

Shiloh News



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I think most people at Shiloh know I am a little bit of a car nut. I like going to car shows and seeing old cars which have been restored to their original condition. I also like seeing what kinds of modifications have been made.

Sometimes I like the mods and sometimes I don't. Maybe I don't like them because it is just "too much". Too much of a color, too much of a theme, too much weirdness. What I think of a particular car doesn't really matter though, it's not my car. Once in a while, you might see an all-original old automobile that is amazing to think about the preservation over the years. But for the most part, cars at shows are restorations or recreations. The car's owner has done what he or she likes and made it what they want.



of our days. He can work bit by bit to bring us back to running order, on His road again. All He needs from us is a willing attitude. A good place to begin is asking Him for forgiveness and restoration. Psalm 51:12 says, "Restore to

me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

As we pray verses like that one, God will work on us, restoring and recreating us to the way He wants us to be. Maybe you need a "frame off" restoration, or maybe your paint just needs a good buffing and the interior cleaned to bring you back. Whatever condition you are in right now, no matter how rough, God can restore us all to perfection. He starts now with our willing hearts and attitudes and will finish the project one day in heaven.

Pastor Mark

"Therefore if **anyone** is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17



Restoring an old car takes a lot of time. There are a lot of different parts and systems to pay attention to and get working together again. Depending on the condition of the

car being restored, it may need to be fully disassembled and restored piece by piece so it will run and look like it did when it was new. If your car is a popular model, you may be able to buy replacement parts. But if you have something rare or uncommon, you may need to make replacement parts.

When I think about restoration of rusty, damaged, neglected cars, I relate it to what God is doing in His children. He created all of us to be in relationship with Him so we would always be close and following His will for our lives. Unfortunately, none of us are able to resist the corrosive and damaging temptations of the world. We neglect our relationship with our Heavenly Father until our lives are a wreck.

But God doesn't see any of us as hopeless cases. There isn't too much rust, there aren't too many dents. God's plan is for total restoration for all of us. He is working now on us in this life, drawing us near him through the events

Nobody's Perfect – by Pastor Mark

Stuck in a shed and nearly forgotten, 40-some years she sat nearly rotten. Then the time came to be pulled from the clutter,

Her old engine was seized and just wouldn't sputter.

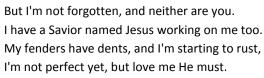
Because someone cared, she wasn't left dead, Resurrected with love, with more years ahead.

She got a new name. Ethyl we call her.

Now when she runs, her engine will purr.

She has some dents that still show, some rough spots too.

So do I, and so do you.



If your engine is stuck or your tranny's in pieces, No sin is too much for the love of my Jesus.

Give him your shame,

He'll give you a new name.

Jesus loves you a lot, not just a little,

We are all works in progress like the story of Ethyl.





The overall theme of "God is in Control" will continue in sermons this month. We will finish the series on the Book of Ruth and as Lent begins we will

move to some passages in the Psalms. The time in Psalms will be looking at repentance as preparation for Resurrection Sunday. Easter comes early this year, March 31st.

February 4 "Obedience and Integrity"

Ruth 3 Pastor Mark

February 11 "Redemption"

Ruth 4 Pastor Nick

February 18 "Hear My Cry"

Psalm 5 Pastor Mark

February 25 "Waiting for the Lord"

Psalm 27:7-14 Pastor Mark

If you miss a sermon, remember they are recorded on CD, or on Facebook at Shiloh Streaming Service, where you can watch live on Sunday morning or replay any time. You can view newsletters, weekly bulletins and more at gotoshiloh.org.



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



Nursery Duty

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. If you would like to volunteer for Nursery duty, please see Paul Hutsell in the church office.

February 4 – Cory & Dawn Harmon

February 11 – Joe & Tracy Franklin

February 18 – Emily & Ellie Miller

February 25 - Nettie Brosge & Nancy Rhodes

Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper	
2/4	Sherry V	Sandra S	Vickie B	Gratia H	
Q2 Lesson 9 – Jesus Washes Feet					
2/11	Kathy K	Lucy M	Stacy F	Susan A	
Q2 Lesson 10 – Jesus is the Vine					
2/18	Allison C	Becky P	Vickie B	xxxx	
Q2 Lesson 11 – Paul's Conversion					
2/25	Kathy K	Teresa F	Teresa R	Susan A	
Q2 Lesson 12 – Paul is Shipwrecked					



JOIN US IN 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



What is so important about Youth Group?

