

Shiloh Visitor

September 2019

Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

From Randy...

On your mark, get set, GO!!!



New Church Year

Wednesday: (Begins September 4th)

5:15 pm Supper
 6:00 pm Children's Missions
 Children's Choirs
 High School Bible Study
 Middle School Bible Study
 Youth Choir
 Adult Bible Study
 7:15 pm Sounds of Praise

*Parent pickup for children and youth at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Sunday: (Begins September 8th)

5:00 pm AWANA
 Youth Group
 6:30 pm Snack Supper (all)

*Parent pickup for children and youth at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Sunday School

By Gail Davis

You've probably heard the saying that there is a God-shaped hole in your heart that only He can fill. But have you ever considered the opposite is true? There is a void in God's heart that only you can fill. Our Father created us to desire relationships with others but more importantly to seek after an everlasting bond with Him. He misses you when you're too busy to hear His voice. He searches for you when you are lost in the pressures of the day. He hears when you call out in distress and He's always prepared to meet you where you are.

We live lives that are ten pounds of sugar in a five-pound sack. Eventually our seams will burst from the pressure if we allow the most important relationship of all to suffer. Don't wait for a crisis that forces you to your knees, be still and allow God to take control. Go to Him today with praise for the promise that all things work together for those who love Him and are called according to a His purpose (From Love Inspired book by Mae Nunn).

Start building your Christian relationships every Sunday morning in Bible study and fellowship here at Shiloh. Classes meet at 9:45 am; coffee, juice and donut fellowship in the family life center starts at 9 am.

Youth Group

By Cathy Lyon & Stephen Hagewood

The youth group had fun in August participating in a joint youth gathering at Shiloh Baptist, Bowling Green and held an End-of-Summer Party at Sky Zone!

Regular Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study will resume Sept 4th at 6pm.
Regular Sunday Youth Group meetings will resume Sept 8th at 5pm.

We are planning the annual Shiloh Youth Fall Retreat on Oct. 4th – 6th at Westmoreland State Park with the theme, "Salt and Light!" More details will be provided. In the meantime, see Cathy Lyon or Stephen Hagewood for youth sign-ups or any questions.



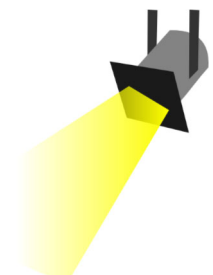
Music News

By Barbara Perry

What a fun August celebrating "The Greatest Hits of Shiloh!!!" We sang so many of our favorite hymns and the choir really loved singing their top 10. The number one hit for Sounds of Praise....Revelation 19.

We are gearing up for Wednesday night choirs. Children/Grace Notes will meet first, followed by the Youth choir and finally Sounds of Praise! It is a great time to join a choir.

In the Spotlight...



By His Stripes

by Rev. James and Vickie Barry

JESUS took our sickness, pains, and diseases on His back. The Roman soldiers whipped Him 39 times. They tied pieces of glass, pottery, and stones on the whip. With each lashing of the whip, they cut Jesus' back and ripped flesh from His body down to the bone. Jesus took our sickness and pain for us. Sickness no longer belongs to us. "By His Stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

On April 1, 2019, Jim went to a kidney specialist. He told Jim his kidneys were stable. After being prescribed a lot of medication, that evening Jim's abdomen, legs, and feet began to swell. Vickie noticed he had an unusual cough and took Jim to the hospital ER. The doctor ordered more blood tests and urine tests. Vickie told the doctor that lab work was just done 2 days ago; however, the doctor ordered more lab work. The ER doctor said: "That was then, this is now; this man's kidneys could be dying." A cough, caused by fluid around the heart and lungs, had gotten out of control. Jim was ready to go into congestive heart failure brought on by the fluid around the heart and lungs. The hospital staff had trouble keeping the blood pressure down and stable.

