



This is the time of year when I think a lot about what's happening. Well, actually it's more about what has happened and what is going to happen. I look back at the year and wonder what happened to the time? Did we accomplish anything? I look at the calendar for next year and write down things we need to make happen, so we might accomplish something. Success doesn't happen by accident.

A few years ago, we adopted the "connect, grow, serve" mission statement and included it in our logo. "Connect" is the action of meeting people and making relationships with them and helping them begin a relationship with God. If we are meeting new people and building connections, of course the church will "grow" because there will be more people.

But there is another kind of growth that is just as important, but much harder to measure or track. Of course, there are signs of this kind of growth, but you have to keep your eyes open and be aware of what others are doing to see it. I'm talking about spiritual growth. A healthy church will foster the spiritual growth of its people, and the people will foster the spiritual growth of the community. The growth of outreach of individuals into the community is a sign of the spiritual growth within the church.

Our personal spiritual growth is a personal endeavor, and it depends on our own effort. Some people read through the Bible every year, others read or listen to podcasts about issues related to faith and Scripture. Another thing that is necessary for spiritual growth is staying in touch with God through prayer. It's important to include time for prayer in our devotional time every day.



To go along with our personal endeavors, it is also important to be involved in a spiritually nurturing community like a small group Bible study or Sunday school class. Some of the ministry groups like Women's Fellowship, or Just 4 Men are also helpful in our spiritual growth. Obviously, these things take time, but if you are coming to church on Sunday morning, the easiest adjustment might be to show

up a little earlier and get involved in a Sunday school class. The time learning, discussing, and praying together is much more personal than corporate worship in the big sanctuary.

Some people say they don't have time for adding a group meeting. I understand when people say they are too busy to serve. It is one of my greatest concerns for the Kingdom of God. I'm afraid busyness may be keeping people from experiencing spiritual growth, or even worse having a saving relationship with Jesus at all. Maybe you have heard that busyness is the devil's greatest tool. If you are busy, you won't spend time working on your relationship with Jesus. The devil doesn't care if you are worshiping him or not as long as you are too busy to worship God.

As followers of Christ we are commissioned by Him to help others get to know Him and everything He taught. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Growing with you in 2026,

Pastor Mark

SERMONS IN JANUARY

Sermons in January will begin a series based in 1 Peter called "A Letter from the Rock." But before we begin the series, we will introduce a theme for the year from Romans 1:16, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel." The need to be bold in our faith seems to be getting greater every day. I hope to keep a common thread all year which will encourage us to keep our faith off the back burner and out in front of us.

January 4 Romans 1:16 "Not Ashamed of the Gospel"
Pastor Mark

"A Letter from the Rock" -series on 1 Peter

January 11 1 Peter 1:1-2 "Strangers in the World"
Pastor Mark

January 18 1 Peter 1:3-5 "The Mercy of New Birth"
Pastor Mark

January 25 1 Peter 1:6-9 "Genuine Faith"
Pastor Sean

If you miss a sermon, remember they are recorded on CD and available on YouTube, where you can watch live on Sunday morning or replay any time. Search the YouTube channel @ShilohChristianChurchIN or follow the links on our Facebook page. You can also view monthly newsletters, the church calendar and more at <http://www.gotoshiloh.org>

Newsletter
DEADLINE!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the February *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, January 20.** Please email articles to Kathy Courtad klcourtad@gmail.com or take to the church office.

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Please look for your name on the list. If you are scheduled to work on a Sunday when you won't be at church, please check with others on the list and trade dates. To volunteer for Nursery duty, please see Paul Hutsell in the church office.

January 4 – Ed & Patty Waters
January 11 – Brent & Abby Chambers
January 18 - Cory & Dawn Harmon
January 25 – Joanna Adakai & Mark Sell

Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
1/4	Allison C	Lucy M	Vickie B	open
1/11	Sherry V	Becky P	Allison C	Toni W
1/18	Allison C	open	open	Susan A
1/25	Kathy K	open	open	Gratia H



JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
at 8:30 each Sunday for coffee and donuts.

**Sunday school begins promptly AT 9:30

From the Desk of Pastor Sean

Hey Shiloh! I want to take you on a look back with gratitude and a look ahead with expectation as we step into a brand-new year! I think it's worth pausing to celebrate everything God did in Shiloh Student Ministries throughout 2025. It was a year marked by growth, questions, discovery, and a whole lot of fun!



