

The

Shiloh Visitor

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Sunday Worship
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Our Church Family Has a Great Future!!

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

The following Sunday School officers were elected for the year beginning October 1, 1952: William S. Storke, Superintendent; Lillian Clare, Assistant Superintendent; William Allensworth, Librarian; Edgar Edwards, Treasurer; Lewis Howland, Secretary; Marjorie Grigsby, Assistant Secretary; Lorraine Copen, Pianist; Elizabeth Bunce, Chorister; Richard McGinniss, Extension Department Superintendent; Etta Jenkins, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Dorothy Rose, Intermediate and Junior Superintendent; Virginia Quesenberry, Primary and Beginner Superintendent; and John Quesenberry, Adult and Young People Superintendent. The slate of officers elected for church year 1979-1980 were as follows: Dorothy Rose, Clerk; Shirley Storke, Deputy Clerk; Lewis Howland, Treasurer; Patricia McGinniss, Deputy Treasurer; Eldridge Rowe, Sunday School Director; Betty Georgians, Social Hostess chairman; Elsie Berry, Historian; Rodney Cloud, Chairman

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Transition Team Update

by John Basic, Chairman of the Transition Team

We are about to vote, this month, on a new mission and vision for our church. This new mission and vision are the result of lots of work, study, and prayer from both the Transition Team and those in the congregation who, in early November, participated in our meetings designed to obtain feedback on the draft mission and vision. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who participated in the November meetings as well as those people who have been praying for us. Your help through this transition process has been very valuable. Before I present the updated mission and vision based on your input, I'd like to quickly review the purpose of a mission and vision.

A mission for any organization or church is supposed to concisely state the purpose for that organization or, to put it another way, to describe the desired function for that organization. I mentioned in a previous article how the church is supposed to be like a battle ship and not a cruise ship where the sailors exist to carry out the mission of the battle ship. A vision is different from a mission in that a vision takes into account how we want our church to be at some point in the future. The vision for a church becomes the reality once the stated mission is being carried out perfectly by all the members.

The updated vision for Shiloh Baptist Church is as follows:

Shiloh Baptist Church will glorify the Lord as individuals and as a body of believers, through love, discipleship, and service to others. (Colossians 1:9-12)

There are several key parts of this updated vision that I want to emphasize. The first is that we as a church will glorify the Lord. The desire to put something in our vision about glorifying the Lord was a main point of discussion during our church wide meetings. There is no way we can go wrong as a church if we make it our goal to glorify God with all that we say and do. The second key part I want to emphasize is the word love. Jesus himself said that all the law and the prophets hang on these two great commands: 1) Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and 2) Love your neighbor as yourself. The last part I want to emphasize is "discipleship and service to others". Jesus said in the Great Commission that we were to go and "make disciples." We also want every member of our church to take a spiritual gifts class and to understand how God has uniquely gifted them so that they, in turn, can use those gifts and talents to serve others.

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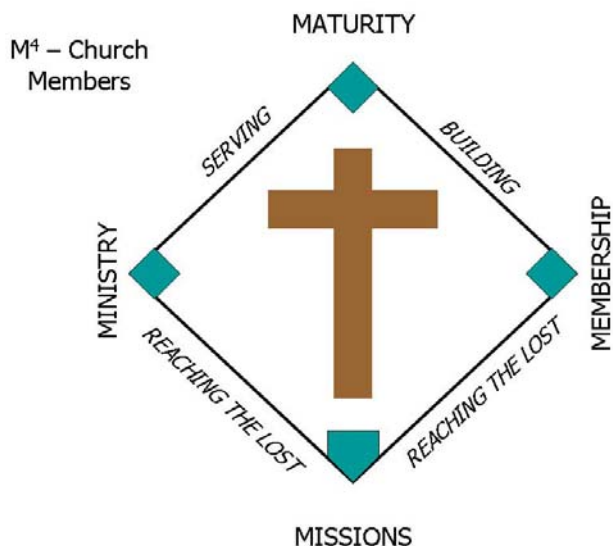
Shiloh Baptist Church – Glorifying God by:

REACHING people for Christ (Luke 14:23)

BUILDING each other up to Christian maturity (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

SERVING Christ with our talents (Matthew 5:16)

There are three major changes from the draft mission. The first two, which were made in response to your feedback during our church meetings, are 1) adding the title “Shiloh Baptist Church – Glorifying God By:” and 2) changing the wording of the third sub-bullet from RELEASE to SERVING. The third major change was to change the verb tense of the sub-bullets from action verbs (REACH, BUILD, RELEASE) to being verbs (REACHING, BUILDING, SERVING) and then adding scripture references to each sub-bullet. This was done to emphasize the desire for us to **BE** the church instead of just *doing* church. The major theme of the mission has not changed from the draft version in that we still want to reach lost people for Christ, disciple them to Christian maturity, and then have all members find a place of service where they can use their God-given talents. This process is shown graphically in the baseball diamond figure below.



