

# The Shiloh Visitor

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

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Life Together*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 100 Years Ago

By early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the church did not appear to be as harsh on members who were perceived to have gone astray as it had been in the past. In the January 1910 meeting, a brother [unnamed] promised the pastor he would “try to live as becometh a church member” and did not wish to be cut off from the church; however, he requested “that his name be erased from the roll because he felt that he was unworthy to be a member of the church.” The pastor was satisfied with the statement the brother had made to him, and the church accepted that [the brother’s] name be retained on the roll.

It was moved and carried that the Church Covenant be read at every church meeting and that the roll of the male membership be called, and that a committee be appointed to see members who are absent from five successive church meetings and cite them to appear before the Church to show cause for such absence.

[from Shiloh Baptist Church (1905-1916) minutes, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, pp. 153, 154] &

Without true community, even the most creative local church has little more to offer than an endless cycle of meetings and repeated seasons of conflict.

If, leaders feel they must be without weaknesses, or members find their personal needs glossed over, church will never become a place where hearts are touched and lives changed.

This is because the truth of the Gospel was meant to be fleshed out in the context of partnership with others. Only when we share in the Gospel enterprise does it begin to sink deeply into our thoughts, words and actions.

So why is genuine community so hard to find? Because it doesn’t just happen. Living in community means doing and believing things that run counter to our natural inclinations. So it takes commitment and must be continually nourished. But once it catches on, the floodgates open and the Spirit’s power to transform lives is dramatically unleashed. (Excerpt from “Creating Community” by David Prior)

Recently, I met with our Sunday school leaders and was struck by the desire of this group to create community at Shiloh. From the preschool teachers to the leaders of our older adults, everyone agreed that creating community and fellowship is a fundamental goal of our Sunday school ministry. They were enthusiastic about Shiloh being a place where people feel they belong, where they are welcomed, accepted and both challenged and encouraged.

Let me invite you to; 1) make a commitment to regularly attend a Sunday school group, 2) help us determine how to structure, plan, create a Bible study hour that will meet the needs of your family, and 3) invite a friend to join you at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday as we reach out to others as Christ taught his followers to create community that reflects God’s love.

*See You Sunday,  
Pastor Mike*

# In the Spotlight...



## What Does AWANA<sup>™</sup> Mean to Shiloh? by Kerry Childers



Back in 2004, Mike Rose presents AWANA awards.

## Fall Fall

is almost here and I want to do something a little different for this article than we have done in the past. First of all, I am not the author of this article; many folks who have been involved in AWANA<sup>™</sup> [Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed] at Shiloh helped out. Our first AWANA<sup>™</sup> meeting this fall will be on Wednesday, September 8, so I wanted to talk about how great a program AWANA<sup>™</sup> is, from both the child's perspective as well as the adult perspective. You may ask what is AWANA<sup>™</sup> and why is it important. AWANA<sup>™</sup> stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed", taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 and its goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ. As one of our leader's put it, "It provides a structured and creative way to teach children (and adults) about the Bible. It motivates children to learn about God's Word." The evening is divided up into three parts: "handbook time," dedicated to learning and memorizing Scripture; "mission time," and "game time." I talked to

several children involved in AWANA<sup>™</sup> over the years and they definitely pointed out that game time was really fun but one even said that they really enjoyed the fact that it provides a "safe environment to hang out with friends." Some of the leaders have shared what they like about AWANA<sup>™</sup>: "I really enjoyed sharing time with the children. I was able to work with my grandson and truly believe that he is hiding 'God's Word in his heart' (from the Spark's theme song) to this day." A common theme among leaders is that they

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

*2 Timothy 2:15*

got as much or more out of it as the children and it reinforced habits that they might have lost over the years that they still carry on today, especially with reading and memorizing Scripture. One of the greatest gifts that this program gives leaders and parents is the chance to have a part in changing a child's life forever. And... even the adults loved game time!

As I discussed memorizing Scripture with both leaders and children, one of the questions I asked was if you still remembered the verses that you either learned or taught the children (adults learned them too!). It was kind of funny in talking to those who had been away from AWANA<sup>™</sup> for a while because they weren't sure at first. Then, as they were thinking, they would start reciting verses, even those that hadn't been involved for 5 years. Every single person I talked to could recite a verse, from John 3:16 to 1 Corinthians 15:4 "And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," well remembered for all the "that's." Several leaders have expressed that the verses come up at odd times, just when they need them most, sometimes while teaching Sunday School and other times when they are dealing with some issue (good or bad).

Probably one of the most important aspects of the AWANA<sup>™</sup> program is the lasting effect it has on all involved. Every child that I talked to said that it definitely influenced their decision to accept Christ as their Savior. Obviously, a lot goes into that decision. Another leader and I were discussing one of the bus children that we used to work with. He had a rough upbringing from what we could tell and every time we would go to mission time, he would put his head on one of the leader's shoulders, seeming to soak up any attention we could give him. He accepted Christ that year but unfortunately, moved away shortly thereafter. It is possible that that might be his only exposure to Christ as a child.

