Shiloh Christian Church
—LOGANSPORT, IN—

Shiloh News

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Recently I was asked a question that other people probably also have. The question was about baptism and church membership. "When somebody is baptized at Shiloh, does that automatically make them Shiloh Church members?"

The short answer to that is, "No." This may seem odd if you have paid attention to the questions we ask the candidates for baptism and the new church members because they are very similar. The first question for both is, "Who is your Lord and Savior?" By the time we are asking this in front of the church, we know the answer is Jesus Christ.



The rest of the baptism questions are: Do you seek to grow in your faith by seeking God through His Holy Word, by seeking Him in prayer, and by serving Him through participation in the community of faith?

Do you promise to live a life faithful to Jesus Christ in thought, word, and deed, as best you can, trusting God's grace when you fail?



Do you promise, by God's grace, to resist evil in whatever form it presents itself?

The questions we use for membership are:

Will you live a life that glorifies Jesus to the best of your ability, trusting God's grace to make up the difference?

Will you be faithful to Christ?

Will you be faithful to Shiloh through your prayers, your presence, and your talents, time, gifts, and offerings?

Baptism is a public profession of faith in Jesus, and doing it by immersion is a representation of death of our old selves, cleansing, and being raised to new life. When people ask to be baptized, we try to give notice so if there are others who have been thinking about it, they can be included. When someone accepts Jesus as their Savior, they become part of the Body of Christ. Baptism is often the first public declaration and recognition, so it is very exciting. All of Heaven rejoices!

Becoming a member of Shiloh Christian Church also



requires that you are a believer in Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as your Savior. In this case, membership is not about privileges but is about service. Membership of the church is a commitment to serve God through the local church and its ministries. There are many ways to serve and use our different giftings. By being members, we are unified. Each member is like a spoke in a wheel, connected with Christ at the center and each doing his/her part to connect the outer rim so it can function as a whole wheel.



We go to church to worship God together. We are baptized to celebrate commitment to God. And we become members to show our commitment to God and to one another. We show our love for each other through prayer, service, giving, teaching, and learning. We have a common mission, and we all have different roles in that mission. How can you best serve Shiloh and/or our ministries as service to God?

In His service with you,

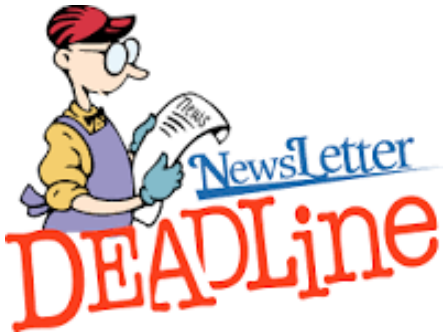
Pastor Mark



October sermons are a series called Holy Ghost Stories, focusing on the Holy Spirit. Through this series we will gain a greater understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, what He is doing, and how He is empowering us. On October 11th we will break from the series for RECHARGE Sunday. Peter Heck will be our guest speaker for Sunday morning worship and a special service at 6 p.m. Sunday.

October 4	"It's Not a Ghost" Matthew 14	Pastor Mark
October 11	**RECHARGE**	Peter Heck
October 18	"That Feeling You Can't Shake" John 16:7-11	Pastor Mark
October 25	"Power for the Ordinary" Judges 6:34; Judges 7	Pastor Sean

If you miss a sermon, remember they 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 FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the November *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, October 27.** Please submit your news articles to Kathy Courtad at klcourtad@gmail.com or take to the church office.



Be sure to sign up at the Children's Church station.

Children's Church

Date	ELEM (LT) Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
10/4	Allison C	Caleb P	Alicia P	Toni W
10/11	No Children's Church			
10/18	Sherry V	Darlene R	Vickie B	Jerry R
10/25	Open	Open	Open	Open



Every Sunday 9:00 to 9:30

THE COFFEE IS HOT AND THE DONUTS ARE FRESH!

Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday for coffee and donuts and lots of conversation. There are many untold stories in each cup of coffee!

