Shiloh Christian Church
—LOGANSPORT, IN—

Shiloh News

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In a recent sermon, I asked the question, "Who are you listening to?" The context of the question had to do with how we pay attention to God's word, both written in the Bible and as we hear Him in our prayer lives. The theme of the sermon was submission. We are to be listening for God's instruction and submitting to His will for our lives. Part of following God's instructions is to teach our children to do the same.



"*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up*." - Deuteronomy 6:4-7



Jesus called this the greatest commandment. And I am sure the people He was speaking to recognized it and remembered that it was to be impressed upon the children. And Jesus added that the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." So, as I think about this scenario of listening, loving, and impressing, I come back to the question of who am I listening to and who are our children listening to?

I would love to believe that we adults, in the lives of the children around us, are visibly obviously loving God and loving each other in such a way that the children are impressed upon. The trouble is the world around us is creating all kinds of distractions and other things to listen to which may seem more impressive to our kids. I recently heard it said that we messed up by not understanding how social media was going to affect our society. Even though there are more ways to instantly communicate with almost anyone almost anywhere, we are dealing with feelings of isolation, loneliness, depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues more than ever before.

Right now, we are in the midst of explosive growth in the use of artificial intelligence (AI). There are many good things AI can be used for. I don't want to come across as another old guy who doesn't like change or new tech, but there are reasons to beware of what AI can or may be able to do in the future. For the most part, I am not concerned about job loss due to AI doing someone's work. What I am concerned about is AI taking the place of personal relationships. This is the warning we missed with social media.

There have been multiple accounts of AI chatbots who have taken the place of teenaged best friends, boyfriends, and girlfriends. The teens talk to AI about all the things they used to talk to their human friends about. Chatbots are designed to be conversational, but they operate without a conscience, and they default to validating any idea the person brings to them. So, the lonely, depressed teen who is feeling worthless turns to the chatbot for advice about feeling worthless and the chatbot understands and agrees when a human Christian friend would be there to support, encourage, and talk us off the ledge, loving our neighbors as ourselves.



So, we all have a responsibility to this generation as human, Christian friends. We need to listen to each other and be the encouragers we all want and need.

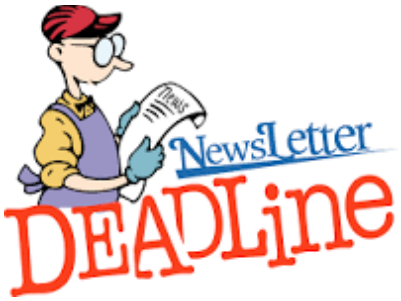
Pastor Mark

Sermons

The first three Sundays in September will be the continuation and conclusion of the "Five Jewish Prayers Every Christian Should Know." These are prayers which are common in Judaism and have themes Christians should include in our lives. On the fourth Sunday, Pastor Sean will introduce a new series about the Holy Spirit. The series title is "Holy Ghost Stories" and will take us through All Saints Day on November 1st.

September 6	"Heal Us" Jeremiah 17:14	Pastor Mark
September13	"Restore Us" Lamentations 5:21	Pastor Mark
September 20	"Abundant Peace" Psalm 118:24	Pastor Mark
September 27	"You Can't Hide the Glory" Exodus 33-34	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 September *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, September 22.** 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
9/6		Stacy F	Alicia P	Toni W
9/13	Alison C	Lucy M	Vickie B	Susan A
9/20	Chelsy R	Kathy C		
9/27	Kathy K	Stacy F	Krista P	



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



New to Shiloh?

Pastor Mark is offering a class for anyone who would like to learn more about the history of Shiloh, our beliefs, and how to be as involved as you like. It's really more fun than it sounds like. We will meet in the "classroom around the corner" (the northeast corner of the building) on September 20th and 27th during the Sunday school hour.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SEAN

We are currently in the middle of a sermon series on prayer based on the 5 Hebrew Prayers Every Christian Should Know. As I've been thinking about prayer, I've also been thinking about healing. When we think about healing, we often focus on the pain that has been done to us or the day that pain will finally come to an end. But lately, I've been wondering if healing begins much earlier than we realize.