What We Learned in 2025

This past year, our teaching journey led us deep into Scripture and into the heart of what it truly means to follow Jesus. Through our series *Known: Understanding Our Identity in Christ*, students discovered who God says they are. In the series, *Who Is Jesus*, we explored the life, mission, and character of our Savior. The *Northern Lights* series challenged students to shine with hope and clarity in a world that can often feel dark.

Our *2Afraid2Ask* series created space for honest questions and meaningful conversations, while the *Summer in the Psalms* series invited students to encounter God through songs, prayers, and raw emotion. During our *At the Movies* series, we connected biblical truth with stories from culture in a creative, memorable way. I think each series played a role in shaping our students' understanding of faith, identity, and discipleship in a fresh way.

2025 wasn't just about lessons, it was about community and making memories together. We shared so many moments of laughter, connection, and adventure: The Shiloh Bowl Party, Cinco de Mayo/Star Wars Night, Mission Trip to Big Creek, Exploration Acres, Friendsgiving, and a Hawaiian Christmas Party. These weren't just events; they were memories that helped knit our group together and gave students a place to belong.



Looking Ahead to 2026

This coming year has a clear and intentional direction. Every series, every gathering, every moment is part of a larger discipleship journey. We begin on January 4th with *Foundations: Vision Night*, setting the tone for everything that follows. Throughout the year, our lessons will help students understand who they are and what we are building toward. We will call them to shine and to discern through series like *Being a Light*, *Wisdom vs. The World*, and *Stand Guard*.

We will place them in God's bigger story with the *Sacred Timeline* series, tracing God's work from creation to eternity. We will address modern challenges especially around technology, identity, and culture in A.I. and the *Image of God*. We will empower the students to influence others through *Dangerously Influential*, helping students see their lives as a mission field.

This isn't just a collection of series, it's a year-long journey of identity, discernment, and impact. We are equipping students to know who they are, guard their hearts, and live out their faith boldly in today's world.



Alongside all the teaching and spiritual growth, 2026 will be filled with moments of connection

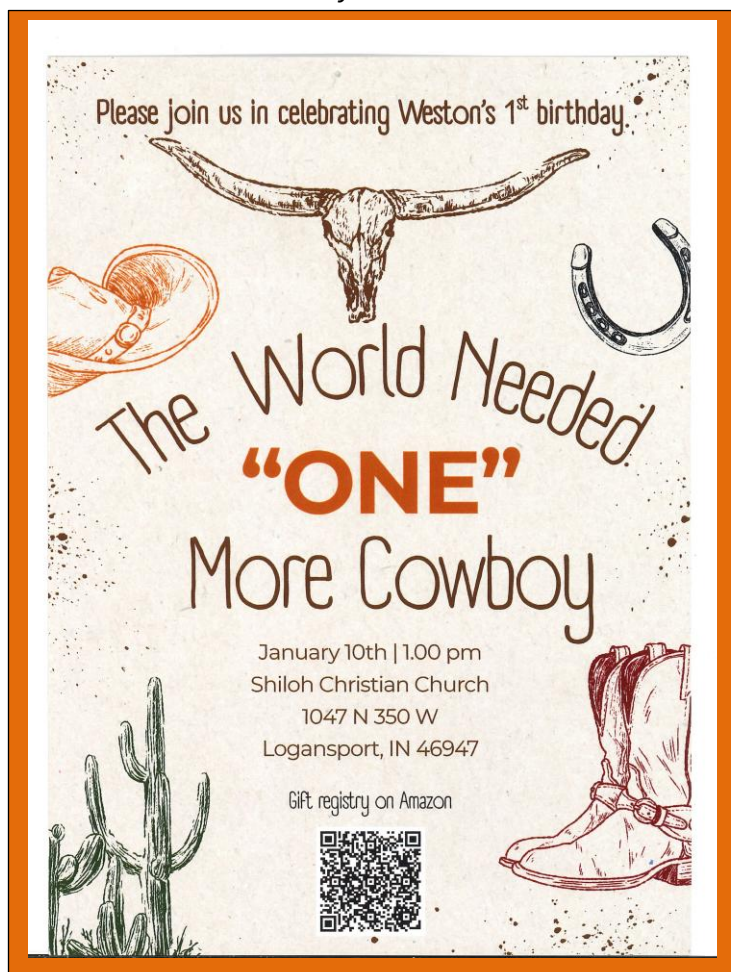
and fun!! We will have a *Glow Night*, *Shiloh Bowl Party '26*, a *Mission trip to Big Creek*, *July 4th Bonfire*, *Exploration Acres*, and an *SSM night at France Park*! We will end the year celebrating *Friendsgiving* and have a wonderful *Christmas Party*! These events give students space to build friendships, invite others, and experience the joy of Christian community.