Sunday school begins promptly at 9:30



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SEAN



As we prepare for the Shiloh Family Funfest, I want to encourage our church family to see this event as more than a fun afternoon of games, food, and laughter. While all of those things are important, the real purpose behind the Funfest is outreach.

Many people in our community may never walk through the doors of a church for a worship service. Some feel intimidated. Some have had difficult experiences with church in the past. Others simply have never been invited. Events like the Funfest help remove those barriers by creating a welcoming environment where families can connect with our church in a relaxed and enjoyable setting with zero pressure.

One of the simplest and most effective forms of evangelism is a personal invitation. You don't need to have all the answers to someone's questions or be trained in theology. Sometimes all it takes is saying, **"Our church is hosting a Family Funfest. We would love for you and your family to come."**

Imagine what could happen if every Shiloh family invited just one other family. New friendships could be formed. Relationships could be strengthened. Most importantly, people who may not know Christ could begin building connections with a church that loves them and points them to Him.

The Funfest is not just about filling the church grounds with people. It's about creating opportunities for conversations, relationships, and future connections that can lead people closer to Jesus. Every game played, every hot dog served, every smile shared, and every conversation held can be a small part of God's work in someone's life.

So as the Funfest approaches, begin praying. Pray for the families who will attend. Pray for opportunities to invite others. Pray that God will use this event as a bridge between our church and our community. And then, take that next step and invite someone to join you.

You may never know how God will use a simple invitation to change a life.







Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 14
6 pm

Women's Fellowship will be making bracelets again for OCC boxes on October 14th at 6 p.m.

If anyone is interested in a leadership role in this important service organization next year please contact Krystal Shaffer. Cell # 574-242-1935

All ladies of Shiloh are welcome; hope to see you there!

just 4 men

Saturday
October 10
7:30 a.m.

Every month the men of Shiloh and their friends get together for breakfast on the second Saturday. Our time together is fun and filling. We begin with a great breakfast, so we are physically filled with good food. As we are eating, we enjoy the conversation and fellowship. Then we are filled spiritually by hearing a lesson from a great teacher on Rightnow Media. And we finish our time filling each other with encouragement as. we discuss the video. Join us for the October Just 4 Men gathering on October 10th at 7:30 a.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collecting during October: Spoons, Plastic cups

Collecting all year:

- Stuffed animals/toys
- Matchbox cars
- Empty pill bottles

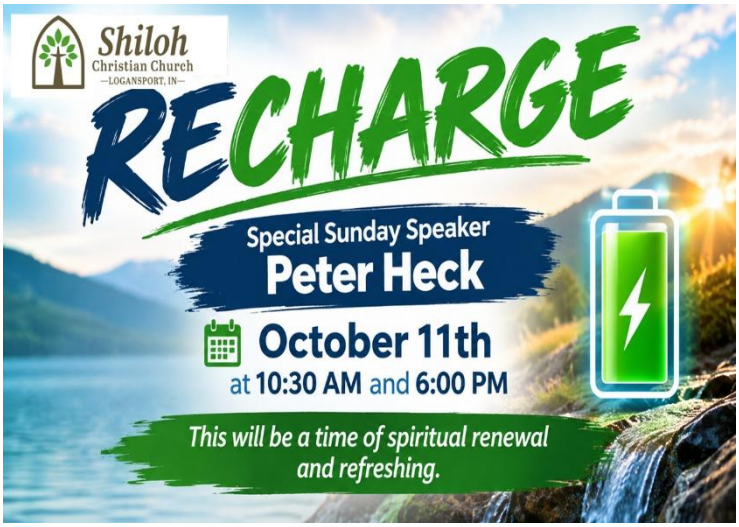
Save the Date!

The annual OCC Packing Party is set for

Saturday, November 7

You won't want to miss it; watch for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of this project.
Your donations can be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex.





Seasons…A Letter from Lucy

I love the autumn weather. Really, I do. The beautiful sunsets. The cooler weather. The bonfires and s'mores. Mums and aster blossoms. Beautiful fall leaves dropping from the trees. Apple picking and harvest. But at the same time, it's a time of year that makes me sad. The summer is ending. The garden is finished. The daylight is fading faster. The butterflies and hummingbirds disappear. The warmth of the sun is waning. And the trees are losing their leaves. I know I shared that one as something I love as well, but there is something about all those bare trees that makes me sad.



