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If you know me very well, you know I don't watch a lot of television, but if it's on when I come into the room, I am easily distracted by it. I watch whatever Lucy is watching on TV. However, I do have some favorites on

YouTube. I am subscribed to several YouTube channels. A few of them are preachers or spiritually-related content.

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But the ones I get the most notifications from have to do with

hobby-related videos. I enjoy following other people as they work on their projects. Seeing other people do something helps me learn about doing it. It gives me a good place to start as I try it on my own.

When I get the notifications, I want to see what is happening on the current projects. I have become a faithful follower of a couple of YouTube channels, but doing that has also encouraged me to try new things on my own or take projects to a new level.

As people of the Church, we have something similar in the gatherings we participate in. Of course, Sunday morning worship is a big part of what churches do, but being part of other gatherings of believers is vital to spiritual growth and getting us to the next level. Last

year, we did a church health survey which revealed our greatest need is better discipleship. For a short definition of "discipleship," let's



say a disciple is someone who is following and learning about Jesus Christ in order to become intimately acquainted with their Savior.

A disciple would always check out every notification about a new post from Jesus, if Jesus had a social media



presence. Kyle Idleman wrote a book several years ago called <u>Not A Fan</u>. In that book, he compares Jesus fans to Jesus followers. Like a fan of an actor or athlete, a

> Jesus fan may know a lot of stats and go to things where Jesus is talked about, but what does it mean to really *follow* Jesus?

> As a church and as individual believers in Christ, we have a responsibility given to us in the Great Commission: "Go 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." (Matt. 28:19-20) There is no better place to start than right here

where we are.

Currently at Shiloh, there are some great ways to connect with fellow believers besides Sunday morning

worship. Also on Sunday morning is Sunday school for all ages. We have some great

Christians

teachers. Specifically for women is Women's Fellowship and there is a Women's retreat this month! For men there is a weekly Bible study and Just 4 Men meets monthly. Mondays at noon there is a prayer group in the sanctuary. Every Tuesday night there is a Bible study group meeting at the church. And of course, for the youth there is Shiloh Student Ministries for middle school and high school.

And there is more on the way. I have begun meeting with some leaders for some smaller groups to do life together, study together, serve together, and pray for each other. I hope when you get a notification of one of the current groups meeting, or a new group forming, you will look for the group where you will find discipleship for yourself as well as coming alongside someone and bringing them to the next level.

Following with you, Pastor Mark



Sermons in May will finish the series in Esther and begin a new series. We have been in the Old Testament for most of the year, but we will be moving

to the New Testament with a series on discipleship for a few weeks.

May 5	"Baptized" Mark 1:1-11	Pastor Mark
May 12	"The Plot Prevented" Esther 6-8	Pastor Nick
May 19	"The Jews are Delivered" Esther 9-10	Pastor Mark
May 26	"Called to Discipleship" Matthew 24:18-22	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 June Shiloh News need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. Please submit your news 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.

May 5 – Lee & Sarah Franklin May 12– Drew & Stacy Farrer May 19 – Tim & Linda Morris May 26 – Kathy Courtad & Carol Sue Hayworth

Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
5/5	Kathy K	xxx	Chelsy R	Gratia H
Q3 Lesson 7 – The Church Sends Its First Missionaries				
5/12	Sherry V	Sandra S	Krista P	Lucy M
Q3 Lesson 8 – People Pray for Peter to Get Out of Prison				
5/19	Alicia P	Darlene R	Vickie B Jerry I	
Q3 Lesson 9 – Paul Raises Up Timothy				
5/26	Stacy F	ххх	Teresa R	xxx
Q3 Lesson 10 – Paul & Silas Face Dangers				

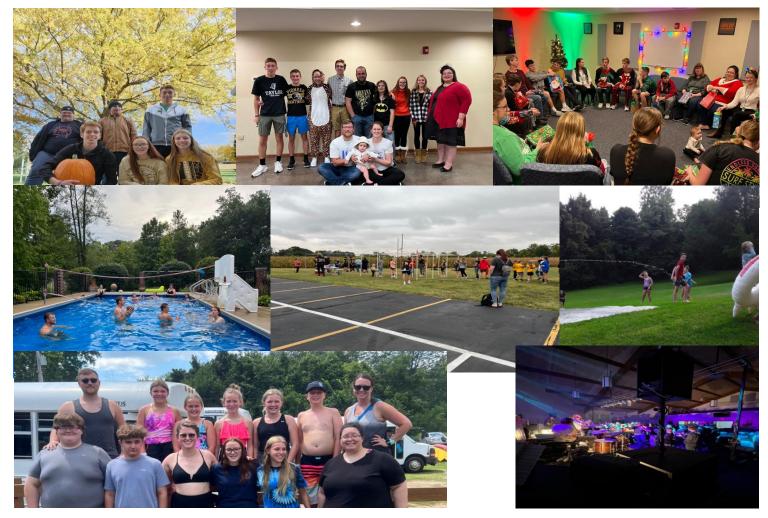
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JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF **UNTOLD STORIES IN EACH CUP OF COFFEE!** SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30



That's a Wrap on the 23-24 School Year!