Have you read any Christian books that have been beneficial to your faith recently? I am currently reading two books that have been quite impactful. One has been geared for my personal walk and witness. The other book I am reading is for leaders serving in Student Ministry. The book is called *Gospelize Your Youth Ministry*, by Greg Stier. Stier's book has been quite insightful and convicting! I have implemented several concepts and resources offered in the book. The most recent chapter I've read (well, at the time of writing this article), pointed out the significance of a student's ability to answer the question in the title of this article. If a student is able to answer that question, they should be able to answer a following question. "Why do you attend Youth Group?"

These questions may not seem that deep or significant, but our students are asking these questions personally. Even if they are not, their friends will ask if they are invited to Youth Group! After deep reflection and prayer, I realized that I can improve in communicating the importance of Youth Group and why each student should participate. As Greg Stier points out, it should be mentioned at nearly every Youth Meeting. I have no metrics to base this statement on, but I believe that half of our students could not answer the question in the title. We've got some work to do!

So what is our vision for each student involved with Shiloh Student Ministries? Our vision is that each student would KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, and DISCOVER PURPOSE! We want our students to know about God, His word, and their individual need of Jesus. We want our students to find freedom through Jesus and give Him their entire life! By grace through faith alone! Lastly, we want our students to discover purpose (why they exist). We want them to discover that each person was made for community with God and to bring glory and honor to Him. Youth Group is a great and consistent opportunity for students to hear about the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Additionally, it provides a community that champions following Jesus! Students being consistently involved in Youth Group is so eternally important. Especially with the current condition of a sinful world and the sinful culture we live in. Youth Group is not about having another thing in the world of busy. It quite the opposite... it is a place to slow down and see what truly is important! – Pastor Nick

- Middle School Ministry (5th-8th Grade) meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month from 5:30-7PM
- High School Ministry (8th-12th Grade) meet on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month from 6:30-8PMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Middle School Ministry Dates | February 25th, March 10th | 5:30-7PM
- High School Ministry Dates | February 4th (At the Gordon Home), March 3rd, 17th | 6:30-8PM
- Gather Event | Late Nighter | February 18th | 5:30-10:30 PM | Fun Event for MSM & HSM

FACEBOOK GROUP: SHILOH STUDENT MINISTRIES | INSTAGRAM: @shilohccstudentministries

WANT MORE INFORMATION... GO TO https://linktr.ee/shilohccstudentministries

RAISE RIGHT gift cards are an ongoing fundraiser for SSM! You purchase a full value gift card and SSM receives a % of the purchase price. The order sheet & catalog of available gift cards can be found at the Inspiration Station. <u>DISCLAIMER: The order sheet must have a minimum total of \$600 before Pastor Nick places gift card order.</u>

Growth Track!

I want to share something exciting that we as a church are starting in 2024! In 2023, we realized that we needed a more consistent and repeatable discipleship process for all people at Shiloh. Especially for new attenders! Many of the steps in *Growth Track* were things we were already doing. After much prayer, research, and discussion we have arrived to this moment... ready to launch *Growth Track*!

Growth Track has three outcomes or stages. Below, I want to highlight each of the three outcomes. I will share the goals and some of the major steps. Some of the major steps need numerous people to be involved. For example, the ministry/committee sign-up dates in Outcome #3.

OUTCOME #1 | "Come learn about the Church!"

This outcome is almost exclusively for a new attender. However, this step will involve the participation of key church leadership and others. The goal with this outcome is to get a new attender oriented with our church. We desire for them to know our mission, vision, beliefs, church leaders, and our ministry philosophy.

Key Steps of Outcome #1

- New Attenders Class: Offered once a quarter.
- Meet N' Greet: Every two months after service.
 First Meet N' Greet is February 4th.
 - The Meet N' Greet is by invitation only.
 This is due to food planning and keeping this event small in number.
 - Both new attenders and long term attenders are invited to this event.

OUTCOME #2 | "Discover what God has put in you!"

This outcome is truly for everyone! The goal with this outcome is to help you understand how God has created you for His glory. Additionally, this outcome will lay a healthy foundation for outcome #3.