On April 2, at 3 a.m., Jim was admitted to the hospital. A kidney biopsy was ordered. As the staff prepped Jim for the biopsy, they were unable to lower the blood pressure. They explained to Vickie: "Either way, if we do the biopsy with the high blood pressure, his kidneys could bleed out on the table and Jim could die; if we don't, he could die." The doctor wanted this done now and knowing everything that had been explained to them and understanding that when the papers were signed what could happen, Jim and Vickie had to make a quick decision. They both began to cry. Vickie respected Jim's wishes, and Vickie signed the papers. Vickie watched as they took Jim for the procedure. Vickie was an emotional mess. The nurse was going to send her where there were a lot of people. When the nurse saw how upset Vickie was, the nurse let Vickie stay in the same room where they prepped Jim. They shut the door to the room, giving Vickie complete privacy.

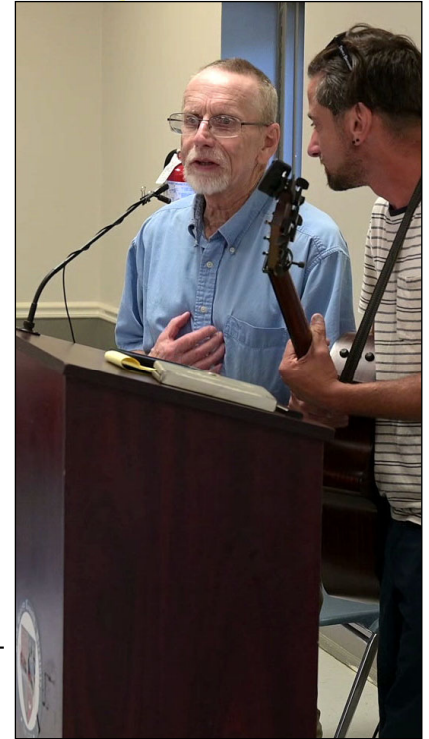
Vickie fell to her knees and began praying with all she had. Vickie never felt so much peace in her life. The presence of the Lord was in the room with her. When she walked out the door to see if Jim was coming back, the nurse said: "Come here, I want to show you something." She showed Vickie the computer as they watched Jim's blood pressure drop to normal. God was at work. He heard Vickie's prayer. Jim came through the kidney biopsy with no problems—living proof that there is power in prayer.

Jim was diagnosed with nephritic syndrome—too much protein coming from the kidneys, causing the kidneys to not work properly. The blood pressure was brought under control with lots of strong medications. After a 5-day hospital stay, Jim was released to come home. Because of the water weight, Jim was weighing 207 pounds. When Jim returned to the kidney specialist, he was told: "If the medicines hadn't work, Jim would be going to chemotherapy very soon."

At the doctor's office two weeks later for a follow up, Jim was wearing a cap with "I Love Jesus" on it. The kidney doctor



Some say Jim looks 10 years younger since the miracle. We have always been happy with him the way he was (above); now we are especially thankful to God for the way he is (right).



who was from another country and culture, told Jim and Vickie: "I don't know who you pray to or how you say (gesturing with his finger pointed up), but "keep praying." He proceeded to say: "Jim's kidney disease was Stage 2. Once it is in a stage, it can go higher or stay but never goes lower in stages.

The miracle—Jim is in no longer in a stage at all but has acute kidney disease. Jim lost over 50 pounds of the water weight and amazed the doctor. The doctor didn't know this could happen. He said when Jim came to his office, he was 207 pounds. On the follow-up visit, Jim weighed 149 pounds. The doctor was excited to see Jim's progress and wants the kidney numbers to keep coming down. Our prayers now are for Jim's kidney disease to go into remission, when he returns to see the doctor. What has happened is a miracle and goes against medical science.

The miracle goes on—Jim was diagnosed with osteoarthritis in 2010. He wore Richie Braces and was bound to a wheelchair. On July 2, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., Jim was sitting in the wheelchair watching TV. A voice came into Jim's Spirit telling him to stand up. Jim knew it was God talking. Jim stood up with no pain, and the voice then told Jim to walk. He walked down the long hallway with no pain or swelling in the ankles. When Vickie saw this, she dropped to her knees, crying and worshiping God, shouting: "Thank You!!!" Jim then walked out the backdoor, down the handicap ramp, down the long driveway, and picked up the empty trashcan. He walked back to the backdoor and asked Vickie: "How do you like me now?"

This testimony could not have happened without Jim's faith in God, the prayers of Shiloh Baptist Church, and Vickie praying constantly alone and along with other Christian friends.