The month of May signifies the end of the school year and the arrival of springtime, as well as outdoor activities like cookouts and ball games. Undoubtedly one of my favorite times of the year! On May 5th, we wrap up our school year for the Student Ministries with the End of Year Party. This party is one of my favorite Youth Group traditions. During this event, all students and volunteers come together to enjoy games, food, and prizes, including humorous awards. The evening also features a recap video of the entire year! It amazes me how much we, including myself, can forget in one year. Below, I want to share some of my favorite photos from this school year! – Pastor Nick



KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- End of School Year Party | May 5th 6-8PM | 5th-12th Grade
- SUMMER KICK OFF | May 19th 6-8PM | 5th-12th Grade FACEBOOK GROUP: SHILOH STUDENT MINISTRIES | INSTAGRAM: @shilohccstudentministries WANT MORE INFORMATION... GO TO https://linktr.ee/shilohccstudentministries



Wondering in the Wilderness!

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us," Ephesians 3:20

Over the past decade, I have been fortunate enough to hike in some of the most stunning places around the world. However, I have also encountered places where the beauty has faded or has fallen into a state of disrepair. In either circumstance, I am still in a state of wondering. Quora.com defines wondering as "a cross between curiosity and savoring the amazing aspects of life and also the physical realities we interact with." I love this definition! All of mankind naturally wonders about people, things, and places. God has created us with the ability to wonder. To think and process. To be in awe and dependent on the power of God! I

frequently find myself in nature when I ponder. For nature me, refers not only to the physical wilderness but also to the metaphorical wilderness.

This image or illustration of wondering is scattered throughout the Bible in examples such



as Moses, the Israelites, Elijah, and even Jesus Himself. These examples were not only about the physical realm, but also the metaphorical desolation a person or group can experience. As Christ Followers, we will go through wilderness seasons. Seasons of doubt, grief, or hardship, when our faith is not fervent. When we are wandering in those wilderness seasons, it is no



cakewalk. Our tendency is to think that God has forgotten about you! The truth is... God has never left.

He is still powerfully at work in those seasons. To make us holy, God works to produce Christlikeness in us or remove anything

hindering our growth. God could even be preparing us for a specific calling or new adventure. Think about Moses and the burning bush. I say all of that to remind myself and you that God is faithful in the wilderness experiences. Perhaps you are currently going through a difficult phase in your life, as I am. But whenever you find yourself in such a situation, take the time to wonder. Wonder about what God is producing in you, what He may be calling you to, or what He may be removing from you. Lastly, know that you are not alone! Even Jesus Himself went through the Wilderness!

In His redemption, Pastor Nick





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7-8, 2024

G'day Mates! We are making preparations for VBS, and we need YOUR help!

We need 50 of each of these items: soap, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel size shampoo and conditioner, combs, and deodorants (all preferably able to be used by both men and women).

And...a boomerang! Yes, we need a boomerang! Items can be placed into the designated box in the Narthex.



MAY 2 11:30 - 12:30

The Cass County National Day of Prayer Task Force would like to invite the community to participate in the **National Day of Prayer Observance Service** on **Thursday, May 2,** from **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** at the **Calvary Presbyterian Church, 701 Spencer St, Logansport.** This service will also be live-streamed at: <u>facebook.com/usernamecalvarypresbyterianchurche</u> <u>co</u>.

The 2024 theme, *LIFT UP THE WORD—LIGHT UP THE WORLD*, is based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31. The Word of God teaches us that as we *LIFT UP THE WORD* in prayer, we will *LIGHT UP THE WORLD!* With boldness and conviction, let's heed this call to pray for America.

just4me

Saturday, May 11 7:30 a.m.

The second Saturday of every month is the best Saturday of every month because that's when the men of Shiloh get together for breakfast, brotherly fellowship, and Bible study. The time we spend together in conversation with the meal as well as the study time is encouraging and applicable to our everyday lives. Breakfast is ready at 7:30; come early for extra time with the guys. We finish by 9:00 so you have the rest of your Saturday to do all the things you need to do. See you May 11th at 7:30 a.m.



rightnow MEDIA.

What? You still haven't done this??

