

Shiloh Visitor

May 2020

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...

Now what do we do?...in his Executive Order on March 30, 2020, Governor Northam states in regards to the Stay At Home Order that it “shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020, unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.” With that in mind, we will continue our current policy of no church activities through this date unless it is rescinded or amended.

I know this is an inconvenience and we want to get together as soon as possible in worship, Bible study, and in team gatherings, but this is necessary for the ongoing health and safety of everyone.

A shout out to those who are a part of our live streaming...our Technology Team is the best! They continue to meet the challenges that come with live streaming our services as well as making sure the quality of videos is ensured. Bob, Scott, Rob, thank you for the use of your skills, time, and energy since our March 15 gathering as a church. A shout out to our musicians, Barbara and Steve for their faithfulness and use of their musical talents during our worship services. Our music leader, Barbara, has worked hard to make sure our worship music is appropriate for the service, of high quality, and is participatory for those watching from home. And to the “others” who are present but neither heard nor seen, thank you.

A story about Mom...it was many years ago but the date was June 15. It was my mother’s birthday. I decided I would take my mom to Captain John’s to eat crabs for her birthday. Even though I do not remember the year, I do remember that crabs were scarce and the prices were high. But this was Mom. So off we went to Captain John’s - my mom, my dad, and myself.

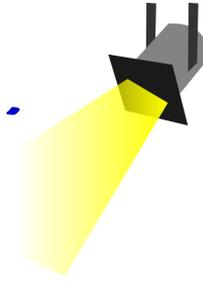
The whole way we talked about how this would be our first time eating crabs for the year. I was excited, I wanted to make sure my mom enjoyed her birthday eating crabs. I was excited until the waitress quoted the price of crabs. She said, “Crabs are \$40 a dozen.” I remembered how much cash I had put in my wallet. I thought, “\$40 a dozen? Times 3!”

You must remember my mom and dad taught me how to eat crabs when I was a preschooler. It was early in my life when my mom announced that it was time “for me to pick my own crabs”. There is no telling how much crab meat she and dad picked for me and sacrificed not eating for themselves the succulent sweet crab meat they so enjoyed.

For those of you who knew my mom, she had no hesitation in expressing her feelings and opinions. So that day, her birthday, as I sat across from her and dad, she announced, “I’m getting the crabs. It’s my birthday. I deserve it!” My mom got her crabs. Dad and I ordered something a little less expensive from the menu. But it did not matter. She enjoyed her crabs for her birthday. And yes, Mom, **You Are Deserving!**

You are deserving of the very best God has to give to you in your heavenly home.

In the Spotlight...



Driving Miss Ollie to her homeplace one final time.

When I think of a grand farewell, I think of David Storke driving my mother, Olive Edwards King, to her homeplace 2 hours before her funeral service at Shiloh.

My mother left this world on October 9, shortly after her 99th birthday. She never worried about dying. The most she would say was, "The Lord will take me when He's ready." She was truly "content whatever the circumstances." I was hoping she'd make it another year to reach 100, but God had other plans. When I look back, I realize how important having that grand sendoff was to her and having a funeral she expected to have, wearing that blue dress she told me 10 years ago she wanted to be buried in and having 11 of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as her pallbearers. She was not one to leave anybody out. That final ride and her spirited funeral service may have never happened six months later in this crazy time, but God knew and blessed her with a glorious sendoff.

Thank you, Lord, for my mother and the lessons I learned from her all the way to her last breath. Yep, my brothers and I were truly blessed.

Cindy Miller

Music News

By Barbara Perry

If I could give an award to the Best Mom Ever, I would give it to my Mom. I am so lucky to have her.

Mom helps me with my boys. She helps me around the house. She helps me with my dog. She feeds my kids McDonald's and Chick-fil-A all the time. What more could you ask for?!!

My Mom has taught me some very important life lessons. First is the art of folding laundry. She taught me the best way and now no one else can touch my laundry. Second, she taught me the art of dusting...**don't**. I am sticking with that. Third, and quite important, my Mom taught me that Rice Crispy Treats can help anything that is broken, especially a broken heart. And fourth, and I am sure not last, my Mom taught me the art of forgiveness. She taught me to let things go and not let them live in your heart. She has given me, my husband and my children unconditional love. No matter what happens, she still loves you.

That makes the Best Mom!!

Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon

You may not know this, but the lady who sits with me every Sunday at church is my mom! With Mother's Day approaching, I thought it only appropriate to share a few memories with you about her.

