

This may not come as a surprise to you, but I saw some disturbing survey results this week. What do you think has the greatest impact on the decisions you make? The term for it is “worldview.” Your worldview is the lens you use to look at everything around you, process information, and make decisions. Your worldview is made up of everything you know, everything you believe, and all your experiences. Chuck Colson says your worldview is “the sum total of our beliefs about the world.” So, what we believe as Christians has a direct effect



on our worldview. We call the Christian worldview a Biblical worldview, because what we know and believe about the Bible affects the decisions we make and the things we do.

The disturbing survey results I saw were in an article titled “Churchgoers Are Losing Their Biblical Bearings.” The research was done through the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University. Biblical worldview among churchgoers is in decline. About 30% believe they have a Biblical worldview, but when the survey questions are all answered, it revealed only 11% actually do. Another answer which bothers me is that less than half of those surveyed feel it is “very important” for Christians to have a Biblical worldview.

This is a decline from 59% two years ago.



The report says that fewer than half of regular churchgoers believe the Bible speaks clearly on moral issues such as homosexuality or transgenderism, while only 51% say it’s clear on abortion. Only 54% say the Bible is the true, inspired, inerrant Word of God. There were several other statistics reported, most of which I believe are a reflection of these primary issues.

As Christians, I think this report should bother us even though it doesn’t surprise us. It makes me wonder if we can do more to improve the overall beliefs and practices of



Christians in our nation. I see it as a call to greater discipleship. We need to be talking about our faith, asking people about what they believe, and finding people who are interested in knowing more. What we are talking about here is more than introducing Jesus to people. We need to be more aware of the person sitting next to us in church on Sunday morning. We need to be more aware of the people we work with.



Much of the problem is a lack of basic Biblical knowledge. I have heard that the current generation is the most biblically illiterate generation ever. I also know that in



November the Youversion Bible App celebrated reaching over 1 billion downloads. With digital tools like Youversion and RightNow Media always at our fingertips, how can we be the most Biblically illiterate

generation?

My guess is the answer to that question is that everything else is also available. Recently the number of smart phones in the world surpassed the number of working toilets in the world. That means there is more crap coming into our heads than there is coming out of our houses. In December we will have many opportunities to spend time with people we don’t see every day. Let’s put our phones down and have some meaningful conversations.

*Merry Christmas -*

*Pastor Mark*

## Sermons



It's Advent! I hope you can come every Sunday leading up to Christmas as we prepare our hearts for the birth of King Jesus. And you won't want to miss the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

December 7	"The Lord is Coming" Jeremiah 33:14-18	Pastor Mark
December 14	"Preparing the Way" Mark 1:1-8	Pastor Mark
December 21	"The Difficult Choice" Matthew 1:18-25	Pastor Sean
December 24	Christmas Eve Service "Lessons & Carols"	
December 28	"Time Flies, so Be Ready" Matthew 24:36-44	Pastor Mark

*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 FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the January *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, December 23**. Please submit your news articles this month to Paul Hutsell at [shilohcc1855@gmail.com](mailto:shilohcc1855@gmail.com) or take to the church office.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PIZZA & BOWLING For Shiloh Folks

If interested in participating in New Year's Eve bowling and a pizza party afterwards, you will need to sign up in the narthex. There you will see more details.

## December



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.

December 7 – Paul & Vickie Hutsell  
December 14 – Jeff & Angela Brooke  
December 21 – Emily & Ellie Miller  
December 28 – Nettie Brosge & Nancy Rhodes

## Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
12/7	Sherry V	Lucy M	Alicia P	Toni W
12/14	Allison C	Audrey C	Vickie B	Gratia H
12/21	No class	No class	No class	No class
12/28	Kathy K	Janet G	Krista P	OPEN

## Every Sunday

9:00 to 9:30 A.M.



JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF UNTOLD STORIES IN EACH CUP OF COFFEE!  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30

## From the Desk of Pastor Sean



We recently celebrated our SSM Friendsgiving, and the smiles in the picture on the left tell the story, we had a wonderful time together. As I reflected on that evening, my thoughts turned toward Christmas and how quickly the holiday season fills with busyness. On December 14, we will gather again for the SSM Christmas party, a reminder that December surrounds us with gifts and celebrations. Store shelves overflow, lists are written, and wrapping paper piles high. We give and receive with joy, yet even the most treasured present eventually fades. Clothes wear thin, gadgets break, toys lose their shine.

