



# The Shiloh Visitor

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

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## HOMEcomings AND REVIVAL

The emphasis for this year's Homecoming and Revival

on August 7-10, is a *Story Telling Festival of Faith*. Each worship service will have a theme that focuses on telling the story of Jesus Christ our Lord. Our schedule will include:

### Sunday, August 7, Homecoming

**Theme: *I Love to Tell the Story***

The Sunday School hour will include joint classes for adults, youth and children that focus on resources for telling others about God's love.

During the morning worship our own Rod Meade and Elizabeth Lee will reflect on God's blessings upon Shiloh and challenge us to continue telling the story of God's love.

Following the service we will have a fellowship meal. The church will provide the meat, bread and drinks. Please bring your favorite covered dish/dessert.

## REVIVAL

### Monday, August 8, 7 p.m., Layman's Revival

**Theme: *This is My Story, This is My Song***

Individual testimonies of conversion and faith.

### Tuesday, August 9, 7 p.m., Joining hands with neighbors

**Theme: *Tell Me the Story of Jesus***

Ted James, Pastor of Round Hill Baptist Church is our speaker.

### Wednesday, August 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mission Emersion/cookout

**Theme: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations***

Acts of kindness including; outreach car wash, Pure Water Pure Love,

Unreached People group, and other opportunities for service.

Please begin to pray and prepare yourself for personal revival. If each of us experience spiritual renewal then our church will have revival.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

Thacker Rogers, Clerk of Hanover Church, penned the first entry in the old minutes book: "Shiloh 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day April 1845: The church being in session proceeded to business...." The last entry in the old minutes book is dated July 11, 1857. Meetings were held at Shiloh, King George Courthouse, Little Zion, and Port Conway.

In the old minutes, charges were made; members were "excluded therefrom" or "excused" for offenses, such as "improper use of spirits," telling a "falsehood," "drinking too much," "violating the Sabbath by fishing," or "leaving his wife and taking up with another woman." As in a court of law, cases were dismissed "for want of evidence" or persons were excused "upon confession and [refraining from] impropriety of the act."

These pre-Civil War minutes referenced human beings as property: "George and Moses, the property of Charles Taylor, were received for baptisms." During a church meeting in January 1846, reference is made to a slave who gained freedom: "A letter of dismissal was granted to Catherine Helms, a free woman of color who was moving to Washington."

(Quotes are from *Hanover Baptist Church of Christ* minutes, 1845-1857, Shiloh Baptist Church archives, pages unnumbered. Hanover split, and Shiloh Baptist Church was established.)



# In the Spotlight...

## Barbara A. Perry, New Choir Director

by Cindy Miller



Barbara and Kevin with sons, Benjamin (l) and Winston (r)

*We are happy to report that Barbara A. Perry has accepted the position of choir director at Shiloh, starting July 3. Below is the testimony she gave to the church on June 5 prior to the business meeting when we elected her:*

Pastor Mike asked me to give a testimony of myself this morning. Just clarifying exactly what he wanted me to say, he said: "You know, tell them who you are and a little about your journey to get here." So here goes.

"Who are you?" is a complicated question. We all are lots of things. My name is Barbara Perry. I am Kevin's wife; I am Winston and Benjamin's mom and Virginia's daughter (that's my mom); I am Leelynn's friend (she came with us today); I am the choir director at Colonial Forge High School; I am a teacher; I am a singer; I am a musician; and I am a Christian... all of those, not necessarily in that order.

So I can start with the part that I believe makes me a qualified candidate for this position. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Washington College and a Master's degree in Music Education from George Mason University. I am the founding director and Artistic Director of the Stafford Regional Choral Society. I have 18 years of teaching experience ranging from preschool through college. I have directed a church choir for the last 16

years. I have performed professionally on voice. I play the piano and flute pretty well, too. I have lots of experience working with musicians, both adults and children and with choirs of all ages.