I love fall. But I also dread it because it means that winter is coming. More cold. More loss as plants die. More animals leave as they migrate to find warmer climates. More darkness. And in some ways, a sense of hopelessness.

I know as a Christian that there is always hope. Because of my salvation through Christ, by His grace and mercy, I KNOW that the winter will end. I know that spring comes after winter. I try to remind myself of those truths as autumn continues to claim its time here.

Some days are harder than others. But I have found that even in the sadness of winter, I can still have hope for spring. Instead of looking at each day as one more day of darkness, I can look at it differently. I can look through a different lens and see that each day is one more day closer to spring.



I try not to wish the autumn and winter seasons away, but I try to use the time wisely. Because I don't have the garden to tend, the canning or freezing of produce to do, or the mowing to finish, I can spend more time in Bible study. I can spend more time just being quiet and listening to God's voice. That doesn't mean I don't do those things in spring and summer, but the focus is different in fall and winter. There is Advent and Christmas to brighten the dark days. There is more time for rest. There is more time (even though there is less daylight) to gather together and remember our many blessings that God has given us through the seasons.

And as the days pass, I find that I am one day closer to finding those first signs of spring again. And the darker seasons haven't been as hopeless as I had feared. Memories with family and friends were made. I've completed projects that never get finished in the summer, and I have taken hundreds of photos that prove that God is still at work in all the seasons of life!

I'm guessing that I'm not the only one who goes through a jumble of emotions as the seasons change. If you struggle like I do, I encourage you to try looking through the lens of a different perspective. Check out Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. "*For EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace*." And in Isaiah 1:18, when we are told that "*though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow*," we are reminded every winter when it snows that his mercy is new every morning, even in the cold and dark days. Ready for one more? "*Behold, the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, and the time of singing has come*!" from the Song of Solomon 2:11-12. No matter the season, God is in control and walks through each season with us! I pray that you and I can take comfort in that as the seasons change!

"*He has made all things beautiful in its time."*--Ecclesiastes 3:11--(even the winter season!)

RIGHT TO LIFE
NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA

The Life Chain

Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 4, from 1:45 – 3 p.m. (rain or shine). Participants will stand along 6th and Market streets in Logansport, holding signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up at Veterans Freedom Park (NE corner of 6th and Market) beginning at 1:30 pm. For more information, go to nci4life.org.

The annual Life Chain takes place on the first Sunday of October across the United States and Canada with thousands of Christians participating. This event provides a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is wrong and that the Church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of preborn children.

Participants stand approximately 6 feet apart on both sides of the street while holding non-graphic 17"x22" signs (provided). The back of each sign includes prayer topics, songs of meditation, the Life Chain Code of Conduct and a statement on the purpose of Life Chain.

Can You Donate?



The Emmaus Mission Center is running short on bath towels, twin-size sheets, and full-size blankets. These are supplies the residents often take with them when they move on from the center. If you are able to make donations of towels, sheets, or blankets, they can be dropped off directly at the center or at the church.

Liturgical Decorating with Christina



Ordinary Time and Communion

The longest portion of our church calendar is the stretch of days and Sundays between Holy days. There is nothing special to observe or celebrate. These days are just ordinary. This time is represented by the color green. This ordinary time is a time of growth and service. Where we dive into the word and share what the Lord is teaching us through personal study, Sunday school, sermons, and conferences. A time to apply that teaching and show it through service in our communities. The green banners are on the walls after Christmas until Lent, then after Pentecost until September. You may notice emblem changes on the banners. The first part of the year is represented by the sign of the Trinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working in the lives of the believers and present with us. After Pentecost, the fish represents the Church age. The gospel being shared and moving out around the world. Don't be fooled though, ordinary time does not end just because the green banner comes down in September. It goes clear through November 28th. We continue to highlight different aspects of ordinary time with our fall banners, but you will have to wait till next month's newsletter for more information on them.

