



# The Shiloh Visitor

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Sunday Worship  
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## “WEATHERED SPIRITUALITY”

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built

his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a crash.”  
(Matthew 7:24 -27)

During our recent hurricane, earthquake, and flood we all had our foundations tested. Both our physical and spiritual houses seemed to beg the question - “Lord, what is happening?” With lengthening power failures and slow receding flood waters, we discovered anew how to relinquish control, trust in God, and believe there is **more to life!**

In the above scripture, Jesus is referring to obedience and is teaching it is not enough to have heard Him speak to us. It is important that we do what we have heard him say. There is a world of difference between hearing and listening. We hear many things and let them pass by without processing or responding.

With what has God been flooding your mind and soul? What part is He calling you to fulfill in His purpose for Shiloh? Streams of opportunities await you which can help us navigate the storms of life and seal any cracks in our foundation. This year we will have midweek Discipleship following Wednesday night dinner (5:30 p.m.)

In October we'll “**Discover More to Life!**” These (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) sessions will enable Christian believers to remember what Christ has and is doing in our lives and guide us as **Faithsharers.**

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 10 Years Ago

Ray Tubbs announced a “back to school” picnic would be held at the pavilion on August 26, 2001, and he had his first anniversary working with the children at the church and looks forward to the years to come. David Mitchell reported briefly on the youth mission trip to Canada and announced that on August 19, everyone is invited to join the youth as they highlight the trip with pictures, stories, testimonies, and finger food. Jan VanLandingham reported that WMU was observing the WMU Centennial and she hoped the “Down Memory Lane” articles in the bulletins were being enjoyed by those who read them. She presented the nomination of Brenda Hastings for the next WMU Director.

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# In the Spotlight...

## A Missions Trip Family-Style

by Cindy Miller



While many families travel to Walt

Disney World for summer vacations, the Jim and Christian Reger family flew in another direction. They took a family missions trip to Panama the first week of August to serve Christ in another country and so their girls could experience what it is like to serve less-privileged people. In Jim's words the family went, "to help Christianize people, not bring them up to our standards." He said, "Nothing is more satisfying than serving. Our faith is an active faith, but it's more important about how you do it than what you do."

The Virginia y Panama (that is, Virginia and Panama) experience was the perfect opportunity for the family, which included three of the Reger's five children, Kya, Gretchen, and Felicity, to show the love of Jesus to the little children who reside in the small town of Lidicé, Panama.

Mr. Ferris Portner, the other member of the missions team stated, "I have been on many missions trips in my lifetime, but this one was special. We got to meet the people and share our lives. It was personable."

"I just really-really enjoyed it," Felicity wrote on the index card tucked away on the inside flap of her diary she kept the 7 days she, her sisters, and mom and dad did missions work in Panama. Also on the index card, she wrote: "bus stops, school, iglesia [means church], Pastor Moises: a really nice man. They had a lot of dogs, cats, and chickens. They were really nice children." Also was a photo of a little girl, in a pink cap and gown, whom she had met while there.

Felicity's diary is short on words but heavy on doodling: lizards, the bus stops and classrooms she helped paint, and praying hands. From Day 1 to Day

6, she began with "Panama City" and one or two word explanations:

...the plane ride, lunch, restaurant, [and seemingly important] "I had Quesadilla's." On Day 2, "we painted three bus stops today, and dinner was pizza and was very good. We named a lizard in our room Franklin. On Day 3, we ate breakfast. Then we picked up people for painting the bus stops and the school. Day 4 included bus stops, praying hands, and the school; but on Day 5, "We went to the pool and beach." On Day 6, she stated "Canal, museum, and had a big lunch."

Christian said at the end of the week she and the girls sat in a bunk until 1 in the morning and made over 300 Christian bead bracelets for the school to remind the children of Jesus and His sacrifice. "We were able to bracelet every child there," she said.

