



The Shiloh Visitor

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Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

In March 1981, Frank Moore reported that 250 attended Sunday School for high attendance Sunday and the average attendance for the quarter had been 198. He felt the church had reached a Sunday School capacity as far as space was concerned and encouraged a building program. It was recommended that John and Robert Owens be received as candidates for baptism. Willa Walker announced that the Youth would be participating in a musical drama "Make It Clear." Also there would be a Youth Retreat at Loft Mountain the week of July 12 to 15.

In April 1981, the sunrise service was held at 5:15 a.m. with breakfast following in the Fellowship Hall. A motion was made and carried to hire a part-time secretary. Rita Brooks was voted on as a candidate for baptism and church membership. Pastor Meade was elected to serve as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles in June. The church voted to pay the expenses for Chris Meade to attend the convention as well. Butch Norris, spokesperson for the softball team, made a motion for the church to sponsor the team. A total of \$225 was allowed for the purchase of softball equipment.

(from Shiloh Baptist Church minutes)



Bridge to the Future

For the past three years Shiloh has been focusing on its' identity and building a sound structure for the future. Like pillars in the Jerusalem

Temple, the foundation has been erected. The five ministry pillars of: Prayer & Worship, Administration & Stewardship, Benevolence & Fellowship, Discipleship & Growth, and Evangelism & Mission are in the water. The mission statement, *Reach . . . Build . . . Serve . . .* has been established.

In I Kings 8, "what was the difference between the tabernacle and the temple, and why did the Israelites change from one to the other?" As a tent, the tabernacle was a portable place of worship designed for the people as they were traveling toward the Promised Land. The temple was a permanent place to worship God after the Israelites were at peace in their land. To bring the Ark of the Lord's covenant to the temple signified God's presence there.

Israel was to become a light to the surrounding nations (of God's blessings upon His people). Sadly, Israel's own sin and spiritual blindness prevented them from reaching out to the rest of the world with God's love. Reaching out to the world is still the commission of God's people today.

Solomon seemed to have prophetic insight into the future. He praised the Lord and prayed for the people. His prayer can be a pattern for our prayers as we prepare for a visioning gathering: **Building a Bridge to the Future, Sunday May 2nd** at 12 noon, lunch will be provided. During this session we will:

- ❖ Acknowledge Our Namesake Shiloh
- ❖ Relinquish Bridge Building Barriers
- ❖ Construct the Gifts of the Body Bridge
- ❖ Pave the Way: Growing Lifelong Friendships of Faith
- ❖ Determine the Road's Future Reach: Living God's Vision

Solomon summarizes his prayer with five basic prayer requests; 1) for God's presence (8:57); 2) for the desire to do God's will in everything (8:57), (turn our hearts over to him [8:58]); 3) for help with each day's need (8:59); 4) for the desire and ability to obey God's decrees and commands (8:58); 5) for the spread of God's Kingdom to the entire world (8:60).

*Prayerfully Preparing
Your Pastor, Mike*

PRAY AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

In the Spotlight...



Drama Director, Elizabeth Lee, Back in the Spotlight by Cindy Miller



Directing Easter Musical, Nic at Night

She's back!

Thanks to having a new kidney, long-time Drama Director Elizabeth Lee is back doing what she loves—directing dramas and musicals at Shiloh Baptist Church.

She is pulling out all the stops and preparing a cast of many to perform in Shiloh's awe-inspiring Easter musical, Nic at Night, a fun story about Nicodemus. This captivating performance is April 18 during Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. on the stage in the Family Life Center at Shiloh.

Elizabeth and Minister of Music, Sarah Snow, are working with the actors and singers chosen from Shiloh's talented pool of children and adults.

Nic at Night is about receiving the gift of life, being born again, as illustrated in a song about caterpillars, sung by Joyce Soderlund. Ian Banker, McKenzie Lang, and Maggie Jensen sing and dance to "That Would Be My Jesus," the giver of life.

In July 2008, Elizabeth received the gift of life, a successful kidney transplant from donor, fellow church member, and friend for life, Kathy Maples. This is the second of two performances Elizabeth has directed

since her transplant. She is back in her well-suited director's role, reviving the dramas she directed throughout the 1990s and the turn of this decade until her kidneys had begun to fail.

She looks forward to "putting on some serious dramas," she acknowledged recently. "God gave us a lot of great talent in Shiloh Baptist Church, and He does not want us to waste it."

How did she get her start? She said, "I began by acting in several of the church dramas introduced to our church by former choir director, Don West. In the spring of 1995, Don asked me to take over the drama portion of the Easter musical drama."

"My prayerful question became, 'God, where do I belong?' ..."

"That summer I began preparation for the musical drama, Four Tickets to Christmas. With Kenneth helping as the large-prop builder, I think the team at Shiloh produced an exceptional performance. I know it was encouraging to me. Performing in the sanctuary with the small pulpit area became my greatest challenge. I so looked forward to the building of the new Family Life Center, even though my energy to direct the performances had dwindled."