I guess what is important now is that I tell you who I am outside of these labels and what brings me here. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and I believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that He died and was risen to save us from our sins. I am first faithful to this belief and then to my family. God has blessed me with a wonderful husband and two beautiful children. Kevin and I have been married for almost 13 years. Our oldest child, Winston, is 7, going into the second grade and he is perfect. Our youngest son, Benjamin, is 5. Benjamin has autism and Benjamin is also perfect.

God has blessed me in so many ways. I have come to discover in my life journey that God doesn't always do it my way but he always has a plan and they have all been better ideas than mine. When I was in high school, I wanted to be a chemist, and I desperately wanted to go to William and Mary. I prayed. God answered. He sent me to Mary Washington College to study music. When I was in college I wanted to be a performer, sing and dance and be somebody. I prayed. God answered. He sent me a teaching job in Stafford County. When I was in my early 20s, I wanted a husband. So I picked one, not the right one. Thank Goodness, I didn't marry that one; God sent the right one, just 2 years later. Not in my time, but his. I wanted perfect children. God gave me two and then he taught me what perfect is. So through all this I have learned God knows me better than I do so I had better pay attention.

So I guess you ask, why music ministry? Well, I started in Christian

music as a child. My mom was the church secretary and I grew up in Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. I knew every crook and cranny of that church and all the best hiding places. By the time I was in high school, I sang in the choir and then my senior year, I started playing the piano for another small congregation out in Windmill Point, called Asbury United Methodist. I learned a lot from the folks at Asbury: (1) It is always appropriate to sing "Amazing Grace," and (2) We only sing the hymns we know!

It was a great little church where I really began my role of leadership. So for that whole year, my mom and I went to both churches. Ashbury's service was earlier than Kilmarnock's so we just made a day of it. After that, I went off to college, where I church "hopped." I went to the Methodist Church and then the First Christian and yes, even the Baptist. Then I met Kevin, and we decided to find a church to attend together. I had a friend who had been asking me to come and direct her church choir, another one of those clear signs that I had been ignoring, and we finally visited St. Peter's Lutheran. I was hired as their choir director and we decided to stay there. That was 16 years ago.

So I am hoping you are now asking how God has brought me here. Well, I actually know this time and I am paying attention! Kevin and I had been struggling with our current church for a while. Not that we don't love the people, but we have been afraid it wasn't the right fit for our family anymore. We haven't had a pastor in quite a while; there was not enough going on for the kids; and the congregation is quite transient. We were concerned that we needed more. One Sunday in April, when I was really concerned with this, I saw your ad in the paper. Now, I have to admit I made a kneejerk reaction and just sent

## In the Spotlight (Continued from page 2)

my resume. As soon as I had hit send, I started questioning myself. What am I doing? Am I ready to leave this church? Is this right for our family? I am not a risk taker in our family so for me, this was big. Well then I didn't interview for a couple of weeks and in that time I started to question again what I was doing. Even on the days before the interview, I almost talked myself out of coming, but I came. I met with Gail, Pastor Mike, Jeff, and Gloria; and I was instantly comfortable. We had such a nice meeting, and I felt these incredibly positive vibes. The meeting lasted 2 hours. I got in the car on the way home, and I called Kevin. I was so excited about everything that I had heard that I told him "I have been kidnapped by the Baptists, and I am not going back." I just felt this incredible enthusiasm to be a part of this, and I felt excitement about being here.

Kevin and I immediately started to pray about this. We asked God to make this decision clear. When the Pastor called me to let me know they were recommending me to you, I was just so excited. It just felt like it was what we were supposed to be doing. And since that moment, I have had no doubts. I feel confident that this is where God wants us right now.

So here I am and I hope that you will consider me and us. I feel like I have something to offer this congregation musically and I feel like you are the right something for our family. Thank you for this opportunity to be here with you today and now I put it back into God's hands.

## Music Notes



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## Thank you

so much for the warm welcome you have given me and my family here at Shiloh Baptist Church. I am so excited to be a part of such an incredible team of musicians. Aaron on the piano, Butch on the bass and Steve on the drums with an exceptional choir and fabulous soloists, I couldn't have asked for more when I came here but there is more. Every time I turn around, I meet a new musician or someone says I can do.....So with that in mind, and all these great musicians to work with, my goal for the next couple of months will be to utilize them and their talents in the best ways possible. I hope to have the sanctuary filled with music and our hearts lifted high!

