

# The Shiloh Visitor

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

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Wow, what a wonderful time of the year. Our schedules

are filled with graduations, end of school activities, outdoor work around the house, planting gardens and crops, planning vacations, backyard cookouts, family or class reunions, weddings, Vacation Bible School, and many other activities that fill our calendars. Summer is quickly approaching. I hope your summer includes wonderful family experiences and I pray you are scheduling "time with God." Let me invite you to spend some moments in our recently completed Prayer Garden.

I would also like to ask for your prayer support and help in continuing the conversation of "Building a Bridge to the Future." This summer, I challenge you to join with me in prayer as we envision Shiloh's future. Ask the Holy Spirit what it may look like, feel like, and what our individual roles may be in fulfilling God's purpose for our church.

Pray about our commitment to Shared Values:

- Dynamic worship
- Be called and accountable to a generous lifestyle
- Grow small group Bible studies
- Nurture family-friendly ministry
- Share Christ in our homes, community and the world
- Proactively respond to human needs

Then pray about our involvement in our Faith Actions:

- Design and implement a prayer strategy
- Mobilize 100 servant leaders through spiritual giftedness discovery
- Retire the debt
- Grow 15% in Sunday School attendance and Bible study opportunities
- Design and implement an intergenerational, family-oriented faith development plan
- Equip and engage 30 people in relational evangelism
- Mobilize 50 people in mission outreach

May God bless us as we seek His guidance for the living of these days.

*Pastor Mike*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

A special offering was taken on May 6, 1945, to raise funds for building the proposed Sunday School rooms. R. W. Allensworth and wife for their three children, Robert S. Allensworth, Randolph W.

Allensworth, Jr., and Suzanne Allensworth, gave \$300, which was a huge collection for that period. Six other members gave \$100; a total of \$1,523.95 was collected.<sup>1</sup>

The dedication for the Hammond electric organ was held October 26, 1952. The printed program listed an afternoon service "honoring our loved ones whose names are inscribed on the beautiful memorial windows and other fine church furniture." The dedicatory service for the organ was led by Rev. John B. Hodge, assisted by Mrs. John Edwards. While the congregation bowed, Lorraine Copen played the organ. The memorial windows and pews were also dedicated. Etched on the 10 memorial windows were the names of (1) Reverends J. O. Kirk, H. H. Fones, Howard W. Montague, J. A. Billingsley, W. E. Warren, and Clifton W. Storke; (2) S. A. McGinniss, Bettie McGinniss, and James D. Grigsby, Caroline V.

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# In the Spotlight...



## DAD

By Rev. Randolph "Randy" Allensworth



Randolph W. Allensworth, Jr., served in the Navy during World War II. "Junior" served aboard USS *Amphion* (AR-13), a repair ship, whose crew fixed torpedoed ships.

He doesn't go by his first or middle name. I call him, "Dad". Most call him "Junior." Junior Allensworth. Like most, I, too, have gone through the different stages in our relationship. You remember them ... at age four, *"my dad can do anything."* At age 7, *"my dad sure is smart and knows a lot."* At age 12, *oh well, dad can't be expected to know everything about today's music and technology."* At age 14, we have progressed to exclaim to everyone who is a teenager, *"my dad is so old fashioned"* and by age 21, *"he just doesn't understand the changes in the world."* At age 25, *"don't know when it happened, but dad sure does know what he's talking about."* By age 30 it has become, *"I think I will ask dad his advice."*

He is the one who would work a second job to make sure his children and wife would not be in want. He is the one who would give up his weekend to take the kids to swim at Colonial Beach. He showed me the peacefulness that can be found in the woods while quietly sitting against a tree waiting for a squirrel to appear. It was he who would bait my hook, throw my line into the water, then smile whenever I caught a fish. *"Hold the*

*line still so I can get the hook out of his mouth,"* I can still hear him say to a young boy who couldn't wait to throw the line back into the water.

He was the one who, after a hard day at work, would come home and hit fly balls till dark so his son could practice using two hands to make a catch. It was his shins and knees that got bruised when his son needed someone with whom to practice his pitching. *"Keep your eye on the glove, son,"* he would encourage while rubbing his shin. And who was it that got me started on eating those hot steamed crabs so early in my life? *"My mouth is burning"* I would say while stuffing it with more crabmeat.