The more I minister to people and reflect on my own journey of faith and healing, the more I realize that healing is not always marked by a sudden change in our circumstances. Sometimes the first evidence of healing is found in a heart that has learned to surrender its burdens to God. That is why I keep coming back to this simple thought: Healing Begins with Amen.

The word amen is often associated with the end of a prayer. It means "so be it" or "let it be." Perhaps amen is less about ending a prayer and more about beginning a journey of trust.

Many of us carry wounds that are not immediately healed. Some are physical. Others are emotional, relational, or spiritual. We pray for God to remove the pain, but sometimes God first invites us to trust Him with it.

Healing often begins the moment we stop fighting reality and start surrendering it to God. It begins when we say, "God, I don't understand this, but amen." It begins when we pray**, "I wouldn't have chosen this path, but amen."** It begins when we confess, **"I can't carry this alone anymore. Amen."**

This isn't weakness. This is surrender. This is trust.

Jesus Himself modeled this in the Garden of Gethsemane. As He faced the cross, He prayed to His Father, **"Yet not my will, but yours be done"** (Luke 22:42).

Before the resurrection came surrender. Before victory came trust.

Many of us are waiting for healing from anger, betrayal, grief, or wounds from our past. Yet while we wait for God to change our circumstances, He may be inviting us to trust Him with those wounds today. Even when the situation remains unresolved, healing begins as we entrust it to God and say, "Amen."

Whatever burden you may be carrying today, may you find the courage to trust God with it. You may discover that healing begins not when everything changes around you, but when God begins changing something within you.

Because more often than we realize, healing begins with amen.

UPCOMING SSM EVENTS

- Sept. 4: Tailgate at Pioneer Football Game @ 5 pm
- Sept. 18 – Bonfire by the football field after Homecoming game
- Sept. 20: Exploration Acres (2 – 7 pm)



Christmas Sharing Program

Hello Shiloh family! - I can't believe it is that time of year again to start talking about Christmas. One of my favorite things about Christmas is the Sharing Program. For those that might be newer to Shiloh, the Sharing Program is one of Shiloh's outreach programs. It has been our tradition for more than 70 years! Grace Carlson's parents started the tradition, and we have helped countless families through those years.

There will be many opportunities to help in the coming months. One of the ways you can help is by providing names of individuals or families that could use a little extra help this year for Christmas. We will need the name and phone number of those people, and if you already have the information, the address and ages of any children. Those names can be given to Chelsy Roller, Christy Carlson, Pastor Mark or Pastor Sean.

There are some exciting things we are trying to put into place, so stay tuned for more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask. This is a wonderful way to be the hands and feet of Jesus and show others what the meaning of Christmas is really all about. Thank you - Christy Carlson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2026

Collecting during September: Socks, Gloves, Mittens

Collecting all year:

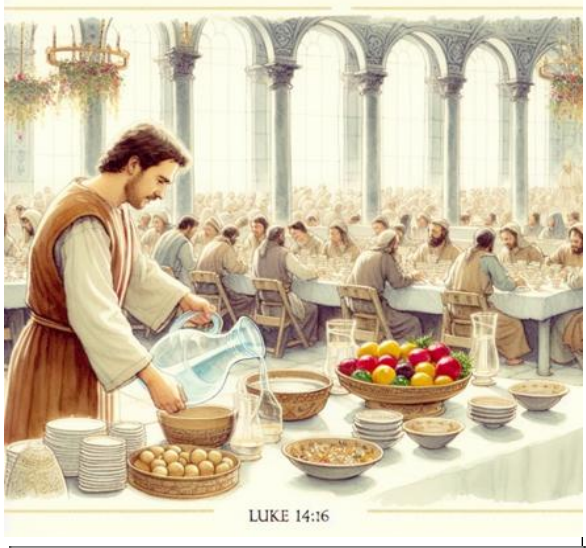
- Stuffed animals/toys
- Matchbox cars
- Empty pill bottles

just 4 men

Saturday
September 12
7:30 a.m.

