

# The Shiloh Visitor

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

(from Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Shiloh Baptist Church 1916-1932 minutes, pp. 117-118)

Several special meetings were held during the week of the protracted meeting, August 3 through August 8, 1930. Brother Storke was assisted in this meeting by Rev. G. R. Tureman of Village, Virginia. At these special meetings, the following presented themselves for baptism: Teddy Rollins, Elizabeth Jenkins, Mildred Davies, Billie Storke, Margaret Coates, Mae Coates, Richard Gutridge, William Allensworth, Maurice Grigsby, Virginia Marshall, Lucille Inscoc, James Dillard, Ralph McGinniss, Grace Jenkins, Geneva Jenkins, Etta Jenkins, Ellen Jenkins, Elizabeth Carter, Edna Rhine, Ralph Jenkins, Alberta Owens, Buckner Owens, S. Wharton King, Elmer Rogers, and Aubrey Marders. They were baptized at Potomac Beach, Virginia, Sunday afternoon, August 17, 1930.

(from Shiloh Baptist Church minutes, 1973)

At the October 1973 business meeting, the following youth were registered to attend the Eagle Eyrie Virginia Baptist Assembly, June 25-29: James G. McGinniss, Jr.; Ross Sullivan, Charles Moschler, Ted Edwards, Gary Jenkins, David Clare, William Houchin, Randolph Allensworth, Paul McDonald, Mark McDonald, Greg Storke, Ricky Gilbert, Charlotte Norris, Joan Moschler, Sandy McGinniss, Laura Hastings, Beth Hastings, Donna Jones, Connie Mae Rollins, Pattie Norris, and Joy Meade. The counselors included Rev. and Mrs. Meade, J. Stanley Owens, Robert S. Meade, and Dorothy McGinniss. ☺

## Ten Truths Concerning Ministry

(Adapted from Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*)

**"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."  
(1 Corinthians 12:5, NLT)**

### 1. You were **CREATED** for ministry!

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

### 2. You were **SAVED** for ministry! (Saved to Serve!)

*"It is He who saved us and chose us for his holy work, not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began..." 2 Timothy 1:9 (LB)*

### 3. You have been **CALLED** into ministry!

*"God, in his grace, chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him." Galatians 1:15 (GN)*

**REMEMBER:** *"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Ephesians 4:1*

### 4. You have been **GIFTED** for ministry!

*"God has given each of you some social abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessing." 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)*

### 5. You have been **AUTHORIZED** for ministry!

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." 2 Corinthians 5:20*

### 6. You are **COMMANDED** to ministry!

*"(Jesus) Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve..." Matthew 20:28 (LB)*

**REMEMBER:** *"Take heed to the ministry you've received from the Lord and fulfill it." Colossians 4:17 (KJV)*

### 7. You are to **EQUIPPED** for ministry!

*"God gave pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:11-12*

### 8. The Body of Christ **NEEDS** your ministry!

*"All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (LB)*

### 9. You are **ACCOUNTABLE** for your ministry!

*"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." Romans 14:12*

### 10. You will be **REWARDED** for your ministry!

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." Colossians 3:23, 24*

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# In the Spotlight...



## Dorothy and Ralph: Their Love is Eternal

by Cindy Miller



**Ralph and Dorothy with sons  
Wayne (left) and Jack**



**Dorothy models a bathing suit  
she made in the 1940s**

By the time you read this story, Dorothy and Ralph McGinniss will have celebrated, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their oldest son, Wayne, will have collected his first social security check. Hard to believe Dorothy and Ralph are in their 80s, going strong, and still work circles around most of us.

When I talked to them recently, Dorothy had just finished canning tomato juice and sweet pickles; Ralph had just bush hogged half his field with his new tractor that has a front-end loader. Ralph joked that he can now load Dorothy on that front-end loader if she breaks a hip and can take her anywhere she wants to go.

Generally, they've enjoyed good health. Dorothy recovered from a broken hip 2 years ago; and Ralph's heart is now regulated after a recent stay in the hospital, his second hospital stay during his 88 years. He told his doctor all he needed was a couple jugs of WD40 to get him running again.

Let's go back before they met. Dorothy was born in Irvington, Virginia, and grew up in a Methodist church. She came from a broken home and was raised by her father, John Lewis, a ferryboat captain in Colonial Beach, and her stepmother. Dorothy was in third grade then and never saw much of her mother, and her relationship with her stepmother was not good. Dorothy had two siblings: a sister, Irene, and a brother, John.

Ralph came from a loving Christian home. His parents were Irving and Betty McGinniss. They had five boys: one lived only 5 days. The others were Richard,

Grafton, Ralph, and Merle. Ralph and Merle are the only siblings left. Ralph recalled the Great Depression. He said his mother took care of many families during that time. "My mother made sure they had enough food. They would come to visit, and she would load them down with enough food to feed the families at their homes. We lived on a farm so we always had enough. We raised hogs, cattle, and chickens and grew our own food, except for sugar and molasses." [Note: When I was growing up, my father often said his family probably would have starved to death during the Depression if it hadn't been for "Miss Bet".]