The goal of this baseball graphic is to visually communicate to all church members that we want them to become M⁴ Church Members. To become M⁴ members people must first accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and become church members. They then will need to take discipleship classes and commit to growing in their faith. The third step will be to take a spiritual gifts course to learn how God has gifted them and how they can best serve God in our church and community. The final M stands for Missions where members are engaged in reaching out to lost people in our community which will continue the cycle for new believers.

At the business meeting on March 15th, we will vote on these new Mission and Vision Statements for our church. Please pray about this as we move forward in our desire to serve our Lord as a church body here in King George. If we vote to accept these Mission and Vision Statements for our Church, then we need to be prepared to abide by them. We do not want to say one thing in our official statements and then “say” something else by what we do. We need to ensure that all that we say and all we do as a church helps us as we strive to carry out our mission and strive to reach our vision. All of us, as members of Shiloh Baptist Church, need to have the battle ship mindset: Determining our role in helping our church accomplish its mission! Let’s keep on REACHING, BUILDING, and SERVING as we strive to Glorify God as a church body here in King George, Virginia. ☺



**VBS is Coming
To a Church Near You!!
June 22-26**

Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this exciting ministry this year.

CHILDREN’S UPDATE

Camp Piankatank

June 28-30

COED Mini Camp: Ages 7-9

August 2-7

COED Camp: Ages 10-14

There are 3 different camp offerings:

- Amazing Adventure
- Outdoor Outburst
- Water Adventure

Weekend Family Camps are available (such as father/son; mother/daughter) so you can become familiar with the atmosphere.

For more camp info, visit their web site:

www.camppiankatank.org/

You can register online!

If you register on-line, also sign-up on the Children’s Board at the ramp so others will know who is attending.

YOUTH UPDATE

**Mission Trip to Bluefield, VA
June 28-July 4**

Deposit of \$50 is due March 15

15 spots are reserved.

Cost is approximately \$265.

Sign up in the girls or boys Sunday School classrooms or on the Youth Board at the ramp.

**Acquire the Fire: Baltimore, MD
May 8-9**

Deposit of \$25 is due April 5

Spiritual Challenges, Concerts, Videos, and Drama.

Sign up today!!!

If you want to experience something like no other, then you will want to be a part of this! You will be fired up spiritually after attending this event!

PASSOVER SEDER



On Sunday, March 29, we will sponsor a Passover Seder beginning at 4:30 p.m. in our Family Life Center. Passover is a Jewish Feast commanded by God to commemorate the release of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. It is also the feast at which Jesus broke the bread and offered the wine at the Last Supper. Come and experience God's masterful presentation of the Gospel through sight, sound, taste, and tradition. It is a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of the Lamb. It is a joyful celebration of God's salvation from the bondage of sin. If your interest is peaked and you would like to attend, please be sure to RSVP. Registration forms will be inserted into several March bulletins or you can call the church office to register.

Children are invited and encouraged to attend for, as in the Jewish home, we Christians are to *teach the things your eyes have seen to your children and to their children after them.* (Deuteronomy 4:9) Families are encouraged to sit together during the celebration because, traditionally, this is a family feast. However, it is a very lengthy program and requires quite a bit of sitting. Because of the length of the program, it is suggested that parents decide if their children are ready to participate. If you have very young children or if you think that a long program may be too much for your child/children, an infant and an older children's nursery will be provided. We encourage you to include them in the meal before sending them back to one of the nurseries.

To encourage "audience participation," speaking roles are available as part of this event. Memorization is not required. If you would like a speaking part, check the appropriate box on the form when you register.