October 4th is World Communion Sunday. The church joins as one to celebrate and remember what Christ did for us on the cross. Through communion, we take the bread and cup as emblems of Christ's sacrifice and redeeming love. This command from Christ may look different depending on what church you go to, but it is a sacrament that every denomination partakes of. Shiloh takes communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread in the cup. Others may remain in their seats and pass the elements, while other churches have stations where the elements are presented and you partake at your leisure, during prayer and worship. We represent this time with the liturgical colors purple, gold, and white. These colors represent Christ's royal priestly status. The elements are shown through the cup and shafts of wheat.

I pray that you continue to grow closer to our Heavenly Father, through His Son, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

In Christ, Christina Pifer

Daily Bible Reading for October 2026



As you read the Psalms this month you will notice much lament. However the final Psalm in Book 2 is Psalm 72 which describes the glory of God and His royalty. Maybe you will want to put a marker in that spot to return to as you need a reminder.

October 1	Psalm 61
October 2	Psalm 62
October 3	Psalm 63
October 4	Psalm 64
October 5	Psalm 65
October 6	Psalm 66
October 7	Psalm 67
October 8	Psalm 68
October 9	Psalm 69
October 10	Psalm 70
October 11	Psalm 71
October 12	Psalm 72
October 13	Psalm 73
October 14	Psalm 74
October 15	Psalm 75
October 16	Psalm 76
October 17	Psalm 77
October 18	Psalm78
October 19	Psalm 79
October 20	Psalm 80
October 21	Psalm 81
October 22	Psalm 82
October 23	Psalm 83
October 24	Psalm 84
October 25	Psalm 85
October 26	Psalm 86
October 27	Psalm 87
October 28	Psalm 88
October 29	Psalm 89
October 30	Psalm 90
October 31	Psalm 91

GOD bless you as you READ the WORD!



October 3	Jeff Brooke
October 4	Linda Morris
October 5	Denny & Sabrena Ide
	Micah Rans
October 7	Kody & Clarissa Miller
	John & Hannah Martin
October 9	Jeff & Angela Brooke
	Stephen Myers
October 10	Jonathan Damrow
	Alexis Kesling
	Greg VanSoest
October 12	Eli Rans
October 14	John Rhodes
October 15	Brian & Carla Morris
October 16	Dave Sievers
October 18	Jenna Franklin
	Sarah Franklin
	John Martin
October 22	James Myers
October 23	Roger McKaig
October 26	Sarah McKaig
	Olene Dahler
October 27	Stephanie Ballina
	Curt Hillenberg
October 29	Peggy Spencer
October 30	Tracy Franklin
October 31	Jeff & Ruby McLean

If your birthday or anniversary doesn't appear on our birthday/anniversary list (and it's in October) please contact Paul at the church office.



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Pastor Mark Marshall

October

2026

Sunday Mornings:
Coffee & Donuts – 9 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 27 9:30 am-"New to Shiloh" class	**Sept 28** *Noon – Prayer* *6 pm-Nominating Comm.* 7 pm-Elders & Deacons Mtng	**Sept 29** *7 pm – Bible Study*	**Sept 28** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**1** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**2** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**3**
4 ***Right to Life Chain*** SSM –Dress as Bible character	**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*** ***Shiloh Family Funfest***
11 *RECHARGE* *Raise Right orders due* ***6 PM-Recharge*** *SSM-Game Time after Evening Recharge*	**12** *Noon – Prayer*	**13** *7 pm - Bible Study*	**14** *6 am – Men's Bible study* *6 pm - Women's Fellowship*	**15** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**16** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**17** Benevolence Committee Meeting 9:30AM
18 *Raise Right Pickup* BAPTISM SUNDAY	**19** *Noon – Prayer* *7 pm-Board Meeting*	**20** *No 7 pm Bible Study*	**21** *6 am – Men's Bible Study*	**22** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**23**	**24**
	P A S T O R M A R K O N V A C A T I O N →					
25 Pastor Mark on Vacation →	**26** *Noon – Prayer* 6 pm-Elders & Deacons Mtng	**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**