Shiloh News

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As a nondenominational church, Shiloh has a lot of freedom. Freedom sounds wonderful. We need to be free from some denominational beliefs and practices, but with freedom comes responsibility. We want to remain faithful to God's Word, and we want to be good stewards of the resources He has given us to manage. One of the practices Shiloh has had for years is to use 15% of all worship and Sunday school offerings as benevolence giving.



We have several missions and missionaries we support monthly. Those are selected by the Benevolence Committee and known as budgeted benevolences. The Benevolence Committee also meets quarterly to make recommendations about how to distribute money that has come in above the budgeted benevolence amount. There are usually special requests from missionaries we know or some who are new to the mission field. Sometimes there is a need in the community or a need for someone at Shiloh. If we are directing money toward a project or organization, the main criterion is that they are gospel centered missions.

Later this month, we have a very exciting opportunity to personally meet some of the missionaries and the organizations we are supporting. August 30th is Mission Sunday. It is also a fifth Sunday, so that means we will have a carry in meal for lunch after church. At that meal, you will have a chance to meet and visit with many different people who are missionaries or work for mission organizations all around the world. I like it when people sit and eat with people they don't know well, and this will give us extra opportunities.

All missionaries are working to help people, and there are a lot of different ways they do that. The first and most obvious way is evangelism, or introducing people to Jesus and helping them understand they need a Savior. In some places, it is illegal to talk about your faith in such a way that you are asking someone to believe like you do. So, they find ways to work around the laws without getting in trouble. In other places, missionaries work to understand language and culture so they can make accurate translations of the Bible. Others may be working on college campuses introducing students to Jesus and discipling them in their relationship with Him.

Missions who offer medical care for free meet physical needs for people first. Then when people know they care, the evangelist is more welcome and people listen. Some missions are about stopping evil and protecting innocent people. They may be working with law enforcement to stop human trafficking, or they may be praying outside abortion clinics or doing ultrasounds for pregnant moms. Some missions drill wells for clean safe drinking water, while others clean up and rebuild after natural disasters. All of these work in Jesus' name so people get to know Him and build a relationship with Him.

We think it is important for the people of Shiloh to know the missionaries they are supporting so we have invited them to come and share a meal with us and spend time helping us understand what they do. This is not a special fund raiser. This is a chance to ask questions and get to know the people we pray for and financially support. Knowing the people will help you talk about the work your church does. Be on the lookout for some helpful hints about how to talk to missionaries and plan to stay a little longer on the 30th to have some conversations.

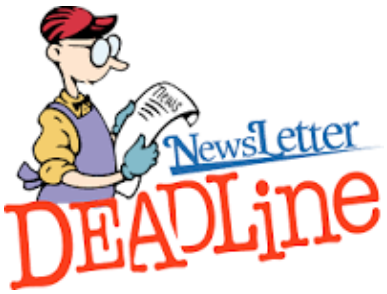
Pastor Mark

Sermons

The beginning of August marks the beginning of a new sermon series about prayer. Pastor Sean and the teens are going to get us started and then we are going to look at Five Hebrew Prayers over five Sundays. August 30th is a fifth Sunday which brings something a little different. The 2026 Mission Sunday special guest speaker will be from Samaritan's Purse. See more details in Pastor Mark's "Moment with Mark."

August 2	"Somebody Prayed"	Pastor Sean
August 9	"Jesus Generation" **STUDENT SUNDAY**	Pastor Sean & Teens
August 16	"Gratitude" Psalm 118:24	Pastor Mark
August 23	" Listening in Obedience" Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Pastor Mark
August 30	**MISSION SUNDAY**	Samaritan's Purse

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 September *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, August 25**. Please submit your news articles to Kathy Courtad at klcoutrtad@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
8/2	Allison C	Audrey or Abby C	Stacy F	Toni W
8/9	STUDENT SERVICE – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH			
8/16	Kathy K	Jerry R	Vickie B	Darlene R
8/23	Allison C	Audrey or Abby C	Teresa F	Gratia H
8/30	MISSION SUNDAY – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH			



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

As summer begins to end and we look to a new school year, I have been reminded of the incredible gift God has given us in the church. We were never meant to walk the Christian life alone. God has placed us in a family of believers so that we can strengthen, support, and encourage one another.

Scripture tells us in Hebrews 10:24 and 25, **"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching."**

Encouragement takes many forms. Sometimes it is a thoughtful conversation, a handwritten note, a text message, or simply taking the time to ask someone how they are doing. Our pastors, ministry leaders, and students all face challenges that are not always visible to others. A few sincere words can remind them that they are seen, appreciated, and prayed for. God often uses the encouragement of His people to strengthen those who are serving and growing in their faith.

