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DOWN MEMORY LANE

(from Shiloh Baptist Church minutes)

The following Sunday School officers were elected for the year beginning October 1, 1946, and ending September 30, 1947: Warren Rollins, Superintendent; Richard McGinniss, Assistant Superintendent; Lee Frank, Secretary; Elsie Berry, Treasurer; Bettie L. Franklin, Pianist; J. D. Owens, Musical Director; T. C. Arnold and Dorothy Scott, Departmental Superintendents. It was moved that the envelope system be used beginning January 1947.

On February 14, 1950, Bro. Lee Frank, Bro. Robert Grigsby, and Bro. R. W. Allensworth were elected as delegates to the 1950 session.

On June 8, 1971, at the regular church meeting, the following nominees were presented and voted on for Board of Deacons: Ashby B. Strother, William Maurice Inscoc, Ralph W. McGinniss, J. M. Heath, Rodney D. Cloud, and A. Lee Frank.

The following names were submitted and approved for deacons for the next 3 years, 1984-1986: Dewitt Thorne, Lee Frank, Maurice Inscoc, and Tom Yancey. Lynne Hepburn made a motion that Garnett Carroll [Lee Frank's nephew] be invited to direct the music during the week of revival and that he be offered \$75.00 for this effort.

During the 1985-86 church year, Dwight Storke, Sr., Lee Frank, and Frank Moore would serve on the Personnel Committee.

In 1986, Lee Frank [member of the Finance Committee] made a motion that a special fund be set up for the Tanzanian trip for the Pastor [Rod Spivey] and Aubrey Jennings to cover the \$2,000 designated for this trip.

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*From the
Pastor's
Heart*

The

REASON

for the

SEASON



'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME'

written by Unknown Author

OR written by Audrey Patricia Woolverton

OR [Author and claimant] Dianne Frances Donenfeld

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed.
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter.
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound.
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

In the Spotlight...



The Lee Frank Story: A Life of Faith by Cindy Miller



Lee and Orpha Frank

Let's go back in time. Lee's maternal great grandfather, Eldred Lee (1836-1897), was one of the leaders who helped establish Shiloh Baptist Church. In 1855, in a meeting at the Shiloh Meetinghouse, he protested Hanover's resolution to make the use and sale of intoxicating beverages a test of fellowship. According to the old Hanover minutes, he voted firmly against the Test Party's resolution. As a result of that vote, Shiloh became the Anti-Test church; and Hanover and Shiloh split, thus the beginning of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Let's move to the 20th century. Lee says he was going to Shiloh before he was born: "My mother was pregnant with me while she sang in the choir every Sunday." He was born to Andrew and Hattie Lee Frank in 1926 in the house he lives in now, in what was the parlor, now the living room. It's the family farm his grandparents, Ira Franklin Lee and Mary Ella King Lee moved to in the 1890s.

Lee began first grade in 1932 at Shiloh Elementary School, which still stands off of Route 3 not far from the church. He and his sister, Mary Lou, walked to school every day. His first-grade teacher was Miss Thelma DeAtley [who taught as late as the early 1960s.] Another teacher was Miss Mae Gouldman. The principal was Miss Kate Owens [aunt to Stanley Owens, Mary Burnley's husband]. Lee has unforgettable recollections of Miss Kate: "When a boy misbehaved, she made him go in the woods and cut his own switch; then she'd whip him."

Lee's own mother was a private schoolteacher who taught children in their

homes. She taught the Rollins children who lived at Nanzatico.

During Shiloh's annual protracted meetings, Lee accepted Christ as his Savior. "Rev. Clifton Storke baptized me at Colonial Beach Baptist Church in 1937. He was a wonderful person, one of the kindest persons I've ever known." Lee remembers the church fire in 1942 on Monday morning, the day after Easter. "Cousin Irvin Franklin and Clifton Jenkins [Garnett Jenkins' brother] were planting potatoes and saw smoke in the woods. We checked it out; John Edwards [Ollie King's father] was over at my other grandmother's place where the broom straw covering the field was burning. John was over there by himself fighting the fire with a pine brush. If it hadn't been for him, grandma's house may have burned down. John said to go up to Route 301, where Uncle Edwin [Frank] and Roger Arnold were building a barn. I drove over there and picked them up and brought them to the fire.

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By that time, Shiloh Church had caught fire. Mr. Storke was at the parsonage, and he was trying to move his beehives and became overheated, and it almost did him in. The fire had gone from Salem Church Road at 1:00 p.m. in the day and, by evening, had moved to Potomac Beach. The fire went rapidly through the tops of the pine trees like they were made of gasoline. We always wondered if the fire might have had something to do with Rev. Storke's early death a year later. Damage to the church was not as extensive as we had thought; however, parts of the gallery burned."