Ralph recalls some of his adventures in the old days: "Grafton and I used to haul canned tomatoes to North and South Carolina. To get cornmeal, I'd put a sack of corn on an old mule and ride it to King's Mill [down in Westmoreland County] and get the corn ground and then ride back. When I was growing up and we had a rainy day and couldn't work the farm, we'd go fishing. In the winter, we would hunt wild game and trap muskrats."

Ralph remembers the first church he attended: "I went to Howard's View this side of Rollins Fork; church was a big deal then; you got to visit your friends. We didn't have an indoor privy; our privy was down in the woods. Pastor Storke would come by Howard's View and preach once in a while. My mother played the piano there. Our choir members were Uncle Ham [McGinniss], daddy, Maurice Grigsby, Eubank Dickinson, and Wharton King. When Howard's View closed, we started

going to Shiloh." Ralph accepted Christ in 1930 during the protracted meetings held each August. He was baptized at Potomac Beach.

Life changed for Dorothy when she married into the McGinniss Clan. She lovingly said of Miss Bet: "Ralph's mother was my mother, and she said I was the daughter she never had."

Dorothy and Ralph talked about when they met. Dorothy recalled: "I was living in Colonial Beach then. One Saturday, I rode my bicycle down to the drugstore, where all of us young people would hang out. Ralph and Earl Baird came along. Earl introduced us. Ralph was driving his 1941 Ford. We started dating, and were engaged during my whole senior year in high school. I graduated in May and we were married in July in Colonial Beach by Pastor Barnett." Ralph added: "Richard was my best man, and Dorothy's sister was her matron of honor. We honeymooned in Orange County, Virginia. We stayed in a hotel where our friend Wallace Berry worked. I remember Wallace bought us a bottle of Ginger Ale." Dorothy said one of the reasons she married Ralph was "he looked like Bing Crosby."

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World War II had already begun. Ralph was working on the Navy base at Dahlgren, where he was deferred from the draft for a while; then the order came in 1944; he was drafted in the Navy. Wayne was already born, and Jack was on the way. Ralph remembers: "When I left to go in the Navy, I had to sell my Ford. I had paid \$760 for it; and I sold it for \$850. It's the only car I ever made money on."

At the end of the war, Ralph went back to work at Dahlgren. While Dorothy was telling her part of their story, I noticed Ralph had his hand raised. He asked, "May I please speak?" Yes, that sense of humor, always with love and respect, went on throughout this interview. Ralph, after being given permission to speak, continued: "We built our own house, and we have never had a house payment. Daddy gave us this piece of land when I got out of the

Navy in 1946, and we proceeded to build the house we live in today. Richard and Grafton had a sawmill, and they helped saw the lumber from the trees grown right here on this place. All three of us worked at Dahlgren then, and we sawed three afternoons a week and on Saturdays. We did a little at a time and eventually finished it. Earl Baird helped a lot. We did all the wiring, too." By the time they were ready to move in, Dorothy was pregnant with their third child.

Dorothy joined Shiloh in 1946 during the annual protracted meeting. She recalls her first visit to Shiloh: "When I first attended, I thought it was the weirdest thing to see women enter the church on one side and men enter on the other side [back then, Shiloh had two front doors at each side of the church]. I always sat by Hazel Jones; she was so pretty, she had such pretty black hair, all braided and put up on top of her head, just like Shirley Storke used to wear hers."

Shiloh has always been a big part of their lives. Both taught Sunday School. Both worked with young people, Dorothy with the Girl's Auxiliary (GAs) and Ralph with the Royal Ambassador (RA) boys. Dorothy said: "Ralph would hold RA meetings here in our home, and Shirley Storke held the GA meetings in her home; but we would come together in what is now the old fellowship hall, where Ralph made a big freezer of ice cream for the young people. I always helped Shirley in Sunday School, in everything she was involved in."

I couldn't help but ask what their secret was to such a long, loving marriage, and I'm not sure I ever got a straight answer. Dorothy said, "I don't regret it at all. I've learned to just turn over and not fuss. He's good to me; and I'm good to him." Ralph responded: "I learned to say, 'Yes, dear, yes, dear;' that's my secret."

They ended up with five children in this order: Wayne, Jack, Diane, Lynne, and Sandy. Add to that 13 grandchildren and a whole slew of great-grandchildren.

Dorothy and Ralph love to travel. They don't always know where they are going until they get there. Dorothy said: "On one anniversary, we went to Fredericksburg to get breakfast and asked each other: 'Which way, north or south?' We wound up in Niagara Falls. Another time, we ended up in Knoxville, Tennessee; another time, in Stanton, and once in West Virginia." They've been on planned trips, too: Grand Canyon and Yellowstone to name a few. They've seen buffalo and bears; they've watched Old Faithful spew and saw snow on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. They've also been to Ireland, where the McGinniss family originated.

