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*If you declare with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord," and believe in
your heart that God raised him
from the dead, you will be
saved. Romans 10:9 NIV*

DOWN MEMORY LANE

In June 2003, Van VanLandingham recommended the following for church membership by statement: Gloria Smith, Chris Chalkley, and Cindy Chalkley.

In the April 18, 2004, business meeting, the Publicity Committee reported that Chris Chalkley had completed the design of the church Web site, which was professionally produced and designed in accordance with modern standards.

At the August 10, 2004, meeting, Chris gave a demo of the Shiloh Baptist Church Web site he designed and created.

By October 2004, Cindy Miller reported the church Web site, kgshiloh.org, has had an increase in hits since the addition of four photo albums, thanks to Chris Chalkley and photographer Luke Miller.

The Publicity Committee reminded people to view the photos from the Christmas 2004 programs on the church Web site. Chris Chalkley produced a photo montage and showed it during worship service in January 2005.

In 2005, the church Web site was getting 1,000 hits a month.

[excerpts from *The First 150 Years: A History of Shiloh Baptist Church* (in draft)]

NORMAL

For the last month I have been looking for "normal." When I was in the hospital, the staff would come into my room, take my vitals, and express to Earlene how my blood pressure and hemoglobin were not **normal**. This created concern for Earlene and the medical staff. (I will share a little bit about this in an upcoming sermon.)

As Earlene and I traveled to East Tennessee for her mother's funeral, we were driving on I-81 through a part of southwest Virginia that we were very familiar with; but it didn't look **normal**. Homes were destroyed, trees were uprooted, and businesses were flattened because of a tornado that had gone through this area in late April. We were shocked and saddened as we prayed for those affected by this powerful storm. I also understood that the people of this small community were not having **normal** workdays.

Normal is defined as "conforming with, adhering to, or constituting a norm, standard, pattern, level, or type; typical." Most of us become comfortable with a pattern of life, and it becomes helpful to us when we live through difficult circumstances. The story of Moses and the children of Israel in the exodus wanderings is a classic response to seeking after normal in tough times. In Exodus 16:3 the people say, "*If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.*" The Israelites were searching for normal in the difficult experience of following God's will for their lives.

The passage I have used at the beginning of this article is the earliest Christian confession, "Jesus is Lord." This confession of faith was the early church's way of saying this is normal. Normal not being in the circumstances we live in but in the faith commitment we make and profess.

As I drove to church today for my first day in the office in the last month, I found myself reclaiming normal in my life again. Not just because of the familiarity of your homes as I drove by them on the way to the office, not just because I am accustomed to our church building and campus, not just the fact that I am acquainted with my office at church (although Carolyn had to remind me how to use the phone again). What I found going through my mind and spirit is that I was reclaiming normal because I was returning to where God has called me to be pastor. I was overwhelmed with the experience that Shiloh is where God wants me to be and only here am I in God's will for my life. Only here can I truly proclaim with passion and commitment that "Jesus is Lord." Because only here am I living out my willingness to follow my Lord where ever He leads and whatever He asks of me.

What does normal look like in your life? What does normal look like in your faith walk? May we be committed to living and leading ourselves, our families, our friends, and others to confess and live "Jesus is Lord."

See you Sunday,
God Bless, Pastor Mike



In the Spotlight...

Chris Chalkley: Our man behind the scenes by Cindy Miller

“...whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31) That’s what Chris does at Shiloh. I can attest to that. I’ve worked with him both at the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) and on Shiloh’s Publicity Team. He brings to the table not only his educational background and experience but also a phenomenal creative side. In 2004, Chris advanced Shiloh into the 21st century when he designed and created Shiloh’s first Web site, which includes other magical creations many take for granted. He joined the Publicity Team in 2004, and that team can’t imagine functioning without him. He also serves on the Teller Team and is the assistant treasurer. We are grateful for all he does. Chris and his wife, Cindy, have been members of Shiloh since 2003. To learn more about Chris, keep reading.

When and where were you born? Tell us about your family?

I was born February 18, 1969, in Richmond, Virginia, but grew up in Chester, Virginia. My parents are Leo and Carol Chalkley; they still live in Chester. My Dad retired from the trucking and transportation industry; my Mom used to work as an office clerk while I was in high school. I have an older brother, Tony, who lives in Chester and has worked in a lumberyard since high school.