September is the perfect month to invite a friend for breakfast with the men of Shiloh. On September 12th at 7:30 a.m. we will enjoy a great breakfast, time for brotherhood, and spiritual growth. We are working on a series from Francis Chan on Right Now Media and the discussions and challenges have been great. Remember to bring a friend.

LOGANSPORT GREAT BANQUET



Sept. 10-13 – Men
Sept. 17-20 – Women

"The Great Banquet is a 72-hour experience, beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. For three days, guests live and study together in a worshipful time of singing, prayer, and discussion.

"During each of the 15 talks given by laity and clergy, the theme of God's grace is presented. Guests participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and examine more fully the presence of Christ in His body of believers. They personally experience His grace through the prayers and acts of a loving, Christian support community."

The next Logansport Great Banquets are September 10-13 for men and September 17-20 for women.

This weekend experience is for anyone who:

- Wishes to strengthen their spiritual life;
- Wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study, and Christian action;
- Strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God;
- Seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.

If you have never participated in one of these weekends, you are invited!! Ask Pastor Mark or someone who has been through one to help you find a sponsor.

A Few Good Men…A Letter from Lucy

Recently we have lost a few good men. Men who were great godly examples of faith. They have fought the good fight, and they have been found faithful. They have been called home. And they have heard "Well done, good and faithful servant!"



Bob Shanks

Bob Shanks showed the love of God through his service in hospitality. He left a legacy of love and laughter and generosity everywhere he went.

Morris Small greeted everyone with a hug as they entered the sanctuary on Sundays. He played a special role through many Christmas seasons for lots of kids, sharing the love of Christ in action.



Morris Small

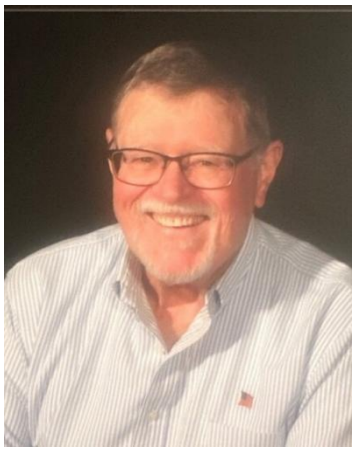
Mike Closson has shared with me his love of plants, giving me wonderful tomato and pepper plants to grow in my garden. He faithfully served his wife as she battled health issues and took kids from the church fishing at his home.

Each one lived out their faith in tangible ways, sharing the Gospel through their actions. They have lived good long lives. We are grateful to be able to celebrate their homecomings and reunions in heaven. But there is still grief. The grief is for our loss of those special people. The grief is for those moments we will miss spending with them here.

Can we imagine going through that grief without a relationship with Jesus? Without the hope of heaven? Without knowing there will be a reunion in heaven with all those we have loved and have gone on ahead of us? Without the blessed assurance of what awaits us on the other side of death?

And can we imagine going through that grief without a church family to support and pray us through the grief? Because I grew up with church family, I have no idea what it's like to not have that! And I am grateful to have experienced that love through the hands and feet of all of you when my dad and uncle passed away.

Tomorrow, Mark is sharing at the funeral of a 19-year-old kid who passed away unexpectedly. The family of this young man didn't have a church family to support them. No pastor to share the love of Christ with them in their grief. But our church gets to represent Christ to them. Someone in our congregation suggested they ask Mark to officiate at the funeral. Others in our church family have prayed for this family. And we get to walk with this family in some way through their grief and point them toward Christ.



Mike Closson

May we be found faithful to always share Christ through the hard things we, and others, face in this life! Just like a few good men in our congregation would have done. They are cheering us on from heaven, reminding us that one day, if we remain faithful, we will also hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

"*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*"--2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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.



The Shiloh Ministry Fair is a time to look ahead at the next year and the opportunities to serve at Shiloh. There are many ways to serve, from behind the scenes, to praise band, to planning events like the pulled pork dinner, and celebrating graduation and holidays. There is a lot going on at and through Shiloh. The Ministry Fair is a chance to see them all at one time and sign up on the team(s) you will fit best. Look for the sign-ups on September 13th.