Scripture points us to a gift that never fades: **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”** (Romans 6:23). The birth of Jesus reminds us that God’s greatest gift was not wrapped in Disney or Elf wrapping paper but in swaddling cloths. He gave us His Son, not for a season, but for a reason. Unlike earthly gifts, Christ is:

- **The Gift of Presence:** He is Immanuel, which means God with us. His presence is not seasonal but constant.
- **The Gift of Grace:** Earthly gifts are earned, bought, or exchanged. God’s gift of salvation is freely given, not because of what we’ve done, but because of who He is.
- **The Gift of Eternity:** While earthly gifts perish, Christ offers eternal life. A gift that outlasts time, trends, holidays, and even death itself.

As we exchange gifts this Christmas, let each package remind us of the greater gift God has given. When we see joy on a child’s face or gratitude in a friend’s eyes, let it point us to the joy of salvation and the gratitude we owe to Christ.

This season may our giving reflect God’s generosity. May our receiving remind us of His grace. And may our celebrations center not on what is under the tree, but on the One who hung upon the tree for our salvation.

In this season of giving, let us remember that the greatest gift we could ever receive is Jesus. May our joy in earthly gifts point us to the eternal joy of salvation in Him.

**Saturday**  
**December 13**  
**7:30 a.m.**

*just 4 men*

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:30 a.m. the men of Shiloh gather for breakfast and a lively discussion or two. After breakfast we have a group conversation based on a biblical lesson. Our current video series is Philippians with Joby Martin. Joby is a pastor in Florida who is dedicated to discipleship. Come join us December 13 and see what it is all about.



**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP**  
**Dinner & Sock Exchange**

*Dec. 10 - 6 p.m.*

Shiloh women’s Fellowship will be hosting a Christmas Party at West Side Diner on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. There will be a sock exchange. Details are on the signup sheet in the Narthex. Be sure to add your **name!**

If you have questions, see Krystal Shaffer.

## Logansport Street Outreach



On November 17, ten members of the Outreach committee gathered at the home of Cathy Cree to pack 90 Breakfast Bags for the homeless. They were then delivered to Trinity Episcopal Church for disbursement. This is an enjoyable task the committee takes on every few months.

## LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE

January 17 at 9 a.m. all Shiloh leadership is 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 you 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.



**Our worship on Christmas Eve will be a service of "Lessons and Carols." Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It has become a Christmas tradition with carols, candlelight, and communion. You won't want to be late for this special service at 7 p.m. on December 24.**



## TRUSTEES' REPORT

Hello church family, as everyone knows, we paid off the building back in August of last year and it was such a great accomplishment. Praise be to God! We thank everyone that gave above and beyond to make that happen in such a short time. But with a fifteen-year-old building comes plenty of maintenance and upkeep. That being said there is an account labeled Capital Improvements that we would love for the church to support to help with improvements going forward. The trustees have compiled a list of some maintenance and improvements that have been done in the last few years or will be a need or want within the next several years. Things that have been done:

1. Tankless water heater was installed.
2. Handicap accessible doors installed at main entrance
3. Replaced toilet in NE restroom.
4. Pumped out all the septic tanks.
5. Removed several trees. Also have 6 trees to be taken down soon for apx. \$5K We will have plenty of wood for anyone that would like some. We just ask that you cut and haul it away once it's been dropped.
6. Replaced outdoor entry and carport lights with new led light fixtures.
7. Replaced all 4ft bulbs (apx. 200) with new LED bulbs
8. Replaced some landscaping around the church
9. Installed the first section of the pavement in the parking lot.



These are just some examples, in no particular order that could be costly improvements for us as a church body in the near future.

- 8 furnaces & 8 air conditioning units
- Refinish the fellowship floor
- Repair cracks and repaint the entire interior of the church
- Replace the ice machine
- Repair or replace kitchen countertop
- Replace the roof
- Finish paving the rest of the parking lot
- Update the sanctuary lighting

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to one of the trustees.