Key Steps of Outcome #2

- Asking Key Questions.
 - o Salvation/Faith and Baptism
- Inductive Bible Study Class: Once a quarter.
 - A two to three week class that teaches you a method of how to study the Bible.
 - o Limited number of spots available
- Spiritual Gifts and Personality Assignment.
 - After taking the assessments, you can schedule a time to review them with Pastor Mark or myself.
 - We can help you get involved in a ministry/committee to serve on based on your spiritual gifts/gifting. This step begins the transition to Outcome #3.

OUTCOME #3 | "Stay Connected/Continued Discipleship!"

This outcome is all about encouraging you to grow in your faith and to serve! To most importantly apply Outcomes number one and two!

Kev Steps of Outcome #3

- Help you be plugged into a class, a Bible study, or etc. that will help you to grow in your faith.
- Committee/Ministry Signups: Offered every four months. Our first signup is after service on February 18th. Committee leaders should have a representative at this sign up.
 - o Our main emphasis will still be in September with the Ministry Fair.

TIMELINE for Key Steps of GROWTH TRACK for 2024:

Outcome #1

Community Night/Meet N' Greet

a) February 4th, April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th, December 1st

New Attenders Class (during Sunday School)

a) March 3^{rd} & 10^{th} June 2^{nd} & 9^{th} , September 8^{th} & 15^{th} , December 1^{st} & 8^{th}

Outcome #2

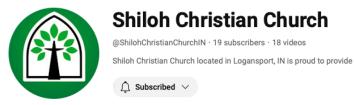
Inductive Bible Study Class - Limited Spots

- 1. Class One February 21st, February 28th, March
- 2. Class Two May 22nd, May 29th, June 5th
- 3. Class Three August 21st, August 28th, September 4th
- 4. Class Four November 20th, December 4th

Outcome #3

Ministry Sign Ups February 18th, May 19th, September 22nd- Ministry Fair (Main Emphasis)

You can watch a video explanation of Growth Track through the church's YouTube Channel.



-Pastor Nick



Saturday, Feb. 10 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast, brotherhood, and a Bible all go together at Just 4 Men. We meet on the second Saturday of each month for a great breakfast and brotherly conversation around the tables. In January we began a study in Daniel using RightNow Media. It is called *Thriving in Babylon* by Larry Osborn. We hope to see you at our next session on February 10, at 7:30 a.m.



February 14 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning to the Lenten Season. The season of Lent is a period of six and half weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. Though the Lenten Season may have different practices or have different meanings church across denominations, the season of Lent is a of remembrance, fasting, period concentrating on our need of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder mankind's mortality need and reconciliation offered through Jesus Christ, by grace through faith alone. We hope that you and your family will join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th. Service will begin at 7pm and will last about an hour.



Thursday, Feb. 15 – 6 p.m.

The February Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. All ladies are welcome. We would love to have you attend.

We will be making our yearly care packages for some of the people in our congregation and also our college students. We have a list already, but if you know of someone you would like to take a care package to please notify Connie Murphy or Sandra Shaffer.

We need donations before that date: snack cakes, single bags of chips, cereal bars, individual boxes or containers of cereal, individual containers of soup or mac 'n' cheese, bar soap, fingernail clippers, nail files, individual Kleenex, small hand sanitizer, Christian books, small Bible, word search, Sudoku puzzles, crosswords, copies of Guideposts or anything else you can think of. There is a pink box on the table in the narthex for donations, or bring them with you if you are attending the meeting.

Watch for an upcoming Women's Retreat! See Kathy Kennell if you'd like to help. And don't forget to sign up for Prayer Partners! See list in the Narthex.



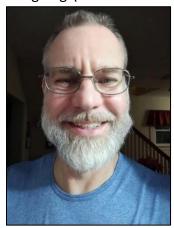
Debt got you down? Worried about having enough to retire? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University teaches you how to change so your situation with money will change.

Money is the topic of many arguments in many households. Financial Peace University helps money conversations happen without fighting. One of the best by-products of FPU is the peace that comes to marriages when a couple goes through it together. Financial Peace University is coming again soon to Shiloh. Let Pastor Mark know if you are interested in this 9 week course.