RIGHT TO LIFE NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA
Josiah White's

The week of September 21st has two opportunities to learn about and support ministries in northern Indiana. On Monday, September 21, George Dennehy will be the keynote speaker at the Fall Legacy of Life Banquet in Winona Lake. Shiloh Benevolence is sponsoring a table of 8 at the banquet. Make your reservation today with Pastor Mark.

Josiah White's is proud to host its annual Spiritual Life Benefit Dinner on Thursday, September 24, 2026. The evening will focus on the important work the Spiritual Life Program at Josiah White's represents: transformation in the lives of the children, teens and families we serve through God's unconditional love. The evening will feature food, fellowship, music, and testimonials of those impacted by the spiritual life ministry at Josiah White's. A pre-event reception and campus tours will start at 5 p.m. Put together a group and go learn about the Josiah White's ministry. RSVP at

https://josiahwhites.givevirtuous.org/Event/2026-spiritual-life-benefit-dinner

Outreach Ministry Team
Cathy Cree and Vickie Bridge, Co-leaders
September 2026

From Pews to Playfields: Why Showing Up for Our Students Matters!

It is often said that children are the future leaders of the church, but the truth is, they are not just the future of the church – they are the church today!

In Mark 10:13–16, Jesus welcomes the children, makes time for them, blesses them, and reminds the adults that there is something about a child's faith—trusting, open, eagerness, and dependent—that we should learn from.

Paul reinforces this message in 1 Timothy 4:12 when he tells young Timothy, *"Let no one despise your youth."* God does not wait until someone reaches a certain age before He can use them. They are present disciples, capable of serving, leading, encouraging, witnessing, and influencing others for Christ right now.

When we put these two passages together, the message is clear: Jesus' values children, and God uses them. Therefore, the church must support them.

And that support cannot stop at the church doors. It should extend beyond Sunday mornings to include their ball games, concerts, meets, performances, clubs, competitions, and other activities.

If We Want to Reach Them, We Need to Show Up

If we want to understand our students and the world they live in, we must be willing to show up in their world—not simply invite them into ours. When a congregation attends a student's activity, it communicates something powerful to the student: "We see you. We value you. We are proud of you. We believe God is working in your life." Our presence can be a ministry all by itself.

Why Our Presence Matters

Supporting students in their activities can:

- Strengthen relationships between students and adults in the congregation.
- Build bridges between the church, families, and the community.
- Encourage students to use their God-given talents and abilities.
- Create opportunities for conversation and deeper relationships.
- Demonstrate that the church cares about the whole person, not just what happens inside the church building.
- Provide positive Christian role models who are present in the everyday lives of young people.
- Help students feel seen, valued, and supported by their church family.

Most importantly, it gives us an opportunity to live out what we say we believe.

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How You Can Support Our Students

1. The Fan Club
Receive a schedule of local games, concerts, meets, performances, and other activities. Attend when you can. You don't have to be at everything, even showing up once can make a difference. Seeing someone from church cheering them on can mean more than we realize.

2. The T-Shirt Crew
Wear a church T-shirt when attending student activities. Seeing church members together sends a simple message: "Your church family is here!" It also increases our visibility in the community and creates opportunities to connect with others.

3. The Prayer Partner
Choose a student to pray for throughout their season. Pray for their safety, confidence, character, relationships, coaches and teachers, perseverance, and use of their God-given gifts. Most importantly, pray that they know their identity and worth are found in Christ—not in their performance.

4. The Carpool & Snack Helper
Help make busy family schedules a little easier. Offer a ride, provide snacks, help with a team meal, or assist with another need. Small acts of service, done with love, can become meaningful ministry.

5. The Encourager
Send a text, write a note, or simply say, *"I saw you tonight—you did a great job!"* Celebrating effort, growth, character, teamwork, and perseverance—not just wins. A few genuine words of encouragement can stay with a young person for a long time.