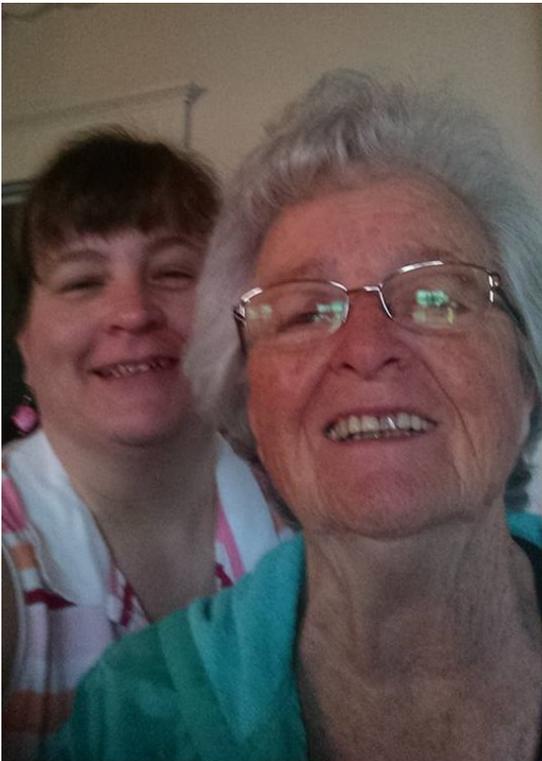
Growing up, summer vacations were a big deal! I realize it's probably no surprise, but we were a beach family. My mom packed what seemed like the whole house for us to go to Ocean City every year and we all loved it! My mom always enjoyed sitting in the sand and soaking up the sun. I suspect I got my love of the sun from her! My sister and I really liked crabbing off the pier on the bay and while I don't recall my mom ever helping us catch blue crabs, she definitely steamed her fair share of them! Thanks Mom! (You should ask her about the time I fell off the pier.)

Holidays and birthdays were also huge in my house when I was growing up! I've been married for 20 years and my husband still hasn't gotten used to it! Our house was always decorated inside and out and Christmas dinner was an elegant affair. But the thing I enjoy the most is the sheer joy on my mom's face as she and everyone else opens their gifts. She is always so appreciative and so delighted to receive what was chosen for her, even when it was gift from a granddaughter from the AWANA store! It is now my girls' favorite part of Christmas morning. They love the joy that emanates from my mom as she carefully opens each gift!

As I grow older, my mom still asks to do "mom things" like take kids to various places and to watch dogs. And she stills says "mom things" like "slow down" and "take care of yourself". I admit that when I don't feel well, I always whine about it to her. But the best part of getting older and living near my mom is becoming her friend.

Women of Shiloh

By Brenda Hastings



Here I am with my mom, Mary Connelly, about 2 years ago just before we made the long haul to Hilton Head Island, SC. My mom absolutely LOVES the beach. She doesn't want to live at the beach, but if she's going on vacation and has input into the decision, she's headed to the beach.

Growing up, I can remember our family of five going to Virginia Beach or Nags Head almost every year. Even as we (the girls) got older, Mom and Dad would head to the beach without us. We couldn't understand how they'd have a good time without us, but they did! Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, Nags Head – just a beach.

For her, it's a place to walk and find treasures, sit and soak in some vitamin D, and wake up to the sounds of the ocean waves hitting the shoreline. She missed it this year - we were supposed to leave on April 18 to go to Hilton Head for a week. I was looking forward to that, and so was she! As we all are getting older, I treasure the times I have with my mom – and I'm hoping to add more beach time with her soon!

Children's Ministry

My Mother's Strength By Rebecca Goff

A tree in the wind I see her stand
Strong and determined

The storms of life keep coming in
But her resolve is strengthened

By her children she has stood
Through victories and trials

Her love so soft and yet so strong
Balanced like the branches

Always looking forward is she
Her spirit never broken

Her roots are deep as she holds us up
Her faith always enduring

An example is what I see
Her life of strength and dignity
Eight-one years. Amen.

Birthdays

- 1 Cara Meade
Diana Moore
Dakota Parker
- 9 Amanda McBrayer
Joseph Meler
- 10 Sara Courtney
- 12 Ezekiel Wise
- 13 Kerry Childers
Jim Reger
- 14 Allie Donaldson
Wanda Flannery
Mildred Rollins
Connie Rollins
James Rouse
- 15 Kris Parker
Chris Vougioukles
- 16 Jennifer Bateman
Arnold Richardson
- 17 Leah Myers
- 18 Malachi Becker
Wayland King
- 19 Nichole Arcand
- 20 Joey Hastings
- 22 Katherine Courchaine
Heather Joyce
Dennis Sawdy
- 24 Mary Lou Hackelton
- 26 Jerri Broglin

Birthdays (cont'd)

- 27 Mike McKay
Mariah Mitchell
Cyrus Wise
- 28 Scarlett Bateman
- 31 Tom Crisafulli
Joey Holman
Connie Norris



Anniversaries

- 4 Bob & Shirley Baird
- 6 Craig & Joan Turner
- 18 Ralph & Jackie Wheeler
- 20 Jim & Barbara Aikey
- 22 Bob & Sharon Band
- 24 Jayson & Rebecca Goff
- 25 Scott & Laura Leonard



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