## Music Notes

by Sarah Snow, Music Program Director



Welcome to my first article in the Shiloh newsletter. Normally, I am not known for my writing. I struggle with writing!!!! It may have been that college professor that gave me an "F" on my first paper. Oh, the devastation!

I like to focus on the music and that is my goal at Shiloh. As I begin a new adventure with you all, I hope to serve you well with music. I love music. Could you tell that? I just can't get enough. I love every type, every style, every motif!!!! I am hoping, as the years go by, that we can put together many varieties of music to worship God.

Currently, we are holding choir practice every Wednesday and all are invited to sing with us. As you start your school year in September, please give some real thought to joining the choir for this year. We will kick off our year the first "school" week of September. I am enjoying getting to know everyone and if I haven't met you yet, please come and introduce yourself to me. I am eager to get to know the Shiloh Baptist Church family.

Even though it is still summer, we are looking forward to Christmas and starting to plan for the Christmas musical. If you are interested in helping with that or would like to be a part in some way, please let me know. We will post meeting information in the bulletin, the calendar, and the newsletter.

I am looking for musicians who are hiding in the congregation!!!! If you know of someone who is musically talented or is taking lessons and wants to play or sing in church sometime, you can put a little note in my mail slot outside the church office!!!!

Thank you for such a warm welcome and I hope to serve you well as the year moves on. ☺



## Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

Wow is this summer really flying by! Kids, I hope you are getting a break from the daily grind of school. This is a great time to recharge your batteries. My words of advice would be STAY

CONNECTED. Keep in contact with friends as well as build new relationships. Most of all stay connected with God. There is no better way than to be involved with Sunday school, and youth group on Tuesday and Sunday evenings. During the summer, it's easy to "take a break" from spiritual things but don't fall prey to Satan's lure. Use this last month of summer to take your relationship with God to new heights.

The youth just came back from an amazing mission trip to Bluefield, VA. We were challenged daily with physical work and nightly with a challenge from God's Word. This year's goal was not only to build walls, decks, or steps but, most of all, to build relationships with those we were serving. Jesus set the example for us. He strove to build a relationship with the people he came in contact with. The teens were so excited, they wanted to decide right away where we we're going next year. It is exciting to work and serve with others who want to serve the Lord and be used by him to make an impact in the world we live in. ☺

Ralph, 88, said the highlight of his life now is "getting up in the morning and being able to see what is going on and having my 'good' coffee. After that, we have a late breakfast, read the newspaper, and during breakfast chatter I ask Dorothy: 'What do you have scheduled today?' then we go from there. We're thankful for being alive."

I asked Dorothy how she wants to be remembered. "That I've done something good for somebody," she said. I've known Dorothy and Ralph all my life, and I can honestly say they've done a lot of good things for a lot of people, as I walked away with a jar of her homemade pickles in hand.

What about the love they share? Dorothy says she bought her tombstone some time back. On it is written: "Love is Eternal," the same as Miss Bet's tombstone. ☺



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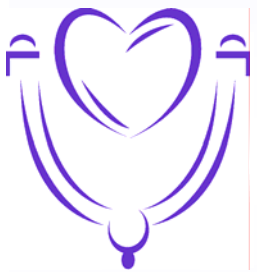
Ten Truths Concerning Ministry

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You are not who you think you are  
 You are not who I think you are  
 You are who God says you are!

You are a MINISTER of Jesus Christ!  
 (Every member is a minister!)

By the way,  
 do you know the Greek word for minister?



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**Homecoming & Renewal Schedule**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> is Homecoming Sunday with guest Rev. Richard Headley. Following the 11:00 a.m. service will be a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 p.m. and a gospel concert at 1:30 p.m. featuring Bob Stone & The Virginia Gospel Singers. Come back Monday—Wednesday, August 3-5, at 7:00 p.m. for our Revival “Renewal” Services. For all the details, please see our [flier](#).

**Fun Bunch Event for August**

If you missed last years group tour of the Marine Corp Museum, you will want to put this trip on your schedule/calendar for August. Since this activity was such a hit last year, we decided to offer it again for those who were unable to attend. Contact family and friends and make this a fun-fill day discovering the rich history of the Marines and the service they provide to our country. Tom Breese is the coordinator.

**Marine Corp Museum Tour**

**Thursday, August 13**

**Depart church 9:00 a.m.**

**Return between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.**

**Bring money for lunch at the museum**

**VBS Photos Available—Plus More!!!**

Photos from Shiloh’s **Vacation Bible School** are now available on our new photo sharing website, <http://kgshiloh.smugmug.com>. You can view the gallery of 192 images at various sizes, order prints or merchandise, view a slideshow, download pictures, add comments, connect to Facebook and more. Dozens of older photo albums and a link to our new photo sharing site are available on the [church web site](#).