Kya was more prolific. Sketched in her diary were words of the day: Buenos Dias! Good Morning! Gloria A Dios! Praise the Lord! Gracias! Thank you! Oremos. Let's pray. Song: Si, Christo Me ama (Yes, Jesus Loves me); La Biblia dice así (The Bible tells me so). She began her journal on July 31:

We are now on our way to our grandparents' house to spend the night to go to the airport very early tomorrow.

August 1: We left our grandparents at 4:30 a.m. We got on the plane to go to Miami. We are now sitting in chairs waiting for an hour to go to Panama City.

August 2: We found a highway of ants in our room. The shower was very freezing cold. We are now waiting to shop for some things. Today, we are painting schools.

August 3: In the morning, we had breakfast like we are having lunch. I had oatmeal and an egg because I didn't want to have chicken or hotdogs. Then our work for the day was to paint 10 bus stops, but we only did four today. So tomorrow and Thursday, we will finish painting the

rest of the bus stops, and we will also paint two rooms of a school that the kids go to. They go to school when we have summer break!

August 4: We ate at the same place that we ate in yesterday for breakfast. I had the same thing to eat. Then we finished painting the bus stops. After that, we went to paint 1-1/2 schoolrooms. While we were there, I made some school friends. For after school, there is playtime for them (P.E.) and so the coach for basketball asked me: "Do you know how to play basketball game?" I said: "Yes!" So I played a game; then it was time to go home.

August 5: We went to McDonalds for breakfast; then we finished the bus stops and did two rooms of the school. Right now, my dad is talking to my grandparents. Then we are going to eat dinner. Then it is nighttime.

August 6: First, we went to McDonalds for breakfast; then we went to the school to do the bracelets. It was so fun. Then we went to dinner. Then we went to bed.

August 7: We went to McDonalds for breakfast again for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. While the adults were eating, Gretchen, Felicity, and the two sons (Adam and Jafet.) of our guy who drives us everywhere, went to a museum and then we went to play soccer (football) with some other kids; then we came back to where we stay and then another team came because they were going to do [what we're doing] next week. Right now, they are having a Bible study.

August 8: We went to church. While we were there, we received gifts for our work we've done. Then we went to a place that I really liked for dinner.

August 9: Right now, my ears are popping while we are on the plane. Then we ate dinner in Miami. It took 5 hours to get to Miami. Man, what a tiring day! Then we got on another plane to go back home. We got to our grandparents at 1:00 a.m. in the morning to spend the night.

Thus concludes the work and adventures of the Reger Family, according to Kya and Felicity, showing that God calls all ages to do His work and serve anywhere in the world. †



## Music Notes

Hi Everyone! I hope you are getting settled back into your routine now that summer is over and we will be seeing a

lot more of you. We are gearing up for an exciting fall here with the Shiloh music program. Wednesday nights are full of music. Four, Five and Six year olds are working with Lynne Mitchell and Christian Reger. Seven through Twelve year olds are working with Jennifer Hagewood and Meredith Busic and, of course, the adult choir (which welcomes teens) is working with me. Teenagers—we are looking to form a musical group for you too. Come on Wednesday evenings and we can chat about what you want to do!!!

I think there will be some serious praise in music happening this fall!

### CHOIR PRACTICES

#### Wednesday Nights

- 6:15-6:45 4-, 5-, and 6-year-olds with Lynne
- 6:15-6:45 7-to-12-year-olds with Jennifer and Meredith
- 6:15-6:45 Teens
- 7:00-8:00 (ish) Adults with Barbara

**Additionally, the first Sunday of the month, children will work on the choir songs during Children's Church.**

As the summer ended we had to say goodbye to Aaron McLaughlin, our beloved accompanist. Aaron has gone to college at Bryan College this fall. Since then, we have been so fortunate to hire Natasha Smoot as our new accompanist. She is such an outstanding musician. I know she will be a blessing to our church family. Natasha is a Mary Washington graduate from 2011 and is working in a graduate program for piano accompaniment.

The adult choir will be working on a Christmas Cantata this fall and we will be sharing it with the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 11. We will also have some special music selections around Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (which is on a Sunday this year!)