To prepare for and become familiar with this special event **3 Passover classes** will be offered. Attending these classes is highly encouraged. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour and Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center as follows:

The Seven Feasts of Israel:

Sunday morning **March 1**; Wednesday evening **March 4**

The Traditional Passover:

Sunday morning **March 8**; Wednesday evening **March 11**

Messianic Interpretations of the Passover:

Sunday morning **March 22**; Wednesday evening **March 25**



La Chaim - To Life

Sunday school classes will be asked to prepare and donate specific cover dish items. Traditional foods are not required, however, recipes are available from Barb Wilks if anyone desires to prepare a traditional dish.

Following the meal, a "hide and seek" type game occurs, after which children are rewarded with some kind of gift (often money - called gelt). A bag of gold wrapped chocolate money (available at many drugstores) is an appropriate gift. It is recommended that you bring a small gift of this type for each of your children who attend the Seder.

The following items are requested (if possible) by participating families:

- 1 Decorative serving plate
- Distinctive cloth napkin or hand towel
- Pitcher, basin, and hand towel
- Pillows to sit on – this is a Seder tradition

This is an excellent opportunity for outreach to our community. Extend an invitation to your friends and family to attend the classes and the Passover Seder. If those you invite plan to attend the dinner, just RSVP on their behalf so that adequate seating can be assured.

Would you like to help?

If you sew, you could make some easy to make Matza covers.

TRADITIONAL DISHES

Needed for the Seder plate:

- charoset/haroset
(an apple mixture)
- Baytzah (roasted egg)
- Lamb shankbones

- Matza ball soup
- Gefilte fish
- Matzo brie

- Yogurt potato pie
- Vegetable cutlets
- Spinach pie
- Asparagus with orange vinaigrette
- Sweet Potato Kugel
- Crisp Potato Kugel
- Baked Asparagus with Toasted Walnuts
- Warm baby potatoes stuffed with egg salad
- Bouquet of Baked spring vegetables
- Broccoli farfel dressing

- Passover Biscotti
- Carrot pecan cake with orange caramel glaze
- Double nut chocolate torte
- Double chocolate meringue kisses
- Crown apple cake

Questions regarding this event should be directed to Barb Wilks.



in the Spotlight...

Galen Rothrock Recalls the Good Old Days

by Cindy Miller



Galen and Marjorie in recent years

Galen was born in Davenport, Nebraska, on January 3, 1921, in the house his parents built when they were married in 1908, a half mile from his grandparents' home. Galen, like so many from his generation, walked the mile and a half to the one-room country schoolhouse, grades 1 through 8, with only about 30 students total in the whole school. They got their water from an outside hand pump; and they used outside toilets, one for boys and one for girls. No matter how cold, recess was outside. They skated on the frozen pond and played baseball and basketball. Here are Galen's recollections in his own words:

"The Depression and famine years (1934-1940) reminded me of the 7 years of famine in Egypt. My parents worked very hard to get us through it. My mother raised chickens so we always had eggs to eat and sell at the market. She had a big garden and canned a lot of food. We milked 15 cows each morning before I went to school and again in the evening. I'd take cases of eggs and cans of cream to the market in our 1929 Ford pickup, collect the empty cases and cans after school, and do any necessary grocery shopping. I was driving at age 13. We'd kill about three pigs and one steer to last us for a year; my mother would can the meat. She'd also store

food in a crock in the washhouse, where cold water flowing around the crock kept the food cold. That's how we survived. During the famine, the corn sometimes grew only 1 or 2 feet high. Because the pastures had dried up, we took the cows to the cornfield and let them eat what was left. Those summers my brother Dayton [Galen's only living sibling now] and I would take the cows down along the railroad tracks and let them eat the grass there for an hour or two in the mornings and again in the afternoons. A railroad ran through the family farm. During the summer months, hobos would ride atop or in the open boxcars of the trains. Occasionally one would get off the train and come to our house and ask for

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something to eat. Our mother would always fix a plate of food for them and serve them on the back porch steps.

During the dust storms, clouds of dust would block out the sun and drift like snow, filling ditches, piling up around the machinery, and filtering through the smallest cracks into our house. We would put wet cloths over our faces to keep from breathing that dust. Children sometimes died of dust pneumonia. Schools and stores would close. During one bad dust storm when I was driving the pickup home from school, I could hardly see the road and hoped I would not meet another car. Sometimes the dust would be red-colored; then we knew it had blown all the way from Oklahoma. This was the time when

many farmers quit farming, packed up their belongings, and headed for California or other states. My daddy planted a half-mile of trees along the county road to break the wind and keep the dust down.