From Pews to Playfields

When we move From Pews to Playfields, we aren't abandoning what happens inside the church—we are extending it beyond our walls. We are taking the love, encouragement, prayer, and community of the church into the places where our students live their everyday lives.

We become a congregation that shows up, stands alongside, cheers loudly, prays faithfully, and loves consistently. Because our students are not just the church of tomorrow - **they are part of the church today because God is raising up a Jesus Generation!**

Let's move from the Pews to Playfields—and wherever else our students are—so they know their church family is there for them.

Look for additional information in the Narthex or contact Pastor Sean.

Daily Bible Reading for September 2026



September Bible reading is Psalm 30 through 60. Psalm 42 begins the second book of Psalms. Psalms 42 and 43 are thought to be two parts of one combined song, so they are read on the same day. Psalms 42-49 were written by sons of Korah. Korah was a Levite who led a rebellion against Moses, but his sons stayed faithful to God.

September 1	Psalm 30
September 2	Psalm 31
September 3	Psalm32
September 4	Psalm33
September 5	Psalm34
September 6	Psalm35
September 7	Psalm 36
September 8	Psalm 37
September 9	Psalm 38
September 10	Psalm 39
September 11	Psalm 40
September 12	Psalm 41
September 13	Psalm 42-43
September 14	Psalm 44
September 15	Psalm 45
September 16	Psalm 46
September 17	Psalm 47
September 18	Psalm 48
September 19	Psalm 49
September 20	Psalm 50
September 21	Psalm 51
September 22	Psalm 52
September 23	Psalm 53
September 24	Psalm 54
September 25	Psalm 55
September 26	Psalm 56
September 27	Psalm 57
September 28	Psalm 58
September 29	Psalm 59
September 30	Psalm 60

GOD bless you as you READ the WORD!



September 1	Levi Pullen
September 5	Wyatt Felker
September 7	Brandon Shaffer
September 8	Alexa Myers
September 10	Mike & Janelyn Bramblett
September 14	Abby Sell
September 15	Gary & Bev Rose
September 18	Jerry Roller
September 21	Darlene Roller
September 22	Keith Taylor
	Aaron Carlson
	Mike Rush
September 23	Grace Carlson
September 25	Jamie Musselman
September 26	Allison Chambers
September 27	Austin Brooke
September 30	Brantly Roller

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

Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, September 9
6 pm

Shiloh Women's Fellowship will be making bracelets for the OOC boxes on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

If you have any interest in a leadership position for next year. Please see Krystal Shaffer.

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

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SEPTEMBER

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
Aug 30 **MISSION SUNDAY** **5TH SUNDAY MEAL**	**Aug 31** Noon – Prayer Red Cross Blood Drive at Shiloh	**1** 7 pm – Bible Study	**2** 6 am – Men's Bible study **1-3 pm-Mike Closson visitation**	**3** Pastor Sean's OFF	**4** Pastor Mark's OFF 5 pm – SSM Tailgate	**5**
6	**7** OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	**8** 7 pm - Bible Study	**9** 6 am – Men's Bible study 6 pm - Women's Fellowship	**10** Pastor Sean's OFF	**11** Pastor Mark's OFF	**12** **7:30 am** just 4 men
13 Raise Right orders due Noon – MINISTRY FAIR	**14** Noon – Prayer	**15** 7 pm – Bible Study	**16** 6 am – Men's Bible study	**17** Pastor Sean's OFF	**18** Pastor Mark's OFF SSM – Homecoming Bonfire	**19**
20 Raise Right Pickup 9:30 am-"New to Shiloh" class SSM – 2 pm Exploration Acres	**21** Noon – Prayer 7 pm-Board Meeting	**22** 7 pm - Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	**23** 6 am – Men's Bible study	**24** Pastor Sean's OFF	**25** Pastor Mark's OFF	**26**
27 9:30 am-"New to Shiloh" class	**28** Noon – Prayer 6 pm-Elders & Deacons Mtng	**29** 7 pm - Bible Study	**30** 6 am – Men's Bible study	**Oct 1** Pastor Sean's OFF	**Oct 2** Pastor Mark's OFF	**Oct 3**