If you haven't downloaded the Rightnow Media App on your device, use this link to create your user ID and password and get started viewing Biblical teachers, great music, and cool videos just for kids. Shiloh is subscribed and we can give it to as many of our friends as we want, so share it with a friend.

https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/scclogansport



SHILOH GRADUATION BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 19

All are welcome!

Please come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship to honor our Shiloh graduate(s) May 19 at 8:30 a.m.

The menu will include:

SCRAMBLED EGGS, BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE GRAVY, SAUSAGE LINKS, BACON, FRESH FRUIT,

JUICE, COFFEE, AND PASTRIES

AND IF YOU HAVE A WORD OF WISDOM, SHARE IT WITH A GRADUATE!!

Shiloh Youth in the Spotlight

Several Shiloh Student Ministry students had roles in Pioneer HS's recent production of *The Wizard of Oz.*

(These pictures were taken following their last performance.)

Austin Brooke, with makeup removed here, made a convincing Cowardly Lion. This all-around Thespian is also credited with helping with choreography, makeup, publicity, costumes, and set design/building.

Sixth grader **Leah Franklin** was a munchkin.



Whitney Reed (center), played in several roles: Lullaby League, Flying Monkeys, Munchkins, and Ozians.

Melia McIntire (right) portrayed the infamous Dorothy.

They are pictured with Scarecrow Ellison Kitchell.



The 2024 Women's Retreat will take place at Teresa Rose's house on May 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Heaven Rules" is the theme, and we will be viewing video from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Joni Earickson Tada, and Dannah Cresh. These women are giants of the faith, and they will guide us in some deep truths of how we can live,

trusting that the Almighty Father is in control!

Lunch and snacks will be provided. Ladies should dress comfortably, including your walking shoes, if you'd



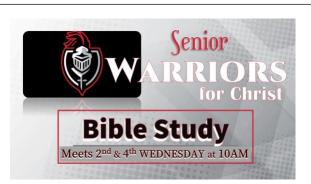
like! Feel free to bring your favorite covered hot/cold beverage container, as well as your Bible. Space is limited! Please get registered at the table in the Narthex by Sunday, April 28!



Save the date! June 9 in downtown Kokomo!

Shiloh's Family Life Committee is sponsoring an outing to see a BASEBALL GAME!

Sign up by June 2 in the Narthex



A Name...A Letter from Lucy

While we were in Arizona visiting Joanna and her family, we went to a few parks with Eliza. One park, in particular, has a great play area just the right size for Eliza. However, this same park is also known for something else. There are lots of people who hang out there who struggle with alcoholism and drug addiction. You see them sleeping near the trees or the play equipment. Because of this, Joanna doesn't take Eliza there very often, and they always go in the middle of the day.

We decided to walk to this park so Eliza could swing in the special double swing with one of us. But as we walked around the playground equipment, we discovered a man sleeping on the ground. We walked away toward the swings.



While we were swinging, he woke up and came over to us. He was clearly inebriated, babbling, asking for help. He talked about ending his life right then and there. We all shared that he shouldn't do that.

He was rambling, but clearly in need of help.

Joanna actually knew who to call to get him help. She had the local crisis hotline number on her phone. Mark looked up the information and called. The man, who noticed I was taking photos of Eliza, asked me to take his picture too. So I did. And he shared that his name was Blaze. His name was Blaze. (Yes, I shared that twice on purpose!)

Mark was still talking with a counselor on the phone, giving him any information he could to get Blaze some help. Blaze wouldn't tell us anything else to share with them. But they would have come to the park and picked Blaze up. They could have helped him.

But that didn't happen. I wish I could wrap this story up that way. But Blaze walked away. He changed his mind and said he didn't need any help now - although clearly, he did! He wouldn't stick



around and wait for the help that would come.

So I've been praying for Blaze. And I'm sure Mark and Joanna have too. I've prayed that Blaze would reach out again for help. I've prayed that the people that help him will share God's love with him. I've prayed that the next time he asks for help, he will receive what God has to offer him - a new life free of addiction and pain.

And because of Blaze, I'm also praying for the others we saw that day. I don't know their names. But God does. And He cares for each of them, just like He does for us. He calls us all by name.

Knowing Blaze's name made a difference for me. Maybe it will for you too. We have people in our community just like Blaze. Ask them their names. Listen to their stories. And pray for them. And while you're at it, say a prayer for Blaze too.