Why did you choose Virginia Tech?

I was a computer and math geek in high school, and it seemed like a foregone conclusion that computer and math geeks went to Virginia Tech. That was actually the only school I applied to. I loved the small-town atmosphere and the secluded mountain setting. I was in the VT Corps of Cadets the first year on an Army ROTC [Reserve Officers’ Training Corps] scholarship, but repeated shoulder injuries and surgeries nixed my scholarship and military career. I was the first in my family to attend college, and I knew my parents sacrificed greatly to send me there so I put all my energies

into studying – maybe *too* much. Looking back, there are several things I’d change like being more involved in non-academic pursuits. I wasn’t a Christian then so I missed out on the BSU [Baptist Student Union] and other student groups. I also wasn’t into hiking and backpacking then as I am now so I wish I had explored the many hiking destinations near Blacksburg. I played paintball many times in Jefferson National Forest, but I never did any hiking. Anyway, I graduated in 1991 with a degree in computer science. While working in Dahlgren, I obtained my master’s degree from Virginia Tech (also in computer science) in 1996.

You don’t love Tech much, do you?

My basement was dubbed the “Hokie Lounge” after other Tech enthusiasts started gathering around our big screen TV to watch football games. It’s tastefully decorated with Tech memorabilia, but there’s only so much orange and maroon Cindy would let me get away with. I often tell my girls they can go to any college of their choosing in Blacksburg.

What was your first experience with church?

Growing up, my family attended a Catholic church on-and-off. My parents both went to Catholic schools and preferred a church where the entire mass was recited in Latin. As a child, I naturally didn’t get much out of 1.5-hour Latin services. I was “unchurched” throughout high school and college. After starting to work in Dahlgren in June 1991, I became friends with several coworkers who had a big influence in my life. They seemed to have a general peace and purpose in life, and I wondered where it came from. It turns out they were all strong Christians. One invited me to church in Fredericksburg, and I was amazed at how different it was from those Latin masses I experienced growing up. I became very close to the



pastor and a small Bible study group. Within a few months, I went forward and was saved.

When did you become a Christian, and what does it mean to you?

November 1994. Being a Christian means there’s security in knowing there’s everlasting life despite your shortcomings and struggles. For example, I’ve always struggled with perfectionism – always trying to get perfect grades in school and being too hard on myself for falling short in just about anything else. Knowing Christ died for me helps me keep those perfectionist demons at bay. I’ve accepted that I don’t have to be in front of the crowd or on a street corner preaching to make a difference. Being an introvert, I tend to be behind the scenes in most things, including ministry work. I apply my skills and talents in mostly administrative areas. I’ve been on the Publicity Team for as long as I can remember being at Shiloh. On that team, I focus on advertising and capturing Shiloh events through various media including Web, photography, and video. I designed and maintain Shiloh’s Web site where we share announcements, photos, videos, schedules, and documents with members and potential visitors. I’ve been on the Teller Team for about 5 years, serving as head for the last 2 or 3. I’ve also been the assistant treasurer for about 3 years, helping Amy

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Chris Chalkley (Continued)

Parker by paying bills, running reports, making charts, and refining financial processes. Outside of Shiloh, I've recently started assisting friend and former Shiloh member, Tony Whitehouse, as he and a friend start a Christ-centered ministry and business called [The Witness Revolution](#). They've asked me to help them establish a Web presence so I look forward to helping them realize their vision. It's behind the scenes again, but it's a great opportunity for me to apply my time and talents as part of a larger effort to reach lost souls.

When did you marry Cindy?

October 5, 1996. We met in a Sunday School class at Spotswood Baptist Church. In 2001, Claire was born and Ella in 2005.

What was your first job?

During the summers between years at Tech, I worked at Imperial Chemical Industries, a polymer plant in Hopewell, Virginia. This is where my Mom worked as an office clerk. They had a great summer internship program so I jumped on the opportunity even though it was shift work and the jobs were less than glamorous. During my first summer, I was essentially a janitor within the clean-room facilities. I was mopping factory floors and scrubbing toilets at 3 in the morning all summer, but I wouldn't have changed a thing. It paid very well for a summer job, and it gave me a strong appreciation for hard work. If anything, it helped me work even harder at school. It may not be a practical life skill, but I also learned to handle an industrial floor buffer. Not many of my computer science classmates could say that. In subsequent summers, I worked in different departments including packaging, storeroom management, and data processing.

