

# The Shiloh Visitor

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE



Over the years, we've called them chorister, musical director, choir leader, choir director, and minister of music. The earliest mention of music in Shiloh's history occurred in 1907. During 1907 and 1908, Miss Mamie Parker was the church organist, and J. D. Owens was chorister. J. D. Owens was Miss Mary Burnley Owens' father-in-law.

In 1909 and 1911, William Henry King was chorister. He was Brenda Storke's great-granddaddy and Cindy Miller's great-granddaddy's brother. During the same time period, Vera Davis [Owens], Mary Burnley's mother-in-law, was assistant organist.

By 1921, Mrs. T. J. Olive, Elsie Berry's mother, was church organist; Miss Gladys Parker was assistant organist.

J. D. Owens once again held the position of chorister during the 1920s through the 1940s. In 1948, he was still the musical director, and the assistant musical director was young William "Billy" Storke, son of former pastor Rev. Clifton W. Storke.

In 1945 and again in 1949, Mrs. J. A. [Hattie] Frank was choir leader. She was Lee Frank's mother and Shirley Frank's grandmother. In 1950, William

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## From the Pastor's Heart

Bruce Bugbee of Network Ministries International writes, "The church needs you. Not because it needs people to fill positions within the organization, but because YOU are an important and integral part of the body of Christ. You have a significant contribution to make. You have a ministry in the church and a mission in the world ..... Doing gift-based ministry is not optional. It is biblical. It is God's *operating system* for his church. Envision the goal. Enjoy the process and be equipped.

Diligently serve as you have been created and called to do, and you will glorify God and edify others!"

WOW!! What an exciting (and biblical) approach to serving! The motto of *Network* is "The right people, in the right places, for the right reasons, at the right time!" *Network's* goal is to help believers to be fruitful and fulfilled in a meaningful place of service. Meaningful can have different "meanings" for different people. For the Christian, the question to ask is, "When we serve, does it glorify God and edify others?" If your service does, then it is meaningful.

Get on board with the *Network* process here at Shiloh. By doing so, you will fulfill God's calling to submit to one another! ☩

## Children & Youth by Mark Morgan

Fall is finally here! What a relief it is to be out of the heat.

**Children**, Are you ready for the **Harvest Festival** on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 p.m.? There will be games, activities, cotton candy, popcorn, and other food. Wear your favorite costume for the costume contest. Everything is FREE! Check out the flyer on the web site and e-mail or print it and invite your friends.

**Parents** the Harvest Festival is one of our biggest events. We will need your help with set up, running of games and clean up. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board located behind the sanctuary. We are asking the adults to sign up to help with an hour block. You get to choose which game you would like to run or make your own game!

**WWW** is off to a great start! I have been really encouraged by the parents support, not only in bringing their family, but also in service. We have had around 25 children each night and 50 for the meal. Come to the meal, listen to children say their verses and feel the excitement! You are sure to be blessed. The **Youth** will begin their Wednesday night Bible study on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 6-7 p.m. I'm looking forward to serving and ministering with you. Only when we partner together with Christ can we make a difference in the lives of the children and teens of Shiloh Baptist Church. ☩



# In the Spotlight...



## Shiloh Welcomes Sarah Snow by Cindy Miller



If you're sitting still during a musical performance led by Shiloh's new minister of music, Sarah Snow, then you'd better check your pulse and see if you're still alive. No doubt about it, she is passionate about what she does and can energize a congregation and bring to life a listless assembly of worshippers.

With three boys in tow, even holding a baby while she led the congregation during Shiloh's recent revival, Sarah is a most-welcomed addition to the Shiloh family. She accepted the minister of music position in June, after having served as choir director for 6 years at Trinity United Methodist Church in King George.

Sarah was born and raised in King George. She has been a Christian her whole life but made a decision for Christ when she was 9 years old. She married Chris Snow, the boy who lived across the street from her while she was growing up and her husband of 8 years. Their sons are Ryan, 5; Mark, 3; and Kyle, 9 months.

Music has been an important part of her life. Sarah trained as a vocalist and pianist since childhood with many teachers and mentors. She spent many hours in church and school singing and performing. Her home church, Oakland Baptist, provided opportunities both spiritually and musically. She performed in various musicals at King George High School as well.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina, where she had the privilege of participating in an opera performance study abroad

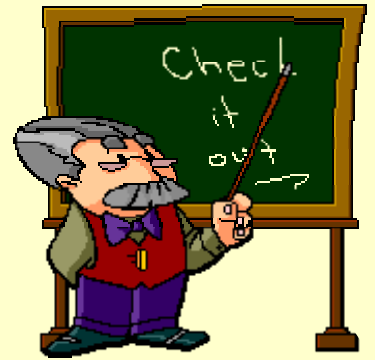
program in Rome, Italy. She performed in several musicals in college, including *Godspell* and *The Quilters*.