"Observations"...a Letter from Lucy

Recently I celebrated a birthday. I had a good day at work, and then came home to wait for Mark to take me out to eat for supper. We were in a hurry since I had a chiropractic appointment beforehand. We headed out, took care of my back, and then went to One-Eyed Jack's in Winamac for a great meal. We sat and chatted about our day, and about our kids, and enjoyed spending time together. When we got home, I called a friend (Ruby) because she had texted me earlier. She shared that she had heard about Mark's other gift to me. I was confused. The gift was "eating out" to celebrate. What was she talking about? Mark started laughing (I had the

speaker on so he could hear our conversation.), and said that I hadn't even noticed yet...What were they talking about? I started looking around, trying to figure out what they were laughing about. I didn't see any other gifts. Then I looked at Mark. Really looked at Mark. After all that time with



BEFORE

him, I had failed to notice that he had trimmed his beard! You see, he had decided to let it grow this winter. And it had. A lot! All I could picture

was one of the Robertson brothers from Duck Dynasty, with the long beards that never ended! Anyway, I like Mark's beard, but I like it trimmed! And he had done that for me! And I didn't even notice! I am horrible at being observant!



AFTER

I wish I were better at paying attention to details around me. My mind is typically moving on to the next thing. I am too busy to notice all the little stuff. That's normal. Right?

Actually, not being observant is a big sign that my life is all about ME. A big red flag that I am being selfish in my thoughts and actions. How can I allow God to lead when I'm not paying attention? How can He lead me through my day when I am too busy to notice the people around me and their needs? Boy, did He call me out on my My husband had changed his birthday! appearance ((in a pretty big way!), and I didn't even notice! God, forgive me! Forgive me for my lack of observation. Teach me to slow down and look around and see the needs around me. Help me to see all the blessings waiting for me when I just look up and follow You. And teach me to be observant of the things that are important to You.

Now you know what I am going to try to work on in the future. What about you? Anyone else struggle with this problem? Let's work to truly see through God's eyes. What will we notice? What will God allow us to witness that we might have missed before? And how will being observant change our lives? I'm praying for more opportunities to be His hands and feet by looking less at myself, and looking at those around me. If I have missed seeing you, truly seeing you, I apologize. I will try to do better. And if you catch me missing opportunities to see God at work, tell me! I want to be part of what God is blessing! And I can't do that when I am just looking at ME! And Mark, I am very sorry for being so selfabsorbed that I missed your truly wonderful gift to me. But thanks for letting God use you to teach me a life lesson!

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility, count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."--Philippians 2:3-4



OCC at SHILOH

Erin Campbell, Shiloh's chairperson for Operation Christmas Child, recently received a thank you for the OCC shoeboxes Shiloh sent in 2023. The Kokomo Area Operation Christmas Child, of which we are a part, packed 12,845 shoeboxes this year! This was an increase of more than 1,000 shoeboxes from the year before.

This means that 12,845 children will hear the gospel. Many thousands more will hear the gospel as shoebox recipients share the good news with their families and friends.

This year our area's shoeboxes went to Ukraine and to South Africa. You can find out more about each of these countries and the work that Samaritan's Purse is doing by going to

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-countries/ukraine/and

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-countries/south-africa/

You will also find stories about children who have received shoeboxes at these sites.

Please pray for the children who have received our shoeboxes. Pray for the workers both in the U.S. and around the world. Pray for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse and for Franklin Graham as he leads this organization.



Erin Campbell relaxes With her cat, Cleo

Erin Campbell is beginning her tenth year as Shiloh's OCC Chairman. When asked why she continues to sign up for this responsibility, she says "It enables me to use the spiritual gift given to me to help spread the gospel to children around the world." Any

of us who have worked with Erin on OCC also recognize that having efficient organizational skills is another one of her gifts."

Her committee meets about 10-12 times during year to count and assemble the shoebox items. Then a packing party is organized in the fall, where all church members can take part in the final packing. Erin loves the fact that everyone is involved.

Shiloh's OCC team plans to create shoeboxes again this year, so be on the lookout for items that are needed. A red bucket in the Narthex is waiting for your donations. Here is a list to get you started:

Band-Aids Hair brushes or combs

Combs Cups

Dental floss Emery boards

Erasers Gloves

Glue sticks Hair bands/ties

Baseball hats Sock hats

Ink pens Kleenex (travel size)

Nail clippersNotepadsPencil sharpenersPencilsRulersScissors

Silverware Sewing kit (travel size)

Bar soap Stickers
Toothbrushes Washcloths
Socks Scarves
Bracelets Small toys



In February many of us think of hearts and love and special cards and special people. In the Bible we can read many verses about love. In James 2:8 we find a verse about love that we need to remember all the time.