We're stepping into a year of purpose. 2026 is already shaping up to be a powerful season, one where students will be challenged, encouraged, and equipped to live out their faith with clarity and courage. I'm grateful for all God has done, excited for what's ahead for SSM, and expectant for how He will continue moving in the lives of our students.

LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE

January 17th at 8:30am all Shiloh leadership are invited to our annual Leadership Collaborative. If you are a ministry team leader, board member, Sunday school teacher, drum major or any other leader or have a desire to lead, you are urged to attend. It will be a great couple of hours as we talk about leading Shiloh in 2026. Plan to arrive early for coffee, juice, and a breakfast treat at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin at 9:00am in the Sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE



NEEDED: Bus Drivers for WRE

Weekday Religious Education is looking for individuals interested in driving our "Wally" bus. This is a paid position and a great opportunity for retired bus drivers.

Personal requirements include a love for Christ, kids, and the vision of WRE.

Professional requirements include a CDL, passenger endorsement and air brake endorsement.

For more information and/or to apply, contact WRE Coordinator via email at WREcassColN@gmail.com



Outreach Ministry - Josiah's White CarePortal Update

In October, Shiloh partnered with Pisgah Christian Church to provide a baby crib, mattress, and bedding for a child who had been removed from their home and placed with a relative. We also worked with Walton Christian Church to deliver a twin bed and mattress for two children who were placed with their grandparents after being removed from their home. In both situations, the children needed safe, comfortable places to sleep—something many of us may take for granted. Beds and bedding continue to be one of the most common CarePortal requests.

In December, Shiloh had the opportunity to partner with a few of the other Cass County CarePortal churches to support a family in need by providing firewood. Their home is heated solely by a wood-burning stove, and they had run out of wood. A big thanks to Mark Musall for delivering some wood to the family!

Also, Shiloh had the opportunity to come alongside a family with four children who were walking through a difficult season. Because of unexpected circumstances, the parents were unable to afford Christmas gifts. We were able to go shopping with the mother, helping her choose Christmas presents for her children—mostly new clothes and a few toys. It was a humbling and meaningful experience to share that moment with her and her family.

In addition, Shiloh once again partnered with other Cass CarePortal churches to come alongside two local children—a 12-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy—who were placed into foster care and moved to Bloomington, IN. We were able to provide new clothing, shoes, personal items, and Christmas gifts.

Because of your generosity, we were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus—helping keep a family warm through the provision of firewood and meeting other tangible needs through new clothing, beds, bedding, and Christmas gifts—offering comfort and the assurance that no one is forgotten during a season of uncertainty. Thank you for faithfully living out Christ's love through your generosity and compassion.

Please keep these families in your prayers. Also pray for the caregivers opening their homes, the parents working through difficult circumstances, and the children adjusting to a new environment.

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to any of the families, please reach out to Kathy Kennell or Vickie Bridge for more information.

Cass County Portal Churches:

Logansport Church of Christ - Calvary Presbyterian Church - Faith Community Fellowship - Lucerne Christian Church - Pisgah Christian Church - Shiloh Christian Church - Walton Christian Church

In the Beginning...A Letter from Lucy



Eliza has learned her first Bible verse! However, I must admit that it wasn't one that I was thinking about teaching her. We

borrowed a children's Bible (a very old one from the "late 1900's!") from the church, and started it in early December. When we opened it, the first page had a scripture to read before the story it shared about creation. It was Genesis 1:1 which states, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." And I felt a nudge from God that this was the first verse that Eliza would learn. And it was!

I did a lot of research about which verses I wanted to start working on with her. I checked different versions of the Bible. I thought about themes that we should cover. I thought about simplicity. But in the end, God has the best plan for her learning, and I just have to follow His lead. And what is a more perfect place to start than at the beginning!

The foundation of the Bible is that God is our Creator. And because He is the Creator, He can be trusted to have control of our future. After all, we are the creation that He lovingly made!

So here we are ready for January to begin. A new year full of possibilities and plans. And we certainly love to make our plans. A checklist to mark off all the things that need to be done. But in all our plans, do we leave room for God to move? Do we allow Him to make any changes necessary to make us more like Jesus? Definitely not without a fuss or fight to drag us along on the journey He wants us to take with Him.



Maybe this year we should try to leave space in our plans. Space for God to move. Space for God to speak to us. Space for God to lead us in a different direction than what we thought was the right one. Space for God to be God of our lives!