Jesus said: "I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:20-21)

Women of Shiloh

By Brenda Hastings

GALS -- Growing And Loving Servants [Shiloh's WMU]

Shiloh's GALS -- open to all women! We are the women of Shiloh who desire to pray and learn about missions, and love and serve our community and world. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead -- you'll surely want to take part in the opportunities!

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 7th at 9:30am. This will be a very casual meeting -- a time to meet new people and make a card or two for our missionary families -- the Becker family in Guam and the Vincent family in Turkey. Please come and bring a friend for a time of fun, laughter and fellowship. Food will be provided, as well as babysitting!!

September

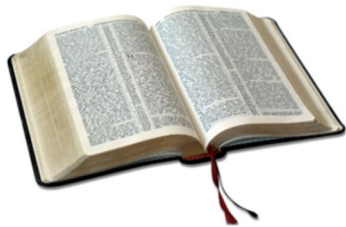
Also, on September 28th, beginning at 9:00am, we'll be making simple dresses for girls around the world! You don't have to know how to sew for this project, we need folks who can cut and iron too! See Barbara Aikey for more details.

We will not have an October meeting, but we will have a meeting in November. On November 2nd, we'll have our own version of "Wine & Design." Artist Sarah Phillips will guide us as we paint -- but we'll be drinking coffee and tea!

November

December will bring our annual cookie exchange! The date and time is yet to be determined, but get those cookie recipes ready!

December



Women's Book/Bible Study

The GALS have 2 Bible studies -- one meets on Thursday mornings and another meets on Sunday afternoons during the AWANA time. See Bonnie Bowen for information on the Thursday group and see Angela Clatterback for information on the Sunday afternoon group.

Alma Hunt

September is the time that Virginia Baptists focus on State Missions. The week of prayer for State Missions is September 8-15. On Sunday, September 8th there will be a prayer guide in the bulletin to guide your prayers for some of our state missionaries. Your gifts to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions enable WMUV to inspire and equip people of Virginia to influence the world for Christ.



The banner features a central graphic of a globe with the text "Together as ONE" and "1 Corinthians 12:20-27". To the right, it says "Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions". Below the globe are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag #AlmaHunt19. To the right of the globe, it says "Emphasis Dates September 8-15, 2019" and "Offering Goal \$1,167,500". At the bottom, a quote reads: "...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."



Disaster Relief Training

If you missed the training for Disaster Relief in August, we're having another one on September 21st at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. This is open to all who would like to assist Virginia Baptists when needed after a disaster hits.

On-going Mission Projects

- Toiletry collection (place small, travel-sized toiletries in the basket by the missions board)
- Feed the Needy -- every 3rd Tuesday, Shiloh takes a meal to the homeless shelter in Fredericksburg. See Butch and Kathy Maples for details.

Upcoming Events

September 01	Sunday School Promotions Labor Day Service BOD Meeting
September 02	Labor Day - Office is Closed
September 04	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
September 3,10,17,24	Prayer Team
September 3,10,17,24	Classical Conversations
September 07	GALS Meeting MARS HILL
September 08	Ministry Fair Sunday Night Activities Resume Women's Bible Study Begins
September 8-15	Week of Prayer for State Missions
September 10	Grief Support
September 11,18,25	Wednesday Night Activities
September 15,22,29	Sunday Night Activities Women's Bible Study
September 17	Feed the Needy
September 19	Ladies Bible Study
September 21	Disaster Relief Training
September 28	Dress a Girl Around the World
September 29	Sunday School Breakfast

Children's Ministry

By Rebecca Goff

Congratulations to all of the 5th graders moving up to youth! It was great to work with you and I look forward to seeing you continue to grow in Christ!

Labor Day is here, school is back in session and it is time for our normal activities to start up again. Wednesday nights will begin September 4th. Dinner will be at 5:15 and Music and Missions (M&M) start at 6:00. Children will be picked up in the family life center at 7:00.

AWANA and Sunday night activities will start on August 8th at 5:00PM.

The date is set for the annual Harvest Party! It is scheduled for October 25th from 6-8PM. Rain date will be October 26th. More details to come in the bulletins and newsletter.

Operation Christmas Child collection is around the corner. Be thinking about what you will fill your box with as back to school sales continue. National collection week is November 18-25 so our collection day here at Shiloh will be November 17th.



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