Write the letter of the alphabet that is missing from each line below. Read James 2:8.

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Daily Bible Reading for February 2024





Walt McFarland

The month of February is spent in 2 Chronicles and reading			
about the kings of Israel. Remember as you read about them			
that God granted the people's wish to have kings like other			
nations. Who are the "good" kings? Who are the "bad"			
ones? How would Israel have gotten along if they had made			
God their one true King?			

February 1	2 Chronicles 5
February 2	2 Chronicles 6
February 3	2 Chronicles 7
February 4	2 Chronicles 8
February 5	2 Chronicles 9
February 6	2 Chronicles 10
February 7	2 Chronicles 11
February 8	2 Chronicles 12
February 9	2 Chronicles 13
February 10	2 Chronicles 14
February 11	2 Chronicles 15
February 12	2 Chronicles 16
February 13	2 Chronicles 17
February 14	2 Chronicles 18:1-19:3
February 15	2 Chronicles 19:4-11
February 16	2 Chronicles 20
February 17	1 Chronicles 21
February 18	2 Chronicles 22
February 19	2 Chronicles 23
February 20	2 Chronicles 24
February 21	2 Chronicles 25
February 22	2 Chronicles 26

2 Chronicles 27

2 Chronicles 28

2 Chronicles 29

2 Chronicles 30

2 Chronicles 31

2 Chronicles 32

Catny Cree
Craig Williams
Paul & Vickie Hutsell
Nick Gordon
Debbie Spencer
Deb Musall

	Linnea Lebo
February 9	Sherry VanSoest
February 14	Craig Kennell
February 16	Reid & Becky Partin
February 19	Steve VanDerAa
February 21	Ron Sink
February 23	Mark Marshall
February 26	Nina Holle
	Mike & Shirley Rush
	Morris & Linda Small

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	Mike & Shirley
	Morris & Linda
February 27	Carolyn Hines
February 28	Eli Miller
	Owen Miller

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



Amelia Gordon's first birthday was celebrated on Sunday, January 7th.

February 23

February 24

February 25

February 26

February 27

February 28/29

Shiloh Christian Church

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

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan. 28	Jan. 29 Noon – Prayer	Jan. 30	Jan. 31 6 am – Men's Bible study	1 Pastor Nick's OFF 7 pm – Ladies' Choir	2	3 Hutsell 50 th Anniversary
5:30-7pm-MS Ministry		7 pm - Bible Study			Pastor Mark's OFF	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Meet 'n' Greet IAC	Noon – Prayer		6 am – Men's Bible study		Pastor Mark's OFF	7:30 am
6:30-8 pm-HS Ministry @ Gordon Home		7 pm – Bible Study	7 pm-VBS Meeting	Pastor Nick's OFF		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Raise Right orders due	Noon – Prayer	7 pm – Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study 7 pm – Ash Wed. Service	Pastor Nick's OFF 6 pm-Women's Fellowship 7 pm – Ladies' Choir	Pastor Mark's OFF	Men's Lenten Breakfast Refuge Worship Center Bert Stover, speaker Life Guardians Event
18 Raise Right pickup	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am – Ladies' Choir Ministry Sign-ups IAC	Noon - Prayer		6 am – Men's Bible study	Pastor Nick's OFF	Pastor Mark's OFF	Men's Lenten Breakfast Cross Wind
5:30-10:30 pm- MSM/HSM-FUN EVENT	7 pm-Board meeting	7 pm - Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	6:30 PM-Inductive Bible Study	7 pm – Ladies' Choir		Randell Birk, speaker
25	26	27	28	29	March 1	March 2
5:30-7pm-MS Ministry	Noon - Prayer 6 pm-Deacons Mtg 7 pm- Elders & Deacons	7 pm – Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study 6:30 PM-Inductive Bible Study	Pastor Nick's OFF 7 pm – Ladies' Choir	Pastor Mark's OFF	Men's Lenten Breakfast All Saints Roger Knebel, speaker 7-10 am-Weekday Religious Ed Breakfast @ 12 Mile CB