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And who would drive the kids to Port Royal to see Dr. Harris whenever our throats were sore, ears ached, or stomachs hurt? *"I need to give him a shot, tell him to roll over."* I squirm even as I am writing this as I remember the doctor's words. It's the memories of childhood that we often go back to when we look for Father's Day cards. Cards that speak of dads who have provided, protected, encouraged, modeled. Good cards. Great memories.

Now, at the age of 54, allow me to share some of my adult memories. It was my dad who recently told me, *"you will always have a home to come to should you ever need it regardless*

*of your situation."* Still encouraging. I remember my dad kissing my mom goodbye for the last time in 2003, at Mary Washington Hospital as life support was being removed, saying, *"I love you. I will see you again."* Still being a model. Oh how I enjoy our lunches at Bowie's Restaurant at Oak Grove with my dad. You see, he still pays most of the time. Still providing. And, yes, he would still stand in harm's way if someone or something was about to hurt his son, verbally or physically. Still protecting. But there is one other thing I have seen and learned in my adult years. Life is worth living. I have seen my dad grow spiritually with God as he has journeyed into the season of senior adulthood. I have seen him grow in love again with a special woman by the name of Phyllis. I have heard him share of seeing a turkey or deer so his son would have a success during hunting season. I have seen him continue to live and enjoy life in relationship with God and with people. People say I am starting to look like my dad. That's a compliment. Know what would be an honor? It's when someone says you have become like your dad.

You call him "Junior." I call him "Dad". Just as I have features similar to his and look like him, my heart's desire is to become like him. He is still my protector, provider, encourager, my model. Love you, DAD! &

Down Memory Lane  
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Grigsby; (3) Rush Marshall and Mildred F. Marshall; (4) William Potts Lunsford and family; (5) Parmelia Rogers Grigsby and George W. Grigsby, Sr.; (6) William F. Grigsby and Luvina Hudson Grigsby; (7) Elizabeth Garber Lee; (8) Julia A. Jones and W. B. Jones, Sr.; (9) Robert Sydnor Allensworth, USN; and (10) Memory of Valiant Services and Sacrifices by our Members in both World Wars.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Shiloh Baptist Church Minutes, 11 April 1939 to 8 February 1955, p. 61

<sup>2</sup>Dedication of Hammond Electric Organ program, Shiloh Baptist Church, October 26, 1952 &



## Music Notes

by Sarah Snow

*Thank you* to all for your participation and support of our Easter Cantata, music-worship night, and the children's musical! The first weekend of June will mark the 1 year anniversary of my start at Shiloh. Thank you for

this time! I look forward to the coming year!

As I was reading my history of hymns, I came across the story of the sweet little song; "Jesus Loves Me." I just had to share this with you! The following paragraphs were taken from the book "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan.

Anna and Susan Warner lived in a lovely townhouse in New York City where their father, Henry Whiting Warner, was a successful lawyer. But the "Panic of 1837" wrecked the family's finances, forcing them to move into a ramshackle Revolutionary War-era home on Constitution Island on the Hudson, right across from the Military Academy at West Point.

Needing to contribute to the family income, Anna and Susan began writing poems and stories for publication. Anna wrote "Robinson Crusoe's Farnyard," and Susan wrote, "The Wide, Wide World." The girls thus launched parallel literary careers which resulted in 106 publications, eighteen of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled Say and Seal in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teacher, John Linden, comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him, and making up a little song; "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so...."

The novel became a best-seller, second only to Uncle Tom's Cabin; and when hymn writer William Bradbury read the words of John Linden's little song (written by Anna) he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. "Jesus Loves Me," soon became the best-known children's hymn on earth.

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We just completed an awesome year in AWANA®! We had our best year at Shiloh with 38 registered participants, not including visitors. There were 21 new clubbers who completed their entry book for the first

time. They were definitely excited about learning scripture! We are commanded to "hide God's Word in our heart that we might not sin against thee." There is nothing greater, life changing, or eternal than God's Word. We recognize those who completed their books this year:

**CUBBIES:** Hope Childers; **SPARKS:** Sean Dermody, Stephanie Dermody, Faith Lang, Dana Jensen; **TRUTH & TRAINING:** Maggie Jensen, Sam Jensen, Garrett Mills. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

**Highlights** of the year included the AWANA® Grand Prix, Friend Day, and an end of the year pizza and all you can eat ice cream party. For end of year celebration and awards photos, check out page 4 and the church [website](#).