We need to allow for hurdles to overcome. We need to be ready for obstacles in our paths. We need to be able to make a U-turn when necessary to stay on the path that God has designed for us, and not balk at following him obediently.

So the challenge is not to create such a list that leaves no room for Christ to enter in. May we learn and grow more like Him as we open our hearts to more of His plan and less of ours. As we encounter those little bumps in the road, may we be aware that God is speaking to us through them, asking us to let Him lead.

"The heart of man plans his ways, but the Lord establishes his steps." --Proverbs 16:20



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." --Isaiah 55:8-9

MAY GOD
BLESS YOU
and
SEND YOU
a happy
NEW YEAR

In Love.

Lucy

Daily Bible Reading for JANUARY 2026



There are many different daily Bible reading plans. If you follow the plan in this newsletter, you will read the entire Bible in 4 years. In that 4 years, you will read parts of it more than once. The plan is divided into categories for each year. This year it is Psalms and Wisdom Literature so, many days the reading is just one chapter in Psalms. It is a great way to begin a daily reading habit, or you may want to read additional passages. If you want to see the whole plan and read the Bible in a year, let Pastor Mark know.

January 1	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
January 2	Psalms 1
January 3	Psalms 2
January 4	Psalms 3
January 5	Psalms 4
January 6	Psalms 5
January 7	Psalms 6
January 8	Psalms 7
January 9	Psalms 8
January 10	Psalms 9
January 11	Psalms 10
January 12	Psalms 11
January 13	Psalms 12
January 14	Psalms 13
January 15	Psalms 14
January 16	Psalms 15
January 17	Psalms 16
January 18	Psalms 17
January 19	Psalms 18
January 20	Psalms 19
January 21	Psalms 20
January 22	Isaiah 21
January 23	Psalms 22
January 24	Psalms 23
January 25	Psalms 24
January 26	Psalms 25
January 27	Psalms 26
January 28	Psalms 27
January 29	Psalms 28
January 30	Psalms 29
January 31	Psalms 30

Jan 1	Paul & Diana Ross
Jan 3	Frankie Ballina
	Charity Musselman
	Krystal Shaffer
Jan 6	Camila Lorenzo
Jan 7	Amelia Gordon
Jan 8	Dawn Harmon
Jan 11	Susan Aldridge
	Weston Miller
Jan 12	Chase Farrer
	Jaden McFarland
Jan 14	Hallie Lebo
Jan 15	Carol Sue Hayworth
Jan 17	Lucy Marshall
	Caleb Patty
Jan 18	Darren McKaig
Jan 20	Carol Gaumer
	John Spencer
Jan 24	Anna Harmon
Jan 25	Merle Nice
Jan 26	Alicia Pifer
Jan 27	George Courtad
	Jeff McLean
	Charles Murphy

**Saturday
January 10th
7:30 a.m.**

Every 2nd Saturday at 7:30AM the men of Shiloh and their friends gather for breakfast. After breakfast we have a Biblical lesson. Our current lesson is by Joby Martin. Joby is a pastor and is dedicated to discipleship. Come join us January 10th and begin a new good habit for the New Year.



GOD bless you as you READ the WORD!

Sunday Mornings:

Coffee & Donuts 9 a.m.
10 a.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 28	29 Noon – Prayer 6pm – Elders/Deacons Meeting	30 7 pm – Bible Study	31 4pm – Bowling Party / Pizza	1 	2 Pastor Mark's OFF	3
4 SSM – 6-8 pm	5 Noon – Prayer	6 7 pm – Bible Study	7 6 am – Men's Bible study	8 Pastor Sean's OFF	9 Pastor Mark's OFF	10 7:30 am  10 am – Benevolence Meeting 1 pm – Weston's Birthday Party
11 Raise Right orders due	12 Noon – Prayer	13 7pm - Bible Study	14 6 am – Men's Bible study	15 Pastor Sean's OFF	16 Pastor Mark's OFF	17 8:30 am – Leadership Collaborative Meeting
18 Raise Right Pickup 9:30 am – New to Shiloh Class SSM 6-8 pm	19 Noon – Prayer 7 pm-Board Meeting	20 7 pm - Bible Study	21 6 am – Men's Bible study	22 Pastor Sean's OFF	23 Pastor Mark's OFF	24
25 9:30 am – New to Shiloh Class	26 Noon – Prayer 6 pm - Elders & Deacons Meeting	27 7 pm - Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	28 6 am – Men's Bible study	29 Pastor Sean's OFF	30 Pastor Mark's OFF	31