Other performances included *South Pacific*, *Hello Dolly*, and *Carousel* at the Riverside Dinner Theater in Fredericksburg and *Crazy For You* at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater. She performed professionally in the surrounding Washington D.C., area, too, aboard the *Spirit of Washington* cruise boat and two operas at the Kennedy Center, as an extra.

"It was so much fun!" she said; "then Chris and I decided to get married, and I moved back to King George. I taught at the King George Middle School and later King George High School. I was working at Green Acres with Chris when someone asked me if I would be interested in leading the choir at Trinity. I thought, 'Sure, that would be fun!' Then, I was hooked! I am truly thankful that the Lord allows me the honor of worshipping Him each week with music."

Sarah looks forward to the upcoming Christmas musical at Shiloh: *The Ornament*. She encourages all who are interested to participate.

[Note: Sarah owns and operates Snow Music Studio, where she teaches voice and piano lessons privately. Maybe it is not too late for me to take voice lessons; maybe it is not too late for the pastor :- ) —Cindy] ♪



## From the Church Library by Diana Moore

The Fun Bunch and the Library Staff are planning a pre-Christmas trip to the Green Valley Book Fair on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll shop all morning then go to Mrs. Rowe's Country Buffet in nearby Mt. Crawford to try her amazing homemade pies. You can go to [www.gvbookfair.com](http://www.gvbookfair.com) and [www.mrsrowesbuffet.com](http://www.mrsrowesbuffet.com) for more information. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church.

During the month of October, each Sunday School class will be visiting the library for an informational tour of the new facilities. We pray that everyone will check out a book, CD, DVD, book on tape, or video. There are also extensive Biblical reference materials available.

Our display case this month is about our musical offerings plus an exhibit of historic hymnals from 1883 to the present. We have everything from sing along videos/CDs for children to inspirational CDs for teens and adults.

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## Down Memory Lane

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"Billy" Storke became the official chorister. In 1951 and 1952, Mrs. Elizabeth Bunce was the chorister. Some could have served longer, but not all information was stated in the minutes.

In 1957, Miss Patricia Smith [McGinniss] became choir director; however, in June 1959, she resigned because, as R. W. Allensworth, clerk of the church, stated: "She had an added attraction in her home that would require all of her attention." Lawrence Roller then served as choir director. Pat McGinniss served off and on until 1991.

In 1962, Marcie Morris became choir director and served in that capacity for many years, off and on, until around 1989.

In 1973, Wayne Gill was music director for a short time. In 1982, Debbie Barley had taken over as choir director. Laurie Sullivan led the adult choir during the summer months of 1985 and 1986.

Always either Marcie or Pat would take over between choir directors and serve much longer than they had ever anticipated.

In January 1991, Patricia McGinniss filled the position of interim music director until a new director was hired. It was Pat who saw to it that a new minister of music was called. In August 1991, Don West became the Minister of Music, Youth, and Children and served in that capacity until 1998. He named the choir *Sounds of Praise*.

In 1999, Jane Mason became minister of music and organist and served in that capacity until 2009. Rod Meade, Gail Davis, and Meredith Busic led the choir until Sarah Snow was hired in June 2009. ♪

## Music Notes

by Sarah Snow, Minister of Music



**F**all is my favorite time of year! The crisp air and all of the beautiful colors! What a glorious time to live in Virginia! This area of Virginia is growing. Many new people have come into our county since I was a child. So much of this area is dominated by military and science. The neat thing about scientists and mathematicians is that their brains are perfect for music. I guess you have heard the reports that children who learn a musical instrument are usually good at math. Well, the interesting thing about this is that music reading and math go hand in hand! So, who do you know in this area that has the gift of music! Ask them if they would like to join us at choir practice on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.!

**L**We are beginning to rehearse for the Christmas musical. It isn't too late to come out and practice with us. The musical will be December 11, 12, and 13. If you don't want to be in the show but are willing to help please let me know! Below you will find the synopsis and the list of characters for this year's production of *The Ornament*.

