

The Shiloh Visitor

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

(From Shiloh Baptist Church
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December 31, 1963, insert)

The WMU officers and
counselors for 1963-64 were as
follows: Phyllis Stephens,
President; Henrietta Hastings,
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Chairman; Maude Allensworth,
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Johnson, Storke Circle Chairman;

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*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the people. Sing to
Him, sing praises to Him. Speak of all His wonders.
Glory in His Holy name; Let the heart of those who
seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His
strength; Seek His face continually.”*

(Psalm 105: 1-4)

It is with thanksgiving that I begin a new journey as
your pastor. Your expressions of welcome and
warmth to Shiloh have embraced my calling. Your
demonstrations of love and encouragement have
enabled me to experience your deep love for our
Heavenly Father. It is with great anticipation I await
the wonders God will do in us and through us as a
congregation.

In the days ahead I will be seeking to visit with each
of you . . . to know and hear your heart story. As we
grow together, it is my prayer we will continually
seek the strength of the Lord and may His face be
forever before us.

*Faithfully,
Mike*

In the Spotlight...

Rev. T. Michael Jessee
by Kerry Childers



Mike Jessee

grew up in Kingsport, Tennessee, and has never known a time in his life when he did not know that God loved him. He had great Christian models – his parents. His father spent over 40 years as the Sunday School Superintendent and his mother taught VBS and Sunday School. He had two sisters and he was the baby in the family. His church was a family-type church and a great environment for growing up. At the age of eleven Mike accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. When he was a teenager, his church got a new minister from Cuba who created some struggles for him as to what it meant to be a Christian. His father was the type who just lived the Christian life. He didn't spend time talking about it; he just lived it. The new minister had only about four different sermons: anti-Castro, anti-Catholic, anti-make-up/shorts, and anti-fun. As a young teenager, Mike didn't understand this at all.

He played basketball and other sports; but with his height and athletic ability, basketball stood out. He went to college on a basketball

scholarship. He was on the 6-year plan to finish college, as he took some time off to work. He eventually earned a B.A. degree in Business Administration from Appalachian State University. After graduation, he first worked in his sister's plant shop. While there, he studied and got his real estate license, as he really loved working with people. He was in real estate when the interest rates were high – 18-21 percent in the late 1970s to early 1980s. It was then he came to a point where he knew he needed to get involved in a church.

He went around to different churches, and one day he was

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driving down the road and heard an advertisement on the radio for a church called Glenwood Baptist; he even drove past it. He went to church that Sunday and his son was singing in the choir (got your attention now?). That made him do something that he rarely did in church – he smiled. Earlene, a widow, noticed, and they became good friends; and that friendship eventually turned into a romance and then marriage. Her children were 14 and 11.

At this time in his life, he knew that he did not like preachers. He started sharing with his new pastor there who helped him process some of those feelings. They started a basketball team, and Mike was the coach. They didn't win any games; but all the players came to know the Lord, which had a profound influence on Mike. One day, the pastor at Glenwood Baptist suggested to Mike that maybe God was calling him into the ministry. At that point, he was sure that was not the case. Over time, however, he ultimately felt the calling of the Lord to go into the ministry. He and Earlene were married in March 1983; in May, he left for Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Because Earlene's first husband had died as a pastor in North Carolina, there was a painful gap that she needed to work through but ultimately it ended up being a wonderful time there.

Once Mike graduated, he simultaneously pastored three churches in Cumberland, Virginia. After 4 years, he was led to a new church in Hanover County and was there for 7 years. He left there for a position that allowed him to combine his ministry and administration skills to help churches build, renovate, and expand their mission and ministry. This was part of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board; he was there 11 years, leaving in 2006. During the last of those 4 years, he simultaneously worked as Minister of Administration at Second Baptist in Richmond and continued working there until he accepted the position at Shiloh.

His son, Richard, lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh. He is also the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Pittsburgh. His daughter,

Kristin (husband Ron), lives in Apex/Cary, North Carolina. He has three grandchildren: Hope, Madison, and Richard and one grandpuppy, Rubin.

