

# The Shiloh Visitor

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



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*Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving*

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### In 1922,

Brother W. E. Warren offered his resignation as pastor of Shiloh.

During his ministry, the church increased in membership; annual revivals were held at the church and at the Mission Station Howard's View, with wonderful results. Brother Warren was not only an active pastor but always ready to engage in any movement for the betterment of his neighborhood; he was very active during the period of the World War in the various loan drives and other activities in connection with the war and above all, put his Maker, his church and ministry first. After having served as pastor for nearly seven years, he resigned September 2, 1922, and went to King William County where he was pastor for several churches. For a short period following the resignation of Brother Warren, the church was without a pastor, the pulpit being occupied by various preachers.\*

\*J. Cleveland Grigsby, *History of Shiloh Baptist Church*, In Observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church, October 21, 1956

## From the Pastor

### A NEW YEAR!

*My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people.*  
Ephesians 1:18 (CEV)

2011 was a wonderful year! But how many more blessings God has in store for 2012! The Christian faith is all about remembering how God has blessed us in our past while we wait expectantly for the unveiling of life filled with God constant blessings.

Our fellowship of believers is one God's blessings that I consider as most special. I continue to be encouraged by watching the growing community of fellowship we call Shiloh. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have a wonderful New Year!

*Pastor Mike*

### UPCOMING EVENT: NEW MEMBER CLASS Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Meet with Pastor Mike, and other leaders, to review the ministries of Shiloh. This class is open to anyone who has joined our church in the last two years or is considering joining. This is a good time of fellowship.

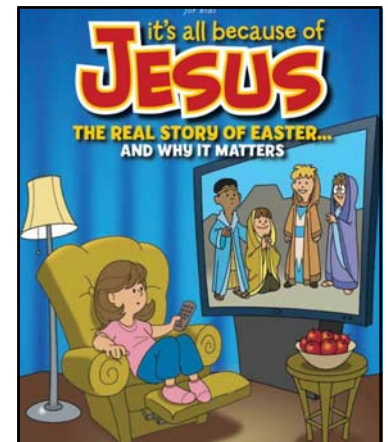
## CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!

### "IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF JESUS"

Join the lead character, Annie, on a remarkable adventure as a kid who happens to be watching a DVD at home about the true story of Easter. Suddenly Annie finds herself inside the video, meeting and talking with several Bible characters whose lives were impacted by their encounters with Jesus.

All children are invited to help tell this story.

Practice begins Wednesday,  
January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.





# *In the Spotlight...*

## Servant Mobilization Team, in search of spiritual gifts

by Cindy Miller



### Servant Mobilization Team members (l to r):

Jeff Hughes, Linda Moore, Patsy Edwards, Faye Lumpkin, and Meredith Busic, team lead.

Not shown are Butch Maples, Craig Lang, and Cindy Miller.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms*

—I Peter 4:10

Here's what the Servant Mobilization Team (SMT) does: It equips church members for service and places them in positions of service that match their spiritual gifts, passions, talents, and personal style.

Here's SMT's vision: Church members will accept and serve in positions in which they are convinced God has called them, in which they feel passion, and in which they experience joy and fulfillment. Then they will give their best effort; they will feel the support of the church in their efforts; they will experience God as He works through their ministries; and they will glorify God.

Setting the example, SMT team members have taken the spiritual gifts class to see exactly where they fit. Then they are able to conduct spiritual gifts classes to new church members or attendees. New members may take the class and complete an inventory through the New Members class. Spiritual gift coaches, such as our own Earlene Jessee who works in Shiloh's Discovery Center, will assist individuals in finding their service niche within the church, based on their spiritual gifts, their passions, their style, and their current

life situation. SMT will also help with a mentoring program among church members.

SMT maintains a database of new members' spiritual gifts. From that database, SMT will nominate team members after prayerfully identifying individuals, taking care not to overburden them.

As openings for positions on teams or teaching positions become vacant, a designated member of the SMT will place an announcement in the bulletin, recommending those persons to the church to fill those positions. No pressure will be placed upon individuals to accept positions for which they do not feel God has called them. People should feel comfortable to say "no" to the good so that they can say "yes" to God's best. Nominations will be voted on at quarterly business meetings, or at special called meetings, if needed.

SMT is composed of eight members, serving a 4-year rotational plan. The rotation will have two members rotating off each year. More about nominations, eligibility, and voting are documented in the *SMT Ministry Manual*.