Insert the name of whoever you are praying for here:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son so that Blaze, if he believes in Him, would be saved."--John 3:16

"If Blaze calls on the name of the Lord, he will be saved."--Romans 10:13

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53A God	I's Creation
Fill in the blanks below	God's creation coming alive again! w with the names of things that God ipture references to help if needed.
<u>G</u>	(Deuteronomy 11:10)
<u>o</u>	a tree to rest under (1 Kings 13:14)
<u>D</u>	when Mary went to the tomb (Matthew 28:1)
<u>'s</u>	lights in the night sky (Genesis 1:16)
<u>c</u>	provided clothing for John the Baptist (Matthew 3:4)
<u>R</u>	flowing water (Matthew 3:6)
<u>E</u>	name of a garden (Genesis 2:8)
<u>A</u>	the first man (Genesis 2:20b)
<u>T</u>	sound made by lightning (Exodus 19:16)
<u></u>	hopping, flying, crawling creatures (Leviticus 11:20)
<u>o</u>	a "wise" bird (Psalm 102:6)
<u>N</u>	begins at sunset (Genesis 28:11)

Answer to puzzle # 50

Answer: garden; oak; dawn; stars; camel; river; Eden; Adam; thunder; insects; owl; night.



As you continue reading in Isaiah there is an historical interlude featuring King Hezekiah and then comfort and encouragement from God in Isaiah. Then Obediah is a book of just 21 verses with judgement and promise. Joel is another minor prophet who focuses on the "day of the Lord." And by the end of May, you will have begun Jonah. What do you see in this familiar book that is new to you?

May 1	Isaiah 36-37
May 2	Isaiah 38
May 3	Isaiah 39
May 4	Isaiah 40
May 5	Isaiah 41
May 6	Isaiah 42
May 7	Isaiah 43:1-44:5
May 8	Isaiah 44:6-28
May 9	Isaiah 45
May 10	Isaiah 46-47
May 11	Isaiah 48-49
May 12	Isaiah 50
May 13	Isaiah 51:1-52:12
May 14	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
May 15	Isaiah 54
May 16	Isaiah 55
May 17	Isaiah 56-57
May 18	Isaiah 58
May 19	Isaiah 59
May 20	Isaiah 60
May 21	Isaiah 61-62
May 22	Isaiah 63-64
May 23	Isaiah 65
May 24	Isaiah 66
May 25	Obadiah 1-14
May 26	Obadiah 15-21
May 27	Joel 1
May 28	Joel 2:1-17
May 29	Joel 2:18-27
May 30	Joel 2:28-3:21
May 31	Jonah 1
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May 1	Kevin Walder
May 2	Joe & Tracy Franklin
May 3	Linda Small
May 4	Carl Sell
May 7	Austin Harmon
-	Shirley Rush
May 8	DeAnna Walder
May 10	Gary & Sandra Shaffer
May 13	Jim Campbell
	Richard Holle
May 14	Terri Simons
May 16	Harrison Pullen
May 21	Maxine Nice
	Kathy Kennell
May 22	Nancy Rhodes
May 23	Nick & Marissa Gordon
May 26	Gary Rose
May 28	Mike & Teresa Rose
May 30	Tim & Susan Aldridge
	Bev Rose
May 30	Mia McKaig

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



Drew McKaig



Friday, May 31 5 – 8:30 p.m. At Shiloh IT'S A GRADUATION PARTY! Come help Drew McKaig celebrate!

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28	April 29	April 30	1	2 Pastor Nick's OFF	3	4
	Noon – Prayer Blood Drive at Webb Chapel	7 pm - Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study Mission Trip Dinner	11:30-12:30-National day of Prayer @ Calvary Presbyterian Church 7 pm-Ladies Choir	Pastor Mark's OFF	
5 Baptism Sunday	6	7	8 6 am – Men's Bible study	9	10	11
6-8 pm-End Of School Year Party Gr 5-12	Noon – Prayer	7 pm – Bible Study	10 am-Warriors Bible Study 6 pm-Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm-Inductive Bible Study 7 pm-Mission Trip Meeting	Pastor Nick's OFF	Pastor Mark's OFF	7:30 am ^{just} 4 men
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Raise Right orders due	Noon – Prayer 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	Women's Retreat
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8:30am - Graduates' Brkfst Raise Right Pickup	Noon - Prayer 7 pm-Board meeting	7 pm - Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	6 am – Men's Bible study 10 am-Warriors Bible Study	7 pm-Ladies Choir	Pastor Mark's OFF	
6-8 pm-Summer Kick-off Gr 5-12	<	PASTO	R NICKO	N V A C A	T I O N	>
26	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31	June 1
Memorial Day Service IAC		7 pm – Bible Study	6 am – Men's Bible study	Pastor Nick's OFF	Pastor Mark's OFF	
Pastor Nick on Vacation >	Memorial				5-8:30-Graduation Party for Drew McKaig	