One of my questions was "what was your most memorable AWANA<sup>™</sup> moment?" The answers to this were all over the place, from sick children to when one leader

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dropped the kit with all the “jewels” in it, to attending Sparksarama (when a bunch of churches get together and compete at AWANA™ games). One leader thought that it was “when they finally ‘got it’ and earned the book award, trophy, or plaque that they had been working all year for. They were so happy and proud of themselves”. A popular answer with the children was the AWANA™ store. Each section that they passed earned them one AWANA™ buck and then they could spend it in the AWANA™ store. Another child mentioned when they finally earned \$40, as they could earn \$40 cash if they saved up their AWANA™ bucks to reach 100 AWANA™ bucks (that is a whole lot of sections passed, too!). Another leader stated that it was so rewarding when the children would finally be able to say all the books of the Bible and all of them struggled with some of those Old Testament books, even the adults! Another leader’s most memorable moment was when they were learning verses themselves for their own award, at that time called “Take It To Heart,” and they had to recite 1 Corinthians 13 from memory in front of the children. They remembered just how nervous they were and could then understand how the children struggled at times, especially with the long passages. Probably the most rewarding and memorable thing for many of the leaders was seeing “their kids” accepting Christ and getting baptized. Even ones with no children of their own or ones that were long since grown would get excited over “our kids” going forward.

From the leader standpoint, we definitely are/were blessed by working in the AWANA™ program. We got to know different children and get more involved in a part of their lives. Just knowing that you helped children learn sometimes very complicated Scriptures was an incredible award in itself. In addition, most of our leaders were not exposed to AWANA™ growing up so they learned the Scriptures along with the children. For some of us (at least me!) this is quite challenging because we just can’t remember like the children. They can soak it up like a sponge and we find ourselves struggling. This program teaches guiding principles for life and, once again, this is a great way to learn God’s Word and a chance to make a possibly life-changing difference in someone else’s life. If you haven’t tried AWANA™, come on out to Shiloh on Wednesday nights and see what this program is all about. ☺



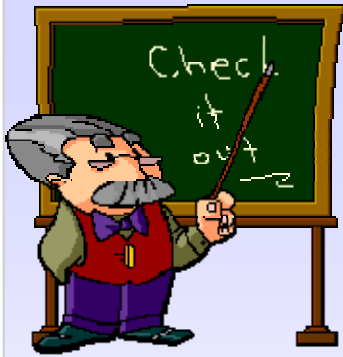
## Children & Youth

by Mark Morgan

WOW! Can you believe summer is already over and school is starting soon! You can finally get back into your routine and be around your friends at school. We will have a lot of opportunities for you to hang out with some of your friends from Shiloh as well. Wednesday night meals will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. We will begin AWANA™ at 5:45 p.m. Yes, we will have all your favorite things to do during AWANA™, such as game time, book time so you can get awards and Bible lesson or mission time. **Youth Overcomers** will meet at 6 p.m. in the basement and resume our Bible study in the book of Colossians and draw applications to live an abundant Christian life in today’s world.

**Upcoming Events** will include a Harvest Festival, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, geared for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and below. We will have games, prizes, candy and food for the whole family. Youth will be able to participate in our 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter events. We will attend a home football game and come back the church and enjoy a time of fellowship, games, food, and a message from God’s Word. Be sure to check the calendar for information, updates or changes. ☺

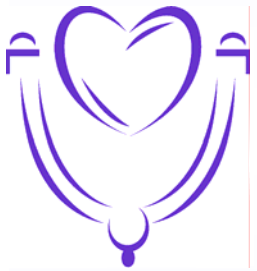
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**Church  
Resource Center**  
by *Diana Moore  
and Barb Yancey*

The librarians want to thank the youth boys class for volunteering during the summer. Extra hands are always welcome in the library. We have some new donations. Edna Lee

brought in an interesting book for parents and Ian Banker has donated a big bag of DVDs and videos for kids. There are several *StoryKeepers* and lots more. If you haven't seen the Hastings' "The Schoolhouse" miniature yet, don't miss it. Thank you to everyone who took home the "Books to Love" from the display in the Family Life Center. We'll be doing that again. Be watching for another Green Valley Book Fair trip in the fall. Read! &



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**IS MUSIC YOUR CALLING???**

The choir is back in full swing as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of September. It is great to be in the loft singing and praising the Lord for all His wonderful and gracious gifts. Each week is a special opportunity for the choir to serve God in the spirit of love and give to you, the members of Shiloh and to our visitors, our best. Our voices and instrumental capabilities are gifts from God and we want to use them to the very best of our abilities.

Sounds of Praise and the Praise Band welcome all who want to join in this worship experience. There are many in our church who are musically talented and this is a great opportunity to worship our living Lord.

Practice is Wednesdays at 7 p.m. following our fellowship dinner and Bible studies.

Please join us as we worship God through song and music each Sunday.