"During the summer and fall of 2008 as I walked to regain my strength, I thought a lot about my role in the church. God had placed me in the preschool class for so long, but now my lack of an immune system would no longer allow me to spend a lot of time with preschoolers. My other passion had been mission trips not only with the youth of our church but to disaster relief places, such as El Salvador in 2001, where I helped rebuild a church destroyed in an earthquake. I quickly came to realize that, because of the less-than-adequate sanitary conditions in these areas, I would never be able to do that again."

"My prayerful question became, 'God, where do I belong?' His answer was plain and to the point: 'You know where you belong – drama.' So, I've started out slow and easy. I want to see a drama team established at Shiloh. I expect to see more drama as time goes on."

Elizabeth (then Nuckols) has been at Shiloh since 1963. She came to us from Hanover Baptist Church. In 1965, she married lifelong Shiloh member Kenneth Lee. Together they raised four children: Keith, Mike, Stephen, and Mirna. They have enjoyed (an understatement) 10 grandchildren.

Elizabeth has served Shiloh in other capacities as well. She taught preschool Sunday School for well over 30 years. She was Sunday School director and assistant treasurer for a number of years and served on numerous committees. She contributed greatly to historical preservation of the church records and served as church historian for a couple of years.

Out in the community, Elizabeth has been active in the King George Historical Society. She has published eight books, including King George County Pictorial History and a family history, The Fitzhugh Family of King George County, Virginia.

Elizabeth is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington. She retired in 1994 from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, where she served as a physicist. ☺

Music Notes

by Sarah Snow

It's April! I have finally seen the green grass and now the beautiful yellow flowers! Soon, the pinks and purples will be here as well! What a glorious artist our Creator is!



The weekend of April 4th is our Easter Cantata celebration! You don't want to miss it! Beautiful singing! Wonderful solos and a time of communion! Come on out and join us! More and more I am so amazed by the wonderful people around our community! It is such a blessing to meet with the fantastic people at Shiloh Baptist! Thank you for that gift!

On April 18th, the children will be presenting *Nic At Night*. They have been learning their lines and the songs! They are soooooo cute! You just must see them! Such wonderful children!!!! Come on out and enjoy a morning of children singing! It will inspire you! Join us on Sunday the 18th at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

As I write this, I am working on upcoming music and one hymn that has inspired me this week is "When The Morning Comes," hymn #522. This hymn was originally written by Charles A. Tindley and then rearranged by B. B. McKinney.

Charles Tindley was called the "Prince of Preachers" and wrote many gospel songs. He educated himself and worked as a janitor in a church before becoming a minister. He was the first hymn writer to copywrite his hymns!

B.B. McKinney, an American singer, songwriter, teacher, and music editor! A very influential church musician who under his leadership started the Church music week at Ridgecrest, NC — one of my favorite conferences every year! People at Ridgecrest still remember him and his wonderful contribution to our church music. He died in a car accident, leaving the conference in 1952.

*Trials dark on every hand
and we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us
to that blessed promised land;
But He'll guide us with His eye,
and we'll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by! &*



Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

VBS

VBS teachers and assistants needed. Won't you prayerfully consider SERVING with us as we REACH our community and BUILD up the body of believers. We will have teacher training on April 25 at 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please plan on attending.

YOUTH

Parents & Teens: We are planning a meeting to discuss summer events and activities. Bring your calendars and your willingness to assist with events/activities. I can't do it without you. We will meet on April 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement.

Adult Youth Night: Thank you to the adults who participated! I know the teens had a blast interacting and playing games with you. The teens planned, organized and performed as well as brought the Bible lesson on faith.

Missions Trip to Buffalo, NY: We have scheduled our trip for July 4-10 in Buffalo, NY. All our spots are currently filled. Please continue to pray for this mission team as we are an extension of Shiloh Baptist Church. We do have a financial need. One of our participants is in need of financial assistance. If you are able to give to this please let me know.

CHILDREN

Summer Camp: Check out Camp Piankatank at www.campiankatank.org. Your child will love the swimming, canoeing, rock wall climbing, crafts, games, ropes course, worship, and Bible lessons. You can register your child on-line and also apply for financial assistance if needed.

Easter Eggstravaganza: is April 3rd from 11 a.m.—1p.m. The children will enjoy making crafts, listening to a bible lesson, and gathering eggs filled with candy! Lunch will be provided. &



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Upcoming Baby/Child Dedication

Please contact the church office with the name of your child, or children, you would like to have dedicated during our service on Sunday, May 9th. Contact Pastor Jessee for additional information.

Photos of Veterans Needed Before Memorial Day

We are collecting photos of Shiloh members who have served in the military and who are presently serving. The photos will be included in our DVD which will be shown on Sunday, May 30th. Please send the photo to the church office or to Cindy Miller, 7721 Stuart Road., King George, VA 22485. Cindy will reproduce your photo and return your original. If you have a jpeg or something similar, email it to her at ckmiller@metrocast.net or call 540-775-9434. Include name, branch of service, dates served, and name of war in which the person served. If you have submitted photos within past years, please disregard this message. If you are currently serving, please update your information.

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