Rev. Storke was the first pastor at Shiloh that Lee remembers. He recalls a dating incident when Rev. Storke's older reserved son, Dwight, and Shirley King Storke were dating. It seems that Rev. Storke's younger, not-so-reserved son, Billy, had hidden in the backseat of the car during one of those dates.

According to Lee, "Billy got to laughing and gave himself away; but it didn't bother Shirley; but it may not have pleased Dwight." Lee recalls Rev. Storke's wife, Malsena: "She was such a nice lady and so good to my grandmother, Mary Ella, who was laid up in bed. Mrs. Storke would come over and help with Grandma until her death in 1929. Mrs. Storke was also good to my mother."

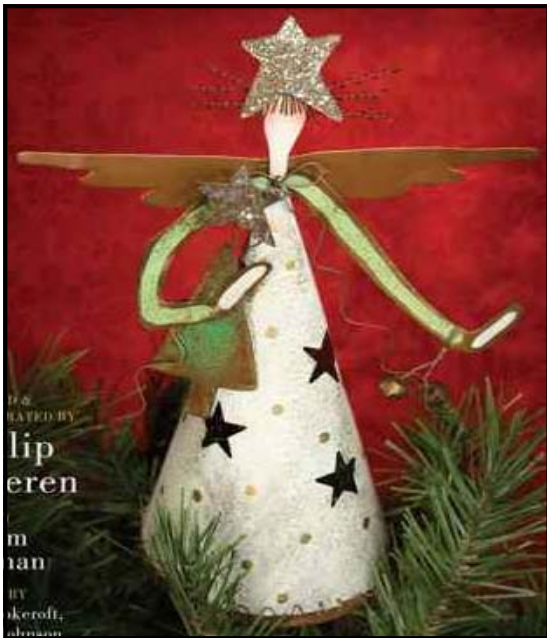
Lee graduated from King George High School in 1943. Soon after, he registered for the draft and was given a 6-month hardship deferment, although he never had to serve because World War II was soon over. His deferment was based on the ill health of his father, Andrew, who still had health problems as a result of battle wounds he received during World War I, so Lee had to run the family farm. Lee relayed this war story about his father: "My father and a Mr. Barnes were shot during the Battle of Argonne Forest in France. Daddy thought at first his leg had been blown off but discovered his shinbone was shattered. Mr. Barnes lost his right arm all the way to the shoulder. Mr. Barnes applied a tourniquet around daddy's leg to stop the bleeding; daddy packed cloth around Mr. Barnes' shoulder, both saving each other's lives until they eventually met up with the field medics. Mr. Barnes was from Pennsylvania and visited my father for years. We still have daddy's helmet. It has a dent in it from the scrapnel."

For the next 10 years, Lee worked the family farm and sowed a few wild oats of his own in neighboring Colonial Beach with the help of his cousins and friends. He said, "We'd go down there and have a ball; but it didn't make any difference whether I got home at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, I was always expected to be up on Sunday mornings and take my mother to church. I respected her so much. She never heard me say a bad word in my life."

In 1953, Lee married Joyce Powell. They were married for 29 years and had two daughters: Shirley Ann and Linda Lee. Sadly, in July 1970, Linda Lee died



Shiloh's most eligible bachelors, circa 1945
Left to Right: Joe Frank, Richard McGinniss,
George Alford, Lee Frank, and Eldred Lee
~Photo courtesy of Kimberley McGinniss Turner~



Music Notes

by Sarah Snow, Minister of Music



THE ORNAMENT



4 stars



Siskel and Ebert give it two thumbs up! If you are looking for a heartwarming, family friendly show this Christmas, you just have to see Shiloh Baptist Church's production of *The Ornament*. From fun songs and funny jokes to tender reminders of what Christmas really means; the show is full of smiles and tears!

No one can predict what each Christmas will bring. There are many Christmas seasons that have picture perfect memories, full of happy families and life successes. Other years bring loss and failure. *The Ornament* is a story of a family looking to have a Merry Christmas. The cast really captures your heart from the tender grandfather to the spunky girlfriend. The music is full of Christmas classics and some beautiful new songs that keep you humming all the way home. In the end ... well, I won't give away the end, although it is a beautiful reminder of the gift that God has given us.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for *The Ornament* December 11 at 7 p.m., December 12 at 7 p.m., and December 13 at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center at Shiloh Baptist Church. Tickets are available through Shiloh Baptist Church members and many community businesses and locations. FREE and OPEN to the general public. ☺

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unexpectedly at the young age of 14; at the same time, Joyce was suffering from multiple sclerosis; and Lee passionately took good care of her until she died in 1982.