When did you go to work at JWAC? How did you hear about it?

Despite losing my Army scholarship due to injury, I was still very interested in the military and intelligence fields. I interviewed with the big agencies (CIA and NSA), but at the time they wouldn't offer a job until the security clearance process was complete. I had never heard of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) or Dahlgren, but they recruited heavily at Tech and offered a job while my clearance was being processed. I jumped on that offer, fully expecting to transfer to CIA or NSA later. I'm so glad that never happened – I can't imagine living and commuting near Langley or Fort Meade. I'll take Dahlgren's slow pace any day. The organization has changed names and affiliations several times (and is about to do so again), but I've worked at the same DoD agency for 20 years now. Two weeks after graduating from Tech, I started work in a small NSWC department that eventually grew into JWAC.

What is your current job? Several years ago, you were a computer scientist and branch head.

I'm currently head of the Software Integration Branch at JWAC. JWAC reorganizes frequently so I've lost track of how many different branches I've led in recent years. Before moving into management, I was a software developer primarily for imagery applications.

Other experience?

I like to combine my hobbies of photography, publishing, hiking, and geeky gadgetry. In recent years, I've become quite passionate



Children & Youth by Mark Morgan

VBS is approaching fast (June 20-24, 6 to 8:30 p.m.) so plan on bringing your children. Our theme is **“Big Apple Adventure:”** Where Faith and Life Connect! As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus—sharing the message of Christ with their world. Please prayerfully consider serving our Lord by ministering to our children in one of these open areas: crafts leader, missions leader, toddler leader, preschool teacher, third to fourth grade teacher, teacher assistant, youth girls teacher; youth boys teacher, or office assistant. Contact Mark Morgan at 469-4646.

To register for VBS go to www.kgshiloh.org and click on the VBS icon and follow instructions.

Youth Missions. We will be taking a group of teens to Charleston, South Carolina, from June 26 to July 2. Please keep this mission team in prayer as we **Reach** others for Christ, **Build** His kingdom, and **Serve** others. We have some in need of financial assistance. If you are able to give, please contact Mark Morgan, 469-4646.

Local Missions. There will be an opportunity for you to be a part of local missions right here in King George! The dates are July 11-13. I would like to encourage adults as well as teens to be a part of this ministry. There will be times of fellowship, dinner, and worship on some nights. More information coming in July.

Please check the church calendar for updates on youth and children's events.

about hiking and backpacking. Wherever I go, whether it's a day-hike in Shenandoah National Park or a week-long backpacking excursion in the secluded mountains of Montana, Idaho, or Colorado, I “dorkfully” record the outing with hundreds of pictures and a GPS log. Upon return, I combine it all in the form of photo books, annotated maps, and online trip reports. My “bucket list” includes hiking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, but that 6-month adventure will probably have to wait until retirement.

Hardware/software? The last information I had was you use a high-end Dell PC for video editing and a PowerMac G5 for image processing, video editing, DVD design, and Web design; and you are proficient with Sony Vegas, Sound Forge, Apple iLife, Final Cut Express, and Macromedia Studio.

That's a little out of date. Now I use a 24" iMac for photography and video. I use Aperture (Apple) for photo management and processing; Adobe Fireworks and Photoshop for very simple image editing. For video editing, I use Apple Final Cut Express HD. For DVD design, editing, and burning, I use Apple iDVD. For Web site design and maintenance, I use Adobe Dreamweaver.

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Church Resource Center



June is a special month for celebrating fathers. The library will have displays of books about fathers and for fathers. Check in the library for children and youth selections and in the hall by the choir room for adult choices.

We continue to receive wonderful donations. If you have read or heard of a book that would be a good selection for our library, please let us know. Several people have requested *Heaven Is Real*, a little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. We now have a copy in the library. Everyone who has read the book enthusiastically recommends it. In fact, they couldn't put it down once they started reading it. We also would love to have Shiloh readers submit book reviews to use in future *Visitor* newsletters.

Attention!
**Photos of Memorial Day Services
on Shiloh Web Site**
<www.kgshiloh.org>



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**Vacation Bible School
June 20-24**

Theme for 2011: "Big Apple Adventure"

Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in [Life-Way's Big Apple Adventure](#), Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world.



Theme Verse: *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message of Jesus Christ.*

— Romans 10:17 (HCSB)