The team falls under the Discipleship and Growth Ministry pillar of Shiloh's organization, reporting to the Pastoral Team, and works with the Clerk Team to update the church officer and team member roster.

SMT meets once a month. Team leader, Meredith Busic, says the meetings are open to all members who wish to attend, even if they are not officially on the team. †

What a wonderful month of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ in music!!! We started December with a stirring performance of “Mary Did You Know” by Bruce Thoemke and Meredith Busic. We carried on with the Sounds of Praise performance of “The Winter Rose” and we topped it all off with the AMAZING Children’s Musical directed by Mary Burnley Owens and Jennifer Hagewood. Everything was just outstanding and what a beautiful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

The Sounds of Praise Choir was fortunate to perform their cantata twice in December. First we performed it for the congregation on December 11<sup>th</sup> and received such tremendous support from our members. The display of candles and roses was just beautiful and were complimented by the many poinsettias and nativity scene in the sanctuary. If you didn’t get to see it, be sure to view the pictures on the website. On Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we took the show on the road over to Heritage Hall, the King George Nursing Home. We then hiked back over to Shiloh to sing Christmas Carols for the Living Nativity put together by Elizabeth Lee. Yes, we were busy, but what a great way to celebrate Christmas—praising God with music and sharing that message with so many!

The Children’s Choirs worked really hard too. They practiced and practiced and then presented a wonderful Christmas pageant. Many of the children learned poems to recite and solos to sing. Thank you to everyone who put in so many hours to help them - especially Mary Burnley Owens, Jennifer Hagewood, Meredith Busic, Cathy Gebstadt, Haley McKay, Lynne Mitchell, Kerry Childress, Jim Jensen, and Butch Maples. Your time and dedication really make a difference in the lives of our children!!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It’s is never too late to get involved so come out and join a CHOIR in the new year, there is room for everyone!!

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir

7:00 p.m. Sounds of Praise (Adult Choir)—childcare provided

**Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”**

## Shiloh Baptist Church opens Welcome Center

by Tom and Sandy Breese

Shiloh dedicated its Welcome Center October 9. Located in the main church building, the center is open to all visitors and members from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Coffee, hot tea, cocoa, and doughnuts are available along with friendly conversation and information on church activities.

The center provides brochures outlining the ministry missions of Shiloh, the Sunday School classes available, location and directions to the church, and other activities. Volunteers are available to greet visitors and newcomers and answer any questions.

The center is designed to be a gathering place for members before morning Bible Study, Sunday School, and church services.



**Shiloh’s Welcoming Team: (l to r)**  
Tom Breese, Bill Sealand, Phyllis Stephens,  
Fran Crisafulli, Joe Parker, Jenny Lang,  
Don Childers, and Bobby Lumpkin



**Entrance to Shiloh’s Welcome Center**

If you are looking for an area church and want to join an active Christian family, we invite you to visit us. We have a wonderful Christian family who wish to reach, build, and serve King George and the surrounding community. For further information, go to the church Web site at [www.kgshiloh.org](http://www.kgshiloh.org) or call 540-469-4646.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

**February 11, 2012**  
**Women on Mission**

Mark your calendars now for a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

This event will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church and we encourage you to invite a friend!

Watch the bulletin and the February newsletter for more information!



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### Church Resource Center

*by Diana Moore and Barb Yancey*

The library has several new donations. The Reger family donated "Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream" by David Platt. It is a New York Times bestseller that was reviewed as a must read for every believer. Brenda Hastings donated "Cooking with Virginia Baptists". Volume 1 is Meals and MMMore! and Volume 2 is Sweets and Spreads. In Volume 2 on page 125, you'll find Julia Lumpkin's delicious French Lemon Pie recipe. Bryant Crowell donated Max Lucado's DVD of "The Crippled Lamp". This is a heart-warming story for the whole family. Carlton Middlebrook donated "Our First Bomber" which was written by his nephew about Carlton's father, Charles Candy Middlebrook, Esq. "Middy". Glen Moore read it and recommends it for anyone connected with Dahlgren. I (Diana) also read it and found it fascinating. Don't miss this opportunity ;to learn about an important part of King George history. We thank all of these generous donors. In addition, the library recently purchased some resources recommended/requested by Shiloh members.

"Despicable Me" is a hilarious DVD for the entire family. The Jensen family recommended it. Virginia Jenkins requested "Heaven is for Real for Kids" as told by Colton Burpo to this parents. It is also a #1 New York Times bestseller. If you have read "Heaven is for Real", you will want to be sure that the children in your life read this book. Add regular reading to your New Year's Resolution list!!!