Pastor Jessee's joys and passions are people, especially children; "all of us are children, some are just taller and wider than others!" He is immensely excited and pleased to be at Shiloh. He is constantly amazed by the quality of the church and its leaders. He has made a commitment to visit everyone and is starting with the shut-ins, those who have experienced a recent loss, those that have recently left, visitors, and prospects. He is currently in the process of relocating from Richmond to our area. ☺

Music Notes

by Sarah Snow, Minister of Music

Well, we made it through our first month of 2010! Happy February to all of you! It will be interesting to see how much snow we get this month after all the snow so far!!!!



The choir has begun to work on our Easter Cantata for Easter Sunday morning! Please join us on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. to rehearse for Easter! All are welcome!

There is an upcoming children's musical as well. Please contact me or Elizabeth Lee for more information if you would like your child to be involved!

This is a year of new beginnings. Pastor Mike and Earlene Jessee have joined us and what a blessing! This is my first Easter season at Shiloh! What a blessing as well!

Each week we work hard to prepare for worship on Sunday morning! It is a joy to come together and worship each week! The songs and scripture stay in my heart all week until we can worship together again on Sunday! Don't forget choir practice on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and if you play an instrument and would like to play for the worship service, please let me know! We will get you the music!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of salvation! ☺



Children's Musical

The Bible Story of Nicodemus set as a mystery play musical.

Performance on April 18 at 11 a.m.
in the Family Life Center

For more information contact Elizabeth Lee at 540-775-2771 or Sarah Snow at 540-845-1803



Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

Are you sticking with your New Year's resolution? It's ok, many of us have a hard time, myself included. I trust part of those resolutions will include the things of God. If we let God have control of our life and we stay focused on Him, then we can't go wrong!

Check out the calendar to stay informed about what is happening at Shiloh.

In February, we will have our annual skating outing at Stan's Skateland in Montross. Invite a friend who normally wouldn't attend church to come out and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship.

Youth, we are planning for our summer missions trip. This is the time to make your reservations. Adults, you are welcome to attend with us and experience God in a different and meaningful way.

We are planning a Youth Conference for March 12-13. There are going to be amazing speakers, awesome worship, and hilarious skits. You will not want to miss this opportunity of spiritual growth. Check out the youth board for more info. ☺



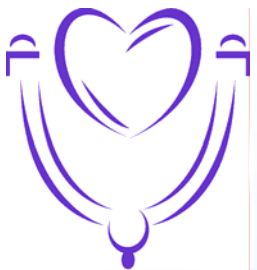
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Down Memory Lane

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Patsy Edwards, Vera Hodge Circle Chairman;
 Rosa Frank, Witter Circle Chairman; Mary
 Burnley Owens, YWA Director; Julia Lumpkin,
 GA Director; and Shirley Storke, Sunbeam Band
 Director.

Counselors were Alice Howland, Young
 Women's Auxiliary; Katie Jett, YWA Assistant;
 Barbara Reynolds, Intermediate GAs; Yvonne
 Cote, Junior GAs; Eula Mae Tate, Primary
 Sunbeams; and Margaret Griffith, Beginner
 Sunbeams. ☺



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REACHING BUILDING SERVING

**Adult Bible Study
 Wednesdays from 6:15—6:50 p.m.**

Pastor Jessee is teaching an Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays in
 Room 201 (next to the church office) from 6:15-6:50 p.m. Bring a
 friend!!! We will begin with a study of Nehemiah. If you'd like to
 read a good book that parallels our study, *Hand Me Another Brick*
 is available on amazon.com. A bible companion can be ordered in
 addition to the book. Reading this book is optional for this study.

**Photos Available from
 Pastor Jessee's Welcoming Reception**

Photos from Pastor Jessee's Welcoming Reception are now
 available on the church website: >> <http://www.kgshiloh.org/>,
 click on the Photo Album link.

- Photography by Luke Miller

Draft Business Meeting Minutes Available

The minutes from the November 15th Regular and
 December 13th Special Called Business Meetings are
 available on the web: [http://www.kgshiloh.org/about/
 documents.htm](http://www.kgshiloh.org/about/documents.htm). These are DRAFT minutes and will
 have to be reviewed prior to the next Business
 Meeting scheduled for February 21st. Contact the
 church office if you need the password to access the
 documents.

