

The Shiloh Visitor

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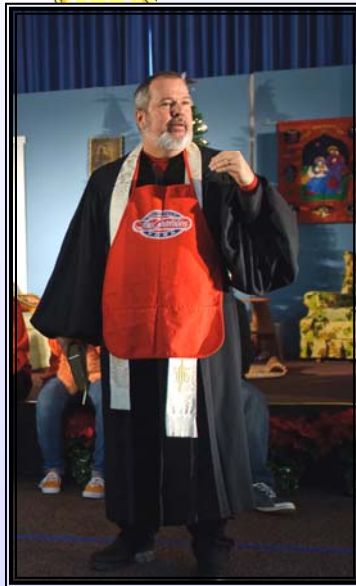
Parting Shots
by Cindy Miller

DOWN MEMORY LANE

(from The First 150 Years)

One of the fondest memories in the minds of children raised in Shiloh Church during Christmastime in the 1950s and 1960s was the long-anticipated boisterous ho, ho, ho, resonating throughout the congregation, as Santa Claus (alias Billy Storke), entered carrying a huge bag of goodies. The children sat on his lap, whispered in his ear what they wanted for Christmas, and walked away with a brown paper bag full of candy and fruit.

At the November 8, 1960 meeting, [the church determined] Santa Claus needed a new suit. The church was directed to purchase the suit at a price not to exceed \$25.00. Also, discussed was the matter of the regular Christmas treats. The church decided that Superintendent William S. Storke and those on the program committee determine what the treats would be. ❧



**Pastor Todd Kube
plays the role of pastor in
The Ornament,
December 2009**

Out with the OLD ...

2009 has been a year of change at Shiloh. Since Pastor Todd Kube was selected as our intentional interim pastor, he has worked hard to shape, mold, and channel our direction. All his efforts came to fruition in 2009. His leadership has helped the church establish its vision—reaching, building, and serving. Pastor Kube, undoubtedly, was the right person at the right time to help Shiloh go forward. Under his guidance, we developed a whole new way of doing business at Shiloh.

Yet Pastor Kube never takes credit for anything. He attributes all successes to God and gives Him the credit and the praise. Further, under Pastor Kube's guidance, we changed the constitution and bylaws, instituting the ministry teams and the new Board of Directors. Now, we have a mechanism in place to make sure we carry out the church's mission, focus on its vision, and maintain peace and harmony. For that, Pastor Kube, we are forever grateful.

We'll also miss the pastor's attempts at jokes, his short attention span, that bright orange shirt, those unusual ties, his mispronounced words, and the back-and-forth pacing during every sermon. We will

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Picture Day for the church website



Pastor Kube,
Mother's Day 2008



always remember his stage performance in *The Ornament*, where he ad-libbed his lines from one performance to the next and provided the much-added comic relief.

We are thankful for everything Pastor Kube has done for us while serving God at Shiloh. We'll miss Traci, Amy, and Gabrielle, too. We are sad to say good-bye to them. They have been a big part of our Shiloh family for the last 3 years. We wish them the best in their future, as they prepare to do the Lord's work elsewhere.

God bless you, Pastor Kube and family. Fair winds and following seas! (Rob, please explain that to him) ☺



**WELCOME ABOARD,
PASTOR MIKE AND EARLENE JESSEE**

2010 will bring about changes, too, as Shiloh welcomes Pastor T. Michael and Earlene Jessee to its church family. Many of us have already met them and gotten to know them. Pastor Jessee begins his ministry at Shiloh on January 3. He comes to us from Second Baptist Church in Richmond, where, until recently, he served as Minister of Administration. Other experience includes over 10 years experience as a senior pastor; and 11 years as Director of the Capital Stewardship Services Program, Virginia Baptist Mission Board.

In with the NEW ...