## Hidden in My Heart...A Letter from Lucy

Recently a friend of mine shared a video of her 3 year old son reciting the Twenty-third Psalm. Yes, it was hard to understand, and yes, he didn't get it all completely word-for-word right, but it was amazing to see and hear! There are lots of adults who can't recite it, yet here was a 3 year old who had memorized an entire chapter of the Psalms!

I have read through three children's Bibles with Eliza. She knows some of the basic stories that we teach kids, like David and Goliath, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Big Fish, and Jesus' Birth, Death, and Resurrection. But the children's Bibles don't contain actual scripture for her to memorize. We have listened to children's Christian music, like "This Little Light of Mine," "Jesus Loves Me," and many others. And Eliza can sing them when the songs play. But again, no scripture.

Listening to a 3 year old boy recite the scripture has challenged me to begin teaching Eliza some scripture that she can hide in her heart. But I don't think we will begin with a whole Psalm!

The question then becomes, "Where to start?" I have been looking through my Bible, and there are so many verses I want to teach her! And so many concepts to cover.

I remember learning verses for Vacation Bible School many years ago. At this point in my life, I don't even know which ones I learned there, and which ones have come later. What I do know is that when my own children were in Pioneer Clubs and Crusaders and were learning memory verses, that is when I really began my own journey of memorizing scripture. Helping Aaron and Joanna learn their weekly scriptures made me purposefully repeat the verses with them, causing them to imprint on my heart! I also worked with them on memorizing the books of the Bible, and now when I am looking for a specific book of the Bible, I find myself reciting the books just as I taught Aaron and Joanna to do. So if you hear me humming next to you while searching for a hard-to-find book of the Bible, just know that I am singing the song to myself to help me find it!



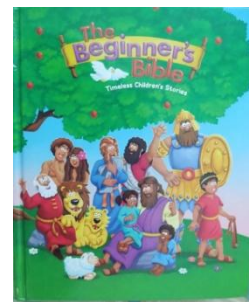
I have thought about some themes I want to work on with Eliza and have decided on a few to begin our journey together, working to memorize God's Word. The first theme is love. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT) states, "And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." I pray that she learns about God's love for her too as 1 John 4:19 (NLT) shares, "We love each other because he loved us first."

Another theme I think that is important for little ones is obedience. I'm choosing 1 John 5:3a (NIV) for this. "Loving God means keeping his commandments." And, of course, from the Ten Commandments, "Honor your father and mother."-Exodus 20:12a (NLT).

One more I will touch on is the theme of prayer. I want Eliza to know how important it is to pray to God about everything! 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT) simply says, "Never stop praying." That seems to cover it all!

When I pray with Eliza, I always finish with asking God to help us be His light in the world. So I think I will finish with Matthew 5:16 (NIV), which is one of my life verses. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Maybe she won't get them word for word. Maybe she will struggle with some of the meanings of the words in them. But maybe, just maybe, Eliza will grow to love God's Word because she has hidden it in her heart. And I definitely want to be part of God's work in doing that!



So I guess I have a challenge for you. Hide God's Word in your heart. And teach others around you to do the same. Write it on cards and leave the scriptures around your house so you see them often. Listen to God's Word as you work and play. And purposefully choose scripture that will help you draw closer to God and become more like Jesus! And maybe, just maybe, God's Word will be hidden in your heart too!

"I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You."--Psalm 119:11

*\*I chose the New International Version & New Living Translation for Eliza to learn because of their simplicity compared to other versions.*



## Shiloh's 2025 OCC Packing Party



### Olive Garden Chicken Gnocchi Soup



*Nancy Rhodes  
Soup Cook-Off Champion*

Place in crockpot:

- 3-4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, diced into 1-in. pieces
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- ½ white onion, diced
- 1 T. minced garlic
- ½ C. shredded carrots
- 4 C. chicken broth
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground thyme

Cook on low 5-6 hours or high for 3 hrs.

- 2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 16 oz. potato gnocchi

Stir cornstarch into heavy whipping cream; add to soup with the gnocchi. Cook on high 15-30 min. until gnocchi is done.