One of the many blessings of our church family is the way you encourage one another. Time and again I have seen people offer a kind word, send a note, pray with someone, or simply show up when they are needed most. These acts of encouragement reflect the love of Christ and make a lasting difference in the lives of others. As we continue serving together, I encourage us to keep looking for opportunities to strengthen one another, especially our students who are growing in their faith and our ministry leaders who faithfully serve our church family.

I was able to attend the 4-H Fair for a few days this year and spend time with many of our students and families from Shiloh. It was great to see their hard work, celebrate their accomplishments, and encourage them along the way.

Experiences like that remind me of how important encouragement is within the body of Christ. I want to encourage our Shiloh church family to be intentional this month. Reach out to someone you have not spoken with in a while. Send a note of appreciation. Tell one of our students you are praying for them. Pray with a friend. Thank one of our volunteers. Encourage a young believer. Let us continue to reflect the heart of Christ through our words and actions.

You never know how much your encouragement may mean to someone who is facing a difficult season. God often works through ordinary believers to provide extraordinary hope.

May our church be known as a place where people encounter the love of Christ and where encouragement is freely given. As we walk together in faith, let us continue to strengthen one another and point each other toward Jesus.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

2026

Collecting during August:

- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils & ink pens
- Erasers – Big
- Crayons (packs of 24)
- Glue sticks, Rulers, & Scissors

Collecting all year:

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

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

just 4 men

Saturday
August 8
7:30 a.m.

After a great 1613 Men's Conference in July, we are back to Just 4 Men in August. We will pick up where we left off with Frances Chan, but that doesn't mean newcomers can't join us. Every lesson from Frances is great. Just 4 Men happens on the second Saturday each month at 7:30am. Come hungry because breakfast is always delicious. See you on August 8th! Bring a friend, there's always room for one more.

Mites…A Letter from Lucy

The last few years, I have been having issues with my coneflowers. When I first planted them, they were beautiful. Purple, white, and yellow ones with full blossoms, picture-worthy and seemingly perfect. They brought me such joy to see as they bloomed and provided nectar for the honeybees and butterflies.



But last year and this year, as my excitement grew as the blossoms began to show, something happened. They opened their petals to the sun one day, and the next day, the petals were ragged or just gone completely! I watched to see what might be harming them. Was it rabbits? Was it deer? Was it aphids? I couldn't find anything. Their stems and leaves were still green and healthy. But their beautiful petals were torn and tattered. What was destroying my flowers?

After doing some research (Thank God for Google!), I believe I discovered what was wrong with my coneflowers. It was something silent. Something invisible to the naked eye. Something impossible to spot without the knowledge I was learning. There is something called coneflower mites. They will do exactly what I have described. Eat the petals and leave the stems and leaves intact. The plants can continue to come back each year, future food for the mites that take away the beauty and value of the plant.

So what do I do to get rid of the mites? It's simple but feels brutal. I have to cut all the blossoms off the plants and dispose of them so that the mites can't return. All of them. Every single one. If I leave one blossom with mites hiding inside of it (which is where they live), they will again overtake all of my coneflowers. And I am back at square one. I tried leaving a few unopened blossoms, thinking maybe they hadn't been contaminated yet since they weren't open yet. But the day after they opened, they looked just like the others, torn and broken.

Those mites are like hidden sin in our lives. Some sins can't be seen by the naked eye, but must be observed through the lens of scripture and fervent prayer. And those sins must be eradicated completely or they leave us ragged, torn, and broken. We may look fine for a while, with smiles on our faces and a Bible in our hands, but if left to fester, those sins can destroy us. They must be brought out in the open and faced with Biblical truth. It is the truth that will set us free to blossom and be what God intended us to be.

As hard as it is to do, I am still continuing the process of destroying the mites in my coneflowers, and in asking for forgiveness for the hidden sins in my life. Some that I don't even see till God brings them to light at just the right time for me to deal with in His strength. I must be diligent. I must be on guard. And I must get rid of the hidden mites in my life! My prayer for you as a fellow Christian is that you can do the same. So we can all blossom with the fruit of the Spirit and draw others to God with our beauty, which is Christ!



"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groanings all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." - Psalm 32:3-5

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Christmas in July at Woodbridge and Pleasant Escape

Why Christmas in July?

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Christmas in July? Why we gather to give, serve, and share joy during the middle of summer? While it may seem unusual, Christmas in July has become a meaningful tradition for many churches and communities.

The tradition dates back decades. Some trace it to a summer camp celebration in the 1940s, while others believe it began as a way for churches to encourage generosity during the middle of the year. Whatever its origins, the purpose remains the same—to pause during the ordinary days of summer and remember the extraordinary gift of God's love through Jesus Christ, then share that love with others in tangible ways.

Our Volunteers in Action



This incredible group of volunteers came together to pack 103 Christmas gift bags – each gift bag prepared with care, prayer, and love. Every item was thoughtfully packed with the hope of bringing encouragement and joy to the residents of Woodbridge and Pleasant Escape. Their willing hearts and servant spirits truly reflected Christ's love in action.