We had an outbreak of encephalitis in the 1930s. Three of our horses got the disease and two died. In some cases, mosquitoes carried the disease to humans. We had carbide lights before we had electricity. There was a pit out by the pump that had a metal tank in it where the flakes of carbide were poured. The carbide flakes would trickle down into the water as needed and would form a gas that was taken to underground pipes to the house and barn and supplied the burners for light. Each room in our house had a burner.

Neighbors helped us and we helped our neighbors. During the Depression and drought, our neighboring family lost their place, and it was auctioned off. My dad bought it for about \$50 an acre. We had 10 horses then. My dad, brother Quintin, and I farmed about 600 acres, which took many days of plowing, disking, harrowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting.

I was brought up in a Christian home; my mother and father were Sunday school teachers. I was raised in Bethel Church, which was the Church of the Brethren and very conservative. In that church, when you were baptized, the preacher immersed you three times: first, in the name of the Father; then, in the name of the Son; and, finally, in the name of the Holy Ghost. I joined the



Galen and Marjorie exchanged vows in 1948

church and was baptized when I was 8 years old.

My family immigrated to America from Germany, settling in Pennsylvania around 1730, and later moved to North Carolina and then Illinois. In 1877, my grandfather, Eli Rothrock, loaded his wife and infant daughter in a covered wagon and moved to the prairie land of Nebraska, where he homesteaded and built a one-room house so small that family legend has it that his wife could lie in bed and, at the same time, flip the pancakes for breakfast. He later added on rooms. Grandpa was a minister of the Church of the Brethren. In 1910, he traveled with other church leaders to England, France, Switzerland, and the Holy Land on a 2-month voyage by ship and carriage. I have a copy of the diary he wrote daily while in the Holy Land. I have a photo of him sitting on a camel in Egypt in front of the pyramids.

Grandpa died when I was 5 years old. I still remember walking to the mailbox with Grandpa and watching him read with a magnifying glass. One evening, after skating on the pond, I stopped by grandpa's house to get warm and fell asleep in a chair by the stove. My siblings thought I was lost and came looking for me until they found me there. I can still smell Grandpa's yellow roses, blooming by the fence; the roses I have growing in my yard here in King George came from those roses. I remember the heirloom organ that belonged to Grandpa. It was stored in my parent's attic. We were visiting once and heard the most beautiful music coming from the attic. We found out my son, Dennis, had discovered the organ and was up there playing it. Years later, Marjorie and I drove our pickup truck to Nebraska and brought the organ home to Dennis.

All my six siblings and I graduated from high school in Davenport. [Galen was Valedictorian of his high school class of 1938.] I had bought my high school ring with \$10 I'd earned from selling a hog. Because of the Depression, none of the 17 students in my class planned to go to college. That summer, I was painting the barn, when two men from Grand Island Business College came by and asked me if I would go to college if they gave me a scholarship. My dad told them I could go only if they found work for me to pay for my meals. I worked at a restaurant 4 hours a day, 7 days a week for three meals a day; my mother sent me \$1 per week to pay for my room. I went to school there in the winter months and worked on our farm the summer months.

In 1940, I took a government exam; soon after, I received a telegram from the War Department in Washington, D.C., offering me a job as a typist for \$120 a month; I accepted and took a bus to Washington and began working there in December 1940. I attended George Washington University at night until the war started a year later; then we worked long hours. It was during that time that I met Marjorie at National Baptist Memorial Church.

I was drafted in the Army in June 1945, spent a month at Fort Meade, and then received orders for basic training in Sheppard Field, Texas. I rode a troop train to my destination. Once we were there, all the barracks were full so we lived in tents. I was there until March 1946. I was then sent to the Air Transport Command in Guam until November. When we were ready to leave, we were flown to Saipan Island for pre-separation processing. On the flight back to Guam, we had problems with the plane and experienced a traumatic landing. All the emergency vehicles were on the runway waiting for us to crash, but we made it. I survived the typhoons, too. We stopped at several other Pacific islands before arriving in California. When we got there and I had finished separation processing, I took a bus to Los Angeles, where Marjorie had timed it so she and her mother could be in California when I arrived. I met up with her at her uncle's place.