- Fresh spinach, (6-8 oz.), chopped
- Shredded Parmesan cheese

Stir in fresh spinach; serve with Parmesan cheese



The 2025 OCC Packing Party was held Nov. 1st, a culmination of the work of the OCC Committee, led by Erin Campbell. Two hundred forty shoeboxes were packed and inspected. A soup supper was provided afterwards, with six different soups competing in the "soup cook-off." Nancy Rhodes was the winner!

Sunday, Nov. 16, the shoeboxes were blessed during services and then carefully stacked in the Narthex.

A few days later they were loaded and delivered to New Alliance Church, where they will be shipped to their next destination before being sent to another country. Our area's goal was to provide 7500 shoeboxes, and the goal was exceeded by 459! Praise God!

Many thanks to all the folks who contributed, sorted, or packed supplies for these shoeboxes. God will be blessing many children throughout the world through your efforts!!



## Daily Bible Reading for December 2025



Reading In December brings you through the end of the Bible. With the exception of a short letter from Jude, the readings are all attributed to John, the disciple Jesus loved. 1, 2, and 3 John are letters from him and Revelation is his recording what Jesus told him to write down about his revelation, or disclosure of unseen heavenly or future realities.

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

December 1	Mark & Deb Musall
December 2	Jim & Beth Musselman
December 3	Beth Kitchell Tim McKaig
December 7	Stacy Rans Ernie & Vickie Bridge
December 8	Teresa Franklin
December 9	Lee Franklin Dave Sell
December 10	Brynlee Franklin
December 12	John & Deb Spencer
December 14	Evolet Lorenzo
December 15	Baileigh Buck Vickie Hutsell
December 16	Bob Pifer
December 17	Harry Lytle
December 20	Frank & Carol Gaumer Ellen Sell
December 21	Terry Shewalter
December 22	Drew McKaig
December 23	Brent Chambers
December 24	Christina Pifer
December 26	Cole Franklin Darlene Lytle
December 28	Chelsy Roller Darren & Sarah McKaig
December 30	Hannah Martin
December 31	Jan Offutt

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



November 9 - A baby shower was hosted for Hannah Martin at Shiloh. Seated (L-R): Hannah and her mom, Deb Spencer. Behind them is Hostess Teresa Rose.

GOD bless you as you READ the WORD!

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Nov. 30</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM</b>	<b>1</b> Noon – Prayer	<b>2</b> 7 pm – Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6 am – Men’s Bible study	<b>4</b> Pastor Sean’s OFF	<b>5</b> Pastor Mark’s OFF	<b>6</b> 6:29 am - Churchmen United Advent Breakfast @ Lucerne Christian Church (Speaker, Pat Barber)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Noon – Prayer	<b>9</b> 7 pm – Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6 am – Men’s Bible study 6 pm – Women’s Fellowship Christmas Party at West Side Diner	<b>11</b> Pastor Sean’s OFF	<b>12</b> Pastor Mark’s OFF	<b>13</b> 7:30 am  11 am – 6 pm – Salvation Army bell ringing
<b>14</b> Deadline for PowerPoint Christmas Cards Sharing box delivery Raise Right orders due SSM – 6-8 pm- Christmas Party	<b>15</b> Noon – Prayer 6 pm-Board Meeting	<b>16</b> No Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6 am – Men’s Bible study	<b>18</b> Pastor Sean’s OFF	<b>19</b> Pastor Mark’s OFF	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Raise Right Pickup Christmas Power Point & Card Distribution	<b>22</b> Noon – Prayer	<b>23</b> 7 pm - Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b> 6 am – Men’s Bible study 7 pm – Christmas Eve service	<b>25</b> Office Closed 	<b>26</b> Pastor Mark’s OFF Pastor Sean’s OFF	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Noon – Prayer 6 pm - Elders & Deacons Meeting	<b>30</b> 7 pm - Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6 am – Men’s Bible study New Year’s Eve Bowling & Pizza (Sign up in Narthex)	<b>Jan 1</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>Jan 2</b> Pastor Mark’s OFF	<b>Jan 3</b>

The Shiloh Christmas Card Mailbox will be available in the Narthex. To submit a power point greeting, see Paul Hutsell.