If you play an instrument or would like to prepare special music please let me know, so that I can help you share your talents!!

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# Children & Youth



AWANA® had their first meeting on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. 31 clubbers signed up the first day including 3 of our newest Trekkers! Shiloh's AWANA® now has programs to reach pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



Thank you to all who make this ministry possible.

### A Note From the Pastor (Continued from page 1)

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we will bring **more life** to our congregation through the establishment of a new Welcome Center/Spiritual Gifts Discovery Lab (to greet visitors and convey Christian Education opportunities; to provide "In search of spiritual self" inventories and Christian service placement guidance).

New Believers classes will be taught on Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. on October 9, 16, 23 and 30. Adults and youth will meet in pastor's office and children in the chapel.

Faith responsiveness through Sunday School, AWANA®, Music, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Youth, Children, Missions, Prayer, and Worship can bring **more life** to you.

May the winds of the Holy Spirit continue to blow until we all utter: "On Christ the solid rock I stand – all other ground is sinking sand!"

Faithfully, Pastor Mike



## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SCHEDULES/DATES

Schedules/dates are being added to our calendar as our Children/Youth Councils meet to coordinate plans.

Thank you for your patience.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like your birth date or wedding anniversary date added to our calendar information, then contact Pam at

[office@kgshiloh.org](mailto:office@kgshiloh.org) or 540-469-4646.

## MEN'S FRATERNITY STUDY

On Monday mornings from 6:00—7:30 a.m., all men are invited to join the men's Fraternity Study "A Man & His World: The Great Adventure" here at Shiloh. For more information, call 540-775-7582.



## FUN BUNCH OUTING



The Fun Bunch will be touring the International Learning Center Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, in Rockville, VA (just outside of Richmond). This facility is part of the International Mission Board grounds where missionaries are trained. It includes a school for missionary children and it offers training for missionaries throughout their careers and for returning short-term workers. Plan now to attend. We will leave church at 9:00 a.m., our tour begins at 11:00 and we will have lunch at the center, returning to Shiloh about 3:00 p.m. More information

may be obtained from the adult Sunday School teachers. Sign up is behind the sanctuary at the water fountain. Depending on the number who wish to attend, we may need volunteer drivers unless we are comfortable taking the church van. Contact Bonnie Bowen for further information at 540-775-9834.

## WOMEN'S GET-AWAY

The Virginia WMU Women's Get-Away will be held November 4-5, 2011 at the Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg, Virginia. This year's theme is: "Ordinary Life, Extraordinary God." Some of the featured guests are Jo Saxton, Sally Breen and Keith Tan. This is a great time for women of all ages to get together and renew their spirits. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board just outside of the sanctuary near the water fountain. Cost will be determined on the number of participants.



Deadline to sign up is October 16, 2011. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Band or Brenda Hastings.



## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Believe it or not, it's time to start collecting for the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes for Christmas! Shiloh's goal is to fill 100 boxes this year, so go ahead and start gathering items to fill a shoe box. The shoe boxes will be distributed to children all over the world who will not otherwise receive any Christmas gifts. Envelopes and boy/girl tags are available in the Family Life Center. Please bring your filled shoebox to the church by November 9, 2011. Thanks for your donations!!



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## SAVE THE DATE

### November 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School High Attendance Day  
Begin inviting now!

### November 9<sup>th</sup>

Missions Wednesday Night: International focus

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## FREDERICKSBURG AREA BAPTIST NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

*Sunday, October 23, 2011*

*Worship at 4:30 p.m. ♦ Dinner at 6:00 p.m.*  
at Fredericksburg Baptist Church

Every member church is entitled to 5 messengers  
in addition to FABN officers.

## ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING EVENT

Sponsored by: Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network  
& The Virginia Baptist Mission Board

*Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m.—Noon*  
at Ferry Farm Baptist Church

This event is for  
Pastors, General Officers, Adults,  
Youth, Children & Preschool Workers

Registration Required: call 540-373-3999  
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**Registration Deadline: October 17**