Shiloh welcomes Pastor Mike and Earlene Jessee with open arms. We wish them the best, also, as they take on the responsibility of leading our church. Stay tuned for more information on Pastor Mike and Earlene. ☺



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we all make our new year resolutions, let's all remember to thank our loving Lord who has provided for us, in so many ways, as individuals, families, churches, and more! We give thanks, honor and praise to God who has brought Shiloh a new pastor for the New Year, and many years to follow. To celebrate this occasion, we will have a 'formal' welcoming to Shiloh for Rev. & Mrs. Jessee on Sunday, January 10, 2010, immediately following the morning worship service. This will be a covered-dish meal with the Hostess Team providing the meat. Please bring a side-dish, rolls or dessert to share. After we eat, we'll have a time to share and fellowship with our new pastor and wife as well as with one another. ☺

Music Notes

by Sarah Snow, Minister of Music



Thank you again for everyone's support with their time, talent and energy to make for a wonderful Christmas program.

The Ornament was a lot of fun to put together and I hope all enjoyed the music and story that was presented. What a wonderful message!

It is so hard to believe that 2010 is upon us! I am excited for what this year will bring. As always, the music program is open. If anyone has something they would like to share or join in on, please always feel free to let me know! Easter will be here before we know it! And then turn around twice and it will be summer!

Don't forget choir practice on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome! We are starting a new children's choir which rehearses during children's church each Sunday morning. We are hoping to have the children sing for the church every few months! ☺



**Children
& Youth**
by Mark
Morgan

2009 is gone and 2010 is already here. Man does time fly! As we reflect back how the Lord has blessed us as individuals or families, let us continue to serve Him by serving others. May we rely more on God as we enter into times of uncertainty. May we be reminded, we serve a God who is unchanging; always compassionate, merciful and loving. I pray as you set your sights on this upcoming year, you will be focused on Christ and your relationship with Him will grow deeper.

Dinner and AWANAS will resume on Wednesday 1/6/10 at 5:15 p.m. We had a wonderful 1st half and had more children registered than ever. Children have been memorizing God's word and reciting it to our adult helpers. We gave out a total of 505 AWANA bucks which represents 505 sections and nearly 1000 verses. We are excited about what God is going to do in the 2nd half as well as in the lives of these young Christians!

Dinner & Movie will be Sunday, January 31st from 5-7:30 p.m. Bring a pot luck meal to share. We will provide drinks and popcorn. Invite a friend! ☺



From the Church Library
by Diana Moore

In *Have a Little Faith: A True Story*, the author Mitch Albom asks the question "What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together?" This beautifully written story is of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds – two men, two faiths, two communities. It begins with an unusual request: an eighty-two-year-old rabbi from Albom's old hometown asks him to deliver his eulogy. Feeling unworthy, Albom wants to understand the man better, which throws him back into a world of faith he'd left years ago. Meanwhile, closer to his current home in Detroit, he becomes involved with a pastor – a reformed drug dealer and convict – who preaches to the poor and homeless in a decaying church with a hole in its roof. Moving between their worlds, Christian and Jewish, African-American and white, impoverished and well-to-do, Albom observes how these very different men employ faith similarly in fighting for survival: the older, suburban rabbi embracing it as death approaches; the younger, inner-city pastor relying on it to keep himself and his church afloat. As America struggles with hard times and people turn more to their beliefs, Albom and the two men of God explore issues that perplex modern man: how to endure when difficult things happen; what heaven is; intermarriage; forgiveness; doubting God; and the importance of faith in trying times. *Have a Little Faith* is a book about life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story. ☺



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REACHING BUILDING SERVING

The Ornament Photos on the Website

Photos from **Shiloh's Christmas Musical, *The Ornament***, are now available on the church web site: >> <http://www.kgshiloh.org/>, click on the Photo Album link.

- Photography by Cindy & Luke Miller

The Ornament Video Now Available

A video production of Shiloh's Christmas musical, "The Ornament", is now available. Two copies of the DVD will be available via the church library. Copies will also be available for sale with all



proceeds going to benefit the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

If you'd like your own copy, please give \$10 to Chris Chalkley (with checks payable to Shiloh Baptist Church). If you have high-speed Internet, you can also watch a low-resolution version online. Due to the length of the video, it is broken into two parts. Both are posted to our [video page](#) hosted by vimeo.com.