I separated from the Army in 1946 and moved back to Washington to work for the Department of the Army in January 1947. Marjorie and I were married April 24, 1948, in the same church where we met. Our son, Dennis, was born in 1950 and daughter, Marnette, was born in 1952. We then moved to Maryland.

I retired from the Government in 1976. For the last 10 years of my 35 plus years of employment, I was a management analyst with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel of the Army in the Pentagon. [Galen was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award at retirement.] I was the Army's representative for Army personnel serving overseas in all areas around the world and met with representatives of the other services to determine the length of overseas tours of duties. General [Creighton] Abrams, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, summoned me to his office once to discuss a change in the law I had proposed pertaining to the minimum training required for Army personnel before being sent overseas. Congress approved that change.

Marjorie and I moved to King George in 1977 and built the house I live in now on the Hudson Family farm. We joined Shiloh Baptist Church in 1978 at the urging of Pastor Jim Meade and visits from Frank Moore and Mike Heath. I was ordained as a deacon at Shiloh on January 7, 1979, although I had served as a deacon at my previous church."

This editor will take the story from here. Galen and Marjorie served the church graciously. They saw needs and fulfilled them the best they could. Marjorie was on the audit and publicity committees and worked with the Acteens. Both visited the homebound faithfully. Galen had served as chairman of the deacons and on the finance, nominating, personnel, pulpit, cemetery, and building and grounds committees. He helped build the Storke Pavilion and the projection room. An active Christian, no doubt; a good loyal worker for the church, absolutely; and a friend and an encourager to so many people; yes, that's Galen.

Marjorie died January 31, 2006. As Galen thumbed through the family photo albums, he pointed at snapshots of happier times, showing family and friends gathered around their dining table and Marjorie dishing out the love. "Oh, how she loved her church, family, and friends," he said. "Some Sundays, she invited as many to dinner as could possibly fit." Nowadays, Galen spends much time at his home and at the church. His yard, garden, and woods keep him motivated. He enjoys taking his great-granddaughter through the park-like woods he had cleared and landscaped over the years with marked trails, benches, and bridges. He even held devotions one Sunday with family and friends from England in his peaceful and quiet woods, sitting on the benches along the trails overlooking the water, and marveling God's beautiful creation. &



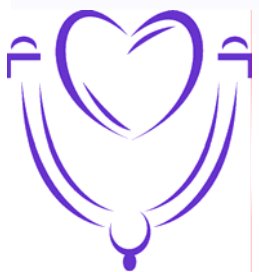
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Down Memory Lane
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of Ushers, and Marjorie Grigsby, Financial Secretary.

Dorothy Rose was clerk of the church for 13 years. She served on the flower, nominating, and finance committees, was the Eagle Eyrie Coordinator, taught Sunday School classes, held various offices in the Women’s Missionary Union (WMU), and was instrumental in sending church records to the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, University of Richmond, for preservation.

Marjorie Grigsby served 27 years as Financial Secretary of the church. She taught Sunday School and held various offices in the Sunday School and WMU over the years, served as librarian, and was on the Deacon Nominating Committee. ☩



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REACH

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RELEASE

Cottage Prayer Meetings: March 2—March 6

Join us the first week of March for daily cottage prayer meetings with the focus on Alma Hunt Missions. We will meet in the Chapel Monday through Friday, March 2—March 6, from 11-11:45 a.m. Contact Vicki Cordes for additional information.

From the Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee is requesting input for consideration in finding the next Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. Surveys may be placed in the mail slot marked “Pastor Search Committee” outside the church office, turned into any usher, or placed in the collection plate. **YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT.** Surveys will be collected through March 14. Click on this link to view and print this survey:

www.kgshiloh.org/Docs/Pastoral%20Profile%20Survey.pdf

Noble Warriors Men’s Conference—Saturday, March 28

Proverbs 27:17 “As Iron Sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another.”

Men from many churches around the area will gather for the **Noble Warriors Iron Sharpens Iron Conference** at Grace Church of Fredericksburg on Saturday, March 28th. This one day conference features national speakers, masculine worship, powerful seminars, and ministry resources. **Register on the sign-up sheet located outside the church office** or with Mark Morgan at students@kgshiloh.org. For additional information, visit the Iron Sharpens Iron pages at www.NobleWarriors.org.