A special thank you to all those who made AWANA® possible this year—from the leaders and helpers, to the parents who brought their children and to the children who participated. AWANA® will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## From the Minister to Students

### Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

#### VBS

VBS is approaching fast. You can register online by visiting the church web site and click on the VBS registration link. Please update your personal information—especially any allergies. Teachers and assistants are still needed. Won't you prayerfully consider **SERVING** with us as we **REACH** our community, and **BUILD** up the body of believers?

#### YOUTH

##### **Missions Trip to Buffalo, NY.:**

**PRAISE:** Someone donated \$250 to meet a financial need for one of our participants!! Please continue to pray for this mission team as we are an extension of Shiloh Baptist Church.

##### **Missions Dinner June 13:**

On Sunday, June 13, we will have a dinner directly following our 11 a.m. worship service. All proceeds will go to support youth missions.

The **Summer Calendar** is on the web site. Print it out and pass it along to friends and neighbors.

#### CHILDREN

**Summer Camp:** Check out Camp Piankatank at [www.campiankatank.org](http://www.campiankatank.org). Your child will love the swimming, canoeing, rock wall climbing, crafts, games, ropes course, worship, and Bible lessons. You can register your child on-line. We will be attending the week of July 18-23. Please let me know if your child is attending and will be riding the van Sunday afternoon.

##### **NEW for the SUMMER of 2010:**

If you are entering grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> we will have something special for you all summer! If you enjoy games, crafts, food, and bible lessons, then you will want to be a part of this summer series. We will begin June 30<sup>th</sup>. **We need 2 adult helpers** for this summer program. Contact Mark Morgan if you would like to assist with this ministry. ☺

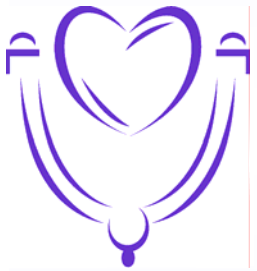
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Despite their success, the Warner sisters never seemed able to recover from the staggering financial reverses of 1836. Years later a friend wrote, “One day when sitting with Miss Anna in the old living room she took from one of the cases a shell so delicate that it looked like lace work and holding it in her hand, with eyes dimmed with tears, she said, “There was a time when I was very perplexed, bills were unpaid, necessities must be had, and someone sent me this exquisite thing. As I held it I realized that if God could make this beautiful home for a little creature. He would take care of me.”

For forty years, Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Pont, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point. To this day, their home on Constitution Island is maintained by West Point as a museum to their memory. &



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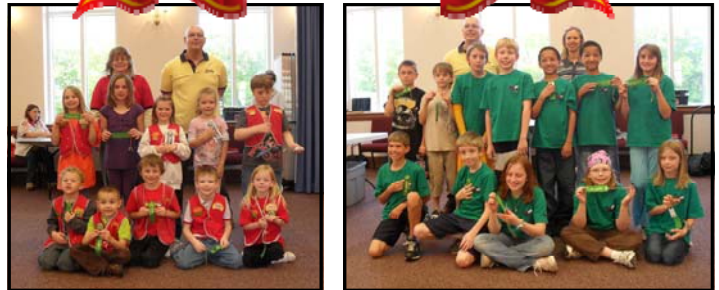
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**Class of 2010 Graduate Recognition**

On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize graduates from the Class of 2010. If you are graduating or if you have a child who is graduating, please contact [Pam Brinklow](#) in the church office.

**From the Church Resource Center Team**

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate Father's Day. The library has many books and other resources all about fathers. These will be displayed in the library and on the shelves by the choir room throughout the month of June. *Reminder:* If you haven't seen the Hammond Room miniature by Ed and Henrietta Hastings yet, it's on display in the library. Don't miss this opportunity!

**VBS: June 21—25**

Mark Your Calendars for VBS 2010!!!