**L**The Christmas season is filled with a myriad of emotions and family dynamics. This is the story of the Keagans. Henry Keagan has recently begun to deal with the passing of his wife. Adjusting to the loss of the matriarch of this close-knit group is met with various reactions. Henry's children and grandchildren have decided to gather together to support their dad and granddad during this time of great sorrow and to continue some of the yearly traditions they hold dear. The story will take you on a journey, revealing many perspectives of each character. There is a great deal of humor, a trip to a soup kitchen, carolers at the door, and tremendously thought-provoking spiritual insight. The main messages of this musical drama are that, while circumstances in our lives may change, the one constant we can always depend upon is found in the love, grace, and presence of the Lord, Jesus. God is always faithful to lead us through the unique journey He has for each of us. ☩

### THE ORNAMENT ~ CHARACTERS ~

**HENRY KEAGAN:** Mid-70s, grieving widower, but not bitter. He is just uncertain of his "place" and what to do with himself since his wife's passing; a tenderhearted, gentle-spirited man.

**CYNTHIA DALTON:** Henry's eldest daughter, early 40's, who lives nearby, working from home to make ends meet, tends to over-spiritualize everything; stays in a bit of denial.

**ZACH KEAGAN:** Henry's middle child, late 30s, quiet/silent like his father. Zach has been divorced from his former spouse, Sally, for a couple of years and has two children; still healing and working toward a better relationship with her.

**LUCAS KEAGAN:** The free-spirited youngest son of the Keagan clan, late 20s. Lucas is still trying to make it as a singer/songwriter; was spoiled as a child; came later than the other Keagan children.

**JAKE DALTON:** Cynthia's husband, lost his job recently; can't quite understand why everything has happened to him like it has; lots of questions with no answers right now.

**CHARLIE DALTON:** Cynthia and Jake's 8 year old son, precocious and forthright, somewhat aware of his family's reality, but optimistic; has a playful, healthy relationship with his granddad.

**ANNE DALTON:** Cynthia and Jake's 14 year old daughter, bright, but withdrawn and insecure since losing her grandmother and since her father lost his job.

**SHASTA MOON:** Lucas's girlfriend; colors waaayyy outside the lines, but, as we later discover, has a deeply spiritual side. Shasta had a difficult upbringing and has had her faith tested far more than anyone in the Keagan clan could imagine. Running joke throughout the entire story is about the proper pronunciation of her first name. She's very extraverted and a bit loud at times.

Extras for the "Album Release Party"

Carolers

Pastor

The Count: homeless man

Hawk: homeless man

Melanie: Hawk's wife

Extras for soup kitchen scene



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**Invest in Your Spouse and Your Marriage—October 17**

**WHAT:** Toward a Growing Marriage Conference  
 with Dr. Gary Chapman

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Spotswood Baptist Church  
<http://www.spotswood.org/>

**REGISTRATION:** \$45 per person, \$90 per couple.

The conference fee includes Lunch, 2 pens, 2 Listening Guides,  
 1 Book—*The Marriage You Have Always Wanted*

Saturdays! Between errands, home maintenance, and other must-do's, you may barely even see your spouse, much less spend any real quality time with him or her. So why not devote a whole Saturday to him or her? "Marriages either get better or get worse. They never stand still. Is yours going in the right direction? God wants to bless your marriage. That's why I so strongly promote offering marriage enrichment within the church." Gary Chapman. Whether you're married or engaged, Toward A Growing Marriage is a one-day event that will have a lasting impact on your relationship. Professional counselor, pastor, and author Dr. Gary Chapman draws on more than 30 years of experience to share timeless wisdom on these topics: Communication 101, Understanding and Expressing Love, Initiating Positive Change, How to Share the Things That Bug You and others. He offers practical, biblical principles you can start applying that day ... and for years to come. Take a Saturday to focus on your most important earthly relationship. See what a difference a day makes!!!



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Just a few of the many generous donations we've received this past month include fiction books from Gail Davis including five Karen Kingsbury selections. Mike and Shelly Rose donated many items including *The Best of C.S. Lewis* (audio), *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, several recent best sellers, and some wonderful books for men. Recent purchases include an audio CD of the New Testament for commuters, a Bible Atlas, books on parenting from infants through teens, and three new Max Lucado selections. Come check these out! ☺

**REACHING BUILDING SERVING**

**Silent Auction and Dinner—October 24**

On October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m., along with our Silent Auction, we will enjoy a wonderful dinner with entertainment in the Family Life Center. Tickets are on sale now! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu is BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Chips, and Dessert. Mark you calendars and plan to attend! Contact Mildred Rollins at 540-775-3101 or Phyllis Stephens at 540-775-2784 to purchase your tickets. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this fundraising effort.

**Please Pray and Mark your Calendars**  
**November 14, 2009**  
**for our**  
**Prayer Retreat**  
**led by**  
**Jim Ailor**