So please take the time to email me or call or say hello in church. Please let me know what you do and how I can help you in your and our worship experience. I am happy to help you prepare a piece for special music, help you select music and I would love for you to join the choir. The Sounds of Praise will keep rehearsing on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. In addition, I am going to try to pull the women's choir back together and maybe try a men's ensemble. We will at least try a song or two and see where it leads. I would also love to work with the teenagers. I am looking for volunteers. You do not have to sing alone, unless you want to, just come and sing! Come and see me, introduce yourself and let's see how we can utilize your talents.

Right now, we are planning for the fall. I expect there will be a children's choir, the adult choir, and lots of special music opportunities. Come out and get involved! I would love to meet you and work with you.



## Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

As you are enjoying your summer? Make a deliberate attempt to grow in your faith. Stay plugged in with God's word and fellowship with other believers. Let me encourage you to read a missionary biography, such as Jim Elliot, as a family or individual. Check the church library for other missionary biographies.

### VBS

A special thank you to all those who assisted w/ VBS! VBS is not possible without the help of all of you.

### Youth Local Missions

On July 11-13, Shiloh youth did local missions work with a group of teens from Michigan. We were able to minister to two families in the King George area. Both residents are single moms who needed miscellaneous work and repair around their house. On the 1<sup>st</sup> house, we were able to stain the back deck and repair the railing. We were also able to stain the front steps as well paint the foundation. The toilet needed to be replaced—at an estimated cost of \$700 from a local plumber—but we were able to repair it for \$25 and re-install! The 2<sup>nd</sup> home needed floor replacement as well as wall repair. Both these projects were completed. The teens were also able to stain the front steps and exterior of the front porch as well as repair the porch roof!

On Tuesday evening, we were able to go to the Moore's house for a cook-out and some swim time! I don't know who enjoyed that more—the kids or the adults. On Wednesday we concluded with dinner and a time of worship and fellowship with over 40 in attendance! What a blessing it was to be able to minister to others, with fellow believers, in the King George area.

Please check the church student calendar for events and bible study times:

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**BETH MOORE  
SIMULCAST  
SEPT 10, 2011**

Join the ladies  
from Shiloh!!!

Oakland Baptist  
Church is hosting a

Living Proof Live simulcast featuring Beth Moore. This life-changing bible study event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. and is open to the community. The cost is \$10 per person and includes the event, materials, and refreshments. Lunch is not included. To register visit [www.oaklandbc.org](http://www.oaklandbc.org).



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**Church Resource Center**

*by Diana Moore and Barb Yancey*

For the rest of the summer, the library displays will feature books for children and youth. The shelves by the choir room and in the library have many choices. The regular children and youth sections are also available. Research has shown that reading during the summer helps students retain their skills. This gives them a jump start on the new fall semester.

Numerous donations have been received recently. These include:

- Eight antique children's books from Dorothy McGinniss
- Four copies of "The Passion of Christ" DVD from an anonymous donor
- Numerous Love Inspired paperbacks from Gail Davis and her mother
- King James Version of the Holy Bible (audio CD) from Mildred Thorne
- Eight hilarious church cartoon books including "I Take My Religion Seriously" by Charles M. Schultz (Peanuts fame)

There are several very popular best sellers that are now available for check out. Thank you to Pastor Jessee for his thoughtful gifts of "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo to the Shiloh members who helped in the office while Pam was ill. This is a favorite for all who have read it. Other recent best sellers are:

- "Susan Boyle: The Woman I Was Born to Be" by Susan Boyle
- "Have a Little Faith: A True Story" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom
- "Same Kind of Different As Me" and "What Difference Do It Make?: Stories of Hope and Healing" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
- "90 Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper
- "In the Company of Others" by Jan Karon (latest of the Father Tim from Mitford series)