when God will present a challenge in our life. There are many challenges we face throughout life and how we react to those events will often determine the course of our lifetime. Recently, God called Rev. Ray Tubbs, Jr., to a challenge when the Shiloh Board of Directors asked him to assume many duties far beyond his normal scope of service to the church. As Rev. Randy Allensworth recently remarked in one of his sermons, “when Jonah was called to go to the great city of Nineveh and preach...Jonah went the opposite direction.” Ray could have pursued a similar path; yet, he elected to follow God’s call.

It has often been said: “God calls particular people for particular purposes at particular times.” This can be said about both Ray and Randy. Neither of them tried to run away from God when He called. Both of them fully realized you can never go far enough to get away from God. They also had very specific gifts and concerns, and they both knew what they truly cared about.

For Ray, this major event in his life will probably have a tremendous effect on his path in life. He was thrust into a position that required him to dig deeply into his being in order to accomplish what God had requested him to do. In this new assignment, he took on many of the tasks of a senior minister: visiting folks in the hospitals, visiting the sick and shut-in, and—the greatest blessing of all—receiving someone safely into the harbor for God. Of course, he has also been responsible for hundreds of day-to-day decisions: do we cancel church (back in the winter) because of the ice and snow? Are all the doors open for each event? Are the doors all closed? Review this, sign that, and the list, as I’m sure he would agree, goes on and on.

Likewise, Rev. Randy Allensworth stepped forward as our supply pastor until the pastor search team presents its results. As with Ray, Randy has truly made a significant impact with his well-prepared and pertinent messages each Sunday. His series of messages on Jonah fit so perfectly with the challenges our church was facing. The events leading up to and including the very special Easter musical, the Easter drama presentation, Randy’s Easter messages, and the decorating of the cross with flowers were truly memorable events. Randy has extended his duties well beyond a message on Sunday. He has become an integral pastor in the lives of many within and outside the church. He has been there at the bedside to help carry them home into God’s hands. His service to Shiloh and to God is beyond measure. Just like the last question the Lord asked in Jonah 4:11:

“Should I not be concerned about that great city?” We all had to ask a similar question: however, we needed to substitute the word “church.” Obviously, Ray and Randy sorted through that very question and each of them stepped forward to do the very best job they could do because of their concern for the people, for Shiloh Church, and most of all for God.
Children’s Ministry

Vacation Bible School!!!!!! It’s the greatest time of year. VBS is such an exciting time in our church. The halls are filled with the laughter of children and the buzz of what God has done for us all. We are going with the same format as last year as this worked well and nobody was stressed out (not even me). VBS is the biggest outreach for a church so that means it takes a church to run VBS. We need volunteers. The sign-up sheet is outside the office. Trust me when I say this is a stress free format for VBS. Please consider signing up. VBS is June 14th thru 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 each night. Here is the bonus – free dinner each night for everybody that attends. That’s right, come to VBS and enjoy dinner on us and then stay for some music, skyping with missionaries, and then Bible study for the adults and teens while the kids visit with Mary and get crafty in the marketplace. Just in case you did not get that – there is an adult VBS. It is such a wonderful time to study God’s word. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call, email, a text me. See you at VBS!

Upcoming Events

June 14-18 Vacation Bible School
June 16 Feed the Needy
July 6-11 World Changers, Philadelphia
July 13-18 Music Camp
July 21 Feed the Needy
August 2 Homecoming, Fellowship Lunch, Gospel Sing
August 3-5 Revival
August 18 Feed the Needy
September 2 Wednesday Night Activities Resume

Music Camp

July 13—18
9:00 am—noon
Ages 7—18
Musical performances
Saturday, July 18, 2:00 pm
Sunday, July 19, during Worship
Sign up outside the office, or call the church office at 775-4646

Youth Group

Vacation Bible School time! VBS is June 14-18 from 5:00 to 8:00 each night. We are offering up a youth class as we have before. We are having dinner at 5:00 which is free to all who attend VBS. We are skyping missionaries again this year. VBS has been such a great time of fellowship and fun and studying God’s word for the youth and it will be the same this year as well.

On Sunday, June 28, the youth are having a time of fellowship at Angela Clatterbuck’s house starting at 2:00 pm. This will be a time of Bible study, games, and fellowship.
Music News

This month we finished up our children's choirs for the year and we have had a great year. Angela Clatterbuck, Meredith Busic, Cathy Gebstadt, Amanda Shriver and Lee Lynn Crowell all helped out with these choirs. These talented ladies were so helpful and great with the kids. I just loved having the Grace Notes and Tiny Trebles sing for the services. Also, Lee Lynn Crowell, Angela Clatterbuck, Phil Lehman, Steve Davis, Sammy Hastings and Butch Maples helped out with the youth music time and that was wonderful. We have such talented musicians in our church and I thank each of you for your time helping with the kids!

For the summer you won’t want to miss our music camp! Kids from 2nd—7th grade can participate and teenagers are welcome to come and help. July 13-July 19. We will have two performances this year: Saturday, July 18, 2:00 pm and Sunday, July 19, during worship service. Hope to see you there!!

Homecoming
August 2
11:00 am—Worship Service
Fellowship Luncheon
Old Fashioned Gospel Sing

Revival
August 3—5
7:00 pm
Guest Speaker
Dr. Bill Hagewood

Church Resource Center

Summer Reading Program

The 2015 Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1. There will be lots of fun activities, games, and prizes for the children of all ages who participate. We do mean ALL AGES. So, if you love to read, sign up beginning May 31, on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the library.

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