Glorifying God by ... Reaching, Building, Serving

Online Giving Option Available in January

In response to several inquiries from the congregation, the teller, treasurer and financial secretary teams have been studying options to support online giving, or “e-giving.” As presented at the November business meeting, our research is complete, and we’re working with LifeWay to offer online giving beginning January 1st. This optional service will allow you to electronically send tax-deductible tithes and offerings directly from your checking/savings account to Shiloh’s without having to write a check or drop cash in the offering plate. As with regular donations, you’ll be able to specify distinct funds (e.g., General, Building, Lottie Moon, etc.). One benefit of online giving is that you will have the option of setting up your donation to recur automatically on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis. If you’re away on travel or vacation, your tithes and offerings will be delivered automatically.

The service we’ve selected is LifeWay’s recommended solution provided by NCS Solutions, Inc. Feedback from area churches that use the same service has been quite favorable. Because it’s an externally hosted solution, participants will deal directly with the safe, secure NCS web site. You won’t be providing your banking account details with anyone at Shiloh. Instead, you’ll register on the NCS site and select your payment options. Many of you probably use similar services to pay credit card and utility bills quickly and safely.

Unfortunately, such convenience does come with a price, albeit small. While 100% of your offering will go to God’s work at Shiloh, the church will also be billed separately at the rate of 0.5% plus $0.50 per transaction. That may not sound like much, but it has the potential to add up. For example, consider the case where a member sets up automatic donations of $100 per week. To process those electronic transactions, the church will be billed $52 over the course of the year. That’s a lot of money just to save someone the trouble of writing a check each week. To mitigate these fees, we’ll ask online giving participants to add a small amount to their donation. In the example above, if the member added just $1 to their weekly donation, it would pretty much cover all the fees.

We fully realize online giving isn’t for everyone. If you give faithfully with check or cash, there’s no reason to do anything different. But if you’re accustomed to online banking or don’t want to track down your checkbook every Sunday morning, please try out our new service in January. Look for more details soon in the bulletin and on our web site (www.kgshiloh.org).

January Focus - THE HOMELESS

As the winter gets colder and we grab our blankets to keep warm, please pray for those who do not have a warm place to call home. On January 19, at 9 am, we will be assembling fleece tie blankets to give to the homeless. No experience is necessary—all hands are welcome to help with this project.

Shiloh also participates in Micah Ecumenical Ministries’ Feed the Needy program in the Fredericksburg area. On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, Shiloh is responsible for preparing a hot homemade meal. The meal is then transported to Tower of Deliverance Church on Princess Anne Street and served to those in need.

If you are interested in helping to prepare food, bake desserts or collecting toiletries, please contact Kathy Maples at (540)903-2047 or humming@netscape.com.

In January, we will be sending our homemade blankets along with Feed the Needy. We will also like to take along donations of socks and warm winter clothes. Please contact Brenda Hastings, (540)498-0903 or canningfarm@gmail.com, or Kathy Maples to contribute.
The serious thoughts of building a new playground began in the early part of last year. After much thought, we concluded the best location would be to relocate the storage shed, construct a new foundation for the shed, utilize a crane to move the shed, truck in fill material, and grade the area to provide for current and future expansion of the playground.

Glen More, Chair of the Building and Grounds (B&G) team, made arrangements to have a 80-ton crane relocate the storage building onto its new foundation. Glen, as people know, spends countless hours making sure the HVAV systems are functioning properly and lights are magically replaced as needed. He ensures items are repaired or replaced when required, and he makes sure the church gets a fair value for the price paid. Diana, Glen’s wife, told me she always knows exactly where to find him whenever she needs him at home. Yes, there are others who make up the B&G team but the team always seems to reflect Glen as its chair because everyone knows he’s the “go-to guy” whenever anyone needs something repaired, fixed, and built or chairs and tables set up by the B&G team.

The B&G team had a full turn out when we constructed the foundation for the shed. Members of the team included Bobby Bowen, Kenny Lee, Phil Lehman, Red Noble, Butch Maples, Bobby Lumpkin, Glen Moore, and me. Work moved swiftly and within a day or two it was ready for the move.

After the building was relocated, Bobby Bowen supplied his track loader and used his skill in grading the site and arranged for nearly 15 tandem truckloads of fill dirt (18 to 20 tons each) to be dumped, graded, compacted, and leveled to the desired finish grade. Bobby, for the most part by himself, spent quite a few hours completing this very large task.

In the mean time, Ray Tubbs, Jr., our Minister of Children, was busy trying to locate a vendor who could supply a really nice playground at a reasonable price. In no time, Ray was successful in locating a small “family-owned” business, located in the Midwest and known for its quality workmanship. He made sure the equipment was constructed of high-grade, powder-coated steel and all surfaces were child friendly. He continually followed up on delivery and installation requirements. Delivery was estimated for November 1.