Special Visits with Keith Taylor, Nina Holle, and Bob Shanks
We were blessed to spend time with Keith Taylor, Nina Holle, and Bob Shanks during our visit. Seeing familiar faces and sharing meaningful conversations...



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...reminded us that outreach is about so much more than delivering gifts. It's about building relationships, offering encouragement, and letting people know they are loved, remembered, and valued.

A Moment of Care and Compassion



This special moment captures the heart of our Outreach Ministry. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is our presence—a listening ear, a caring smile, or a few moments spent together. These visits remind us that the true spirit of Christmas isn't found in a season, but in sharing God's love through compassion, kindness, and genuine connection.

A Celebration of Giving

Our Christmas in July outreach was a wonderful blessing. The residents of Woodbridge were genuinely surprised and deeply appreciative of the gifts they received. Their smiles, heartfelt thank-yous, and joyful expressions reminded us why this ministry is so important.

As we prepared the gift bags, we hoped to be a blessing to each resident. Yet, as often happens, we discovered that we were the ones who walked away with the greater blessing. Their warm welcomes, genuine appreciation, kind words, and the opportunity to simply spend time together filled our hearts with joy. Their gratitude reminded us that while gifts may brighten someone's day, it is the relationships we build and the love we share that leave the deepest and most lasting impact.

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who donated items, volunteered your time, prayed for this ministry, and supported this outreach. Your generosity and compassion made a lasting impact, and together we helped brighten the lives of the residents of Woodbridge and Pleasant Escape.

As we continue serving our community, may we carry the spirit of Christmas—its hope, joy, compassion, and love—not just in December, but throughout every season of the year.

In July, we gave gifts, we shared hope, we received blessings we never expected! In July, we lived out the message of Christmas!

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"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER." JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV)



Daily Bible Reading for August 2026



The August reading plan gets us back to the Psalms. As you read Psalms written by David, do a little study on each one to see what part of life he is lamenting or celebrating.

August 1	Song 8:1-7
August 2	Song 8:8-14
August 3	Psalm 1
August 4	Psalm 2
August 5	Psalm 3
August 6	Psalm 4
August 7	Psalm 5
August 8	Psalm 6
August 9	Psalm 7
August 10	Psalm 8
August 11	Psalm 9
August 12	Psalm 10
August 13	Psalm 11
August 14	Psalm 12
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August 25	Psalm 23
August 26	Psalm 24
August 27	Psalm 25
August 28	Psalm 26
August 29	Psalm 27
August 30	Psalm 28
August 31	Psalm 29

GOD bless you as you READ the WORD!



August 1	Ronnie Busard
	Teresa Rose
August 2	Jim & Sharon Campbell
	Denny Ide
August 5	Ashlynn Brooke
August 6	Tony Franklin
August 8	Summer Franklin
August 9	Joe Franklin
August 10	Barb McFarland
August 12	Edie Sell
	Mike Rose
	Rick & Nettie Brosge
August 13	Dave Franklin
August 14	Eliza Adakai
	Nettie Brosge
Augus t15	Ruth Aldridge
August 17	Carla Morris
	Levi & Krista Pullen
	Shelby Patty

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



Wednesday, August 12
6 pm

Shiloh Women's Fellowship will meet for snacks and conversation. Bring your ideas for projects and activities for 2027.

If you have questions, see Krystal Shaffer.

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AUGUST

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
July 26	**July 27** *Noon – Prayer*	**July 28** *7 pm – Bible Study*	**July 29** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**July 30** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**July 31**	**1**
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2 *Pastor Mark on Vacation* →	**3** *Noon – Prayer*	**4** *7 pm - Bible Study*	**5** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**6** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**7** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**8** **7:30 am** just 4 men
9 *Raise Right orders due*	**10** *Noon – Prayer*	**11** *7 pm – Bible Study*	**12** *6 am – Men's Bible study* *6 pm - Women's Fellowship*	**13** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**14** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**15** Noon – Services for Morris Small @ Shiloh
16 *Raise Right Pickup* Meet 'n' Greet IAC SSM – 6-8	**17** *Noon – Prayer* *7 pm-Board Meeting*	**18** *7 pm - Bible Study* *Newsletter Deadline*	**19** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**20** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**21** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**22**
23 SSM – 6-8	**24** *Noon – Prayer* 6 pm-Elders & Deacons Mtng	**25** *7 pm - Bible Study*	**26** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**27** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**28** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**29**
30 ***MISSION SUNDAY*** ***5TH SUNDAY MEAL***	**31**  Red Cross Blood Drive at Shiloh	**Sept 1**	**Sept 2** *6 am – Men's Bible study*	**Sept 3** *Pastor Sean's OFF*	**Sept 4** *Pastor Mark's OFF*	**Sept 5**

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