Lee talked about several pastors he thought a lot of, but one who stood out was Rev. Charles Lloyd. "When Rev. Lloyd came to Shiloh, Joyce was running the Shiloh Post Office. Our children were the ages of his children; he used to pick up my children and take them to basketball games, etc. He just made himself at home when he came to visit. When he first arrived, he was shocked that King George parents had to buy their children's schoolbooks and how expensive they were. I told him: 'The Bible tells us when we are in Rome, we do what the Romans do.' When he came back for a visit after he had left Shiloh, he reminded me of that. When Linda Lee passed away, I called him and he came back and preached her funeral. He said at the time that Linda lived a fuller life at age 14 than a lot of people who lived a really long life because she was a good Christian little girl. You never get over losing a child, but you have to keep on going. That's all you can do. The good Lord has a way of taking care of things. It doesn't look like it to us at the time, but he takes care of us."

In 1986, Lee found double happiness. He retired from what is now the Naval Surface

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From the Minister to Students

Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

Thank you!
Thank you!
Thank you!

Thank you to all those who assisted with the **Harvest Festival** this year. Our church could not do this community event if it were not for you. It is truly amazing what the body of Christ can do when we work together for a common goal. Prayers were answered in a positive way as God held off the rain! Isn't God good! The numbers might have been down to the weather, but I saw many new faces. Thank you for spreading the word.

The numbers have been down for **WWW** lately, possibly to sickness and other issues but I hope you will finish out the year strong. Stay faithful as an adult by supporting this vital ministry to and discipleship of the children of Shiloh. If you haven't been able to attend, won't you come fellowship with us? Come enjoy fantastic food and be energized as you listen or assist children in their verses.

I have been encouraged by the **youth's** faithfulness to come out on Wednesday and Sunday evening. On Wednesday, we have been studying Paul's letter to the Thessalonians and applying it to our present situation. We are reminded that we are to be an **"example to the believers"**. We should follow Christ so close that when others follow us, they are really following Christ. In chapter 4 Paul encourages us to **"excel"** as followers of Christ. As we studied, we were reminded to be **"sanctified"** -set apart. Is that still expected of Christians today and what does it look like?

Parents, our responsibility is to **"train our children"**. If we don't, somebody will!

Continue to check out the **calendar** to stay informed about activities and times. ☺

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Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, on October 1 and married Orpha two days later. He said, “I told the guys at Dahlgren I can’t do without a boss.” He has two grandchildren: Melissa, a nurse at Fauquier Hospital; and Robert, a Marine who served two tours in Iraq and returned recently from Afghanistan. Lee has four great-grandchildren.

Lee has always had the presence of Christ in his life to guide him through every turmoil. He faithfully attends the Men’s Sunday School class and practices his faith. He has served as a deacon and on numerous committees. He has just had hip replacement surgery and is healing nicely.

I asked if he had any advice to pass on. He said, “When you have difficulties, keep your faith in the Lord and pray. A little prayer goes a long way. He answers all your prayers—not in your time—but in His time.” &




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At the October 2000 meeting, Bill Altman recommended Lee Frank, Lawrence Lee, and C. H. VanLandingham to serve as deacons for the 2000-2003 term of office.

At the October 5, 2004, business meeting, Jackie Wheeler of the Building and Grounds Committee thanked Lee Frank and Buck Jones for their years of service on the Building and Grounds Committee. &

REACHING BUILDING SERVING

Mary Burnley Owens’ Children’s Christmas Program

December 20 at 7 p.m.

It’s that time of year again! Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors for a night of great entertainment!!! Join us for Mary Burnley Owens’ annual Children’s Christmas Program on December 20th at 7 p.m.

December Is a Special Time of Year in the Library

The Church Resource Center has lots of new and used books. The new ones are from the Fun Bunch trip to the Green Valley Book Fair last month. That was a very special day enjoyed by all. We may make the trip more than once next year! The other books are very generous donations from Gail Davis and from the Bosworth family. Thanks, Gail and the Bosworths. The Toddler and Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School classes visited the library recently. Several of the children checked out books.

We do ask that a parent signs the books out for children not yet in school. December is a special time of year in the library.

Ed and Henrietta Hastings are going to share another of their charming miniatures. This one is a winter scene – very appropriate. The Christmas books and videos/DVDs will all be on display. We have wonderful resources for the whole family to use in celebrating the “Reason for the Season – The Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”.