Shortly after we installed the chain-link fence, we received the footprint of the playground, and the team started work on digging the holes. We were just about ready to start with the hand-operated posthole diggers, when Billy Clatterbuck called and said his father -in-law, Glenwood Howland, had a 12-inch auger that would be helpful in drilling the ten 33-inch-deep by 12-inch-wide holes identified on the site plan. We all graciously accepted Billy’s offer. Billy and Glenwood soon appeared with the auger and Glen Moore used his tractor to power the device. Bobby Bowen had expressed concern regarding his ability to properly compact the soil. Well, we soon determined Bobby had definitely succeeded in compacting the soil; it took four of us hanging onto the digger attachment to drive the auger into the compacted soil.

As scheduled, the playground equipment arrived the 1st week of November. The day Glen scheduled to assemble the equipment Billy Clatterbuck, Scott Mason, Richard Amick, and Frankie Lee showed up to help. They all flew into action with the rest of the team and all of a sudden pieces and parts started to come together. By the end of the day, I would say 70 percent of the construction effort was completed. As I was about to leave, I mention to Scott I had no idea we could have assembled that much in one day. Scott confided in me that when he was a kid, his favorite toy was an “Erector Set.” The next day at church, Frankie Lee mentioned to me he really had fun and wanted to know when we were going to do it again. I believe he may have had an Erector Set when he was a child, too.

You can’t miss the pretty blue and yellow playground equipment as you go down the road. It’s a most enticing sight for any young child. Ray and his daughters came in during the assembly and I was aware his oldest daughter had been instrumental in selecting the colors. I asked Ray in a very gruff voice: “Who in the world picked out these colors?” Ray immediately pointed to his daughter, Samantha; she immediately responded that she was the one. I then told her she had really done a great job in selecting a fine color combination.

We all had an opportunity to work several more days assembling the equipment, spreading mulch, and catching up on the final details. I’m sure that many children will enjoy this nice playground for years to come.
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** It is always a sad time when Christmas is over. It just seems to fly by faster every year. Well, as of January 1, there are only 359 more days until Christmas (hehe). Now that things have settled down a little here at Shiloh, I thought we would try something new (at least for me it’s new). On Friday, **January 24th**, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm we will have Family Game Night. This is a time for you to bring out your favorite board games, or that board game sitting on the shelf for years, or maybe you received one for Christmas that needs to be broken in, whatever the case, bring them out. We will set tables up in the family life center and spread out and share our board games. This is for families so bring that game that you are undefeated in and test the waters to see if you are really that good. Dinner is provided by you. Bring your favorite soup to share. What a wonderful time of fellowship with good board games and hot soup on a cold winter night. Please don’t bring anything that would resemble gambling.

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**Birthdays**

1. Ed Hastings
2. Tom Breese
3. Frank King
4. Jeff Pardee
5. Barbara Yancey
6. Joan Turner
7. Shawn Hagewood
8. David Hubble
9. Chuck Floeck
10. Zack Dean
11. Jessica McKay

23. Melissa Rollins
28. Zach Rose
29. Colton Southall
30. Kaytlin McKay
31. Rafe Parker

**Anniversaries**

14. Glen & Diana Moore
19. Tom & Sandy Breese
20. Zack Dean
21. Jessica McKay

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**Children’s Ministry News**

**Rev. Ray Tubbs, Jr.**
**Children’s Minister**

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Thank you especially to the children's choir and teen choir leaders, the musicians, the singers, the sound guys, the cookie makers and kitchen help, those who helped set up and clean up and Ray Tubbs for helping us pull this off! Everyone really came together and made it fabulous!

Looking ahead it is time to move into the new year. After seeing and hearing such wonderful music, I am sure you are thinking you should get involved. So...Sounds of Praise Adult Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and all children's and teen choirs meet at 6:00 p.m. within their devotional time. Come and join us!!

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**Youth News**

**Jim Reger, Youth Minister**

**Youth Sunday is coming February 9th!** This is a great opportunity for our students to learn. They will be actively leading in our Sunday School classes, as well as during our worship. This is a time of challenge and growth for our young people. For some this is the first time they will step out to take an active leadership role. So please be in prayer for our students, that their efforts may be Christ honoring as they lead us on this Sunday.

Our Youth learning to lead in our church is important for several reasons. First, in Matthew 21:15-16, Jesus affirms children in public worship. We want our Youth to know that their leadership is just as appropriate as is our staff’s leadership, or our younger children’s or the leadership of so many faithful adults of Shiloh. Second, one day our students will be leading our church to become a healthy place for faithful people to worship God and express their faith. So this is an opportunity for us to provide a nurturing environment for our Students’ faith development. Youth Sunday helps our Students to put into practice what they are learning in their Bible study. Finally, as our Youth lead us it renews our youthful spirit. In Matthew 18:2-6, Jesus encouraged his disciples to have faith like a child. As our Youth share their energy and passion for Christ, may it renew in all of us to Praise the Lord!

So as you see our Youth, take a moment to give them a smile and word of encouragement. May Christ be glorified as our young people lead us on **February 9th**.
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AWANA would like to say thank you to the church for their support with the AWANA Christmas Store. Many wonderful items were donated for the children to purchase for their family members. Thank you also to the folks who stayed around to help the children shop and to wrap their presents. AWANA is on break the month of December and will begin again on **January 12**. Happy New Year!

**THANK YOU**

For such a wonderful Christmas this year.

- Pastor Mike

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Rev. Michael Jessee, Pastor  
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