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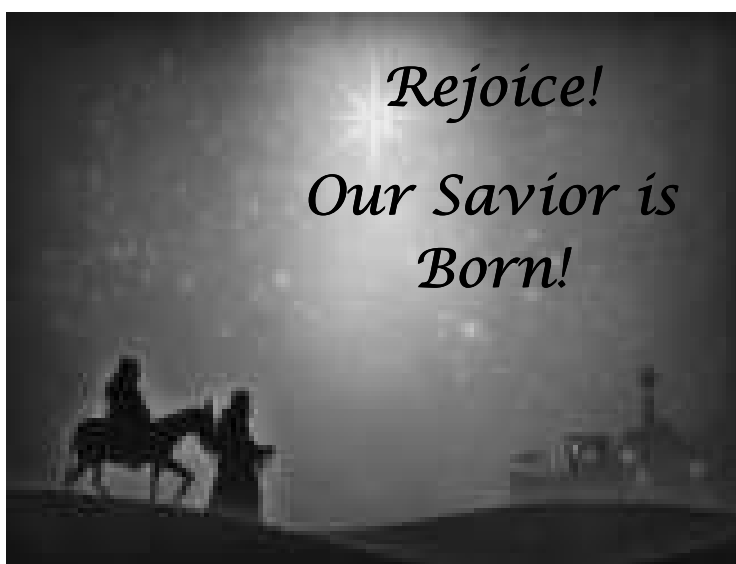
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Rejoice!

*Our Savior is
Born!*





Thank you!!!

Sheila and I thank you for the wonderful celebration of my retirement at the Fall Meeting. Thank you to those who planned and carried out the celebration, those who provided and served the food and Culpeper Baptist Church for hosting. Thank you, too, to those who attended, gave or sent cards, and contributed to a very generous monetary gift, as well as those who provided gift cards and other gifts.

We have enjoyed our 26 years serving the Association, and as I said at the celebration, I will no longer be your Director of Missions, but I will be your friend! God bless you, your families, your churches, and Shiloh Association as it moves into the future God has for it.

Jimmy

Sheila

ITEMS for VCCW (GOOCHLAND) CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

To the members of the churches of Shiloh Association who so generously gave personal and correspondence items for the Christmas packages given to the women at VCCW (Goochland)-**THANK YOU**. The giving of your time and the large numbers of items purchased exemplifies the true Christmas spirit. Again this year, Santa, otherwise known as Ellen Mustoe from Washington Baptist Church, delivered your gifts to the church in Powhatan where Santa's elves assembled the individual gift packages for the women. We are so appreciative of Ellen's service to this project, and the volunteer work she does at VCCW throughout the year.

The packages were delivered and distributed to the women December 11. One of the recipients expressed her feelings to the chaplain at VCCW in this way:

Would you please express my thanks to all who made my stay here a little brighter? All the wonderful gifts of cards, calendars, stamps, soap, pencils, shampoo, puzzle books, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. is greatly appreciated. The generosity exhibited is awesome. I again will have a Merry Christmas because of their kindness. This is the last Christmas here but hopefully I can return the favor next year and brighten someone's Christmas. I wish for all love, peace and much joy.

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About your Association

Shiloh is Transitioning – here is what you need to know:

At our Fall meeting on October 24 the Association heard a report from the Future Committee and approved five recommendations:

1. The Association transition from a traditional staff led to a “project-based” organization with a volunteer leadership group by December 31, 2015.
2. The Association close the Shiloh Ministry Center by December 31, 2015. The Association Council be authorized to engage a part time administrative staff person to help with the transition and closing the Ministry Center.
3. The Association Council, assisted by the Future Committee, determine the essential ministries to be continued and report their recommendation to the Association.
4. The Association Council develop a new organizational structure that is designed to handle a project-based association and consult with the Association attorney to determine any legal issues related to these changes.
5. Finally, the Association Council develop a 2016 Budget and other recommendations essential to the transition and that a Called Meeting of Shiloh Association be scheduled for January 2016 to consider these recommendations.

The Association Council has appointed a Transition Committee to lead this work. Chaired by Dan Carlton, Pastor of Culpeper Baptist Church, the committee’s other members are: Dick Becker (Treasurer), Milton Branch (Moderator) Dee Brooking (Shiloh Ministry Assistant), Curtis Brooking (Future Committee), Walt Childress (Future Committee) and Jeff Montag (Missions Coordinator).

Update from the Transition Committee

Here is an update on our work:

- We will move out of the Shiloh Ministry Center by December 31 as approved at the October 24 meeting.
- We have established a **new address** for the association starting January 1.
Please make note of this: Shiloh Baptist Association, P. O. Box 65, Boston, VA 22713.

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- We are reducing ongoing expenses to the minimum level so that the resources of Shiloh will be available for project-based ministry and mission.
- We will move historical documents, pictures and other necessary information to Culpeper Baptist Church.
- The Transition Committee will meet with the Association Council on January 9 to explore project-based mission and ministries for 2016 and to establish a 2016 budget to present to the Association.
- **We will have a Called Meeting of the Association on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 PM at Culpeper Baptist Church** (this is a change from the date mentioned at the Fall meeting) to hear recommendations from the Transition Committee/ Association Council about our 2016 budget, governance structure, leadership, communication plan and any other items that need to be decided. We will send more information to you before the meeting.

We are looking for a Communication Champion from each church. We want to be sure that you have the latest news and updates on mission and ministry from Shiloh Association and other churches and that we have the latest news from your church. We are asking each church to send the name and e-mail address of one person who would take on this responsibility – please send to sba@shilohbaptistssociation.org

I have a question – who can I talk to?

Church Contributions or financial information about the Association:

Dick Becker (540-272-7474), Dick@W6LWG.com

Shiloh 2016 Mission Trips – Jeff Montag (540-727-0155),
jeffrey.montag@baesystems.com

Church Ministry Questions –Walt Childress (540-675-3336),
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What can I do to help with the mission and ministry of Shiloh?

Pray for this work. We realize that Shiloh has a significant history and represents the work of a lot of people and churches. We want to continue to honor

that work while being open to the new thing to which God is calling us. We need wisdom and boldness.

Practice Patience. We are in a time of transition. Everything will not work as we hope and some “balls will be dropped.” Let’s give each other the grace that we are doing the best we can with the hope of bringing our churches together.

Continue to participate and contribute. This is a time we can step forward into the future that God is calling us to. We need everyone with us.

Connect with each other. Look for ways to connect your mission group with a group from another church or to do a joint mission or ministry together in the first six months of 2016. Let’s take the initiative to work together!

***** Shiloh’s Leased Copier is available *****

The Association has a SHARP MX-M465 copier. We are in the middle of the lease and have 18 months left at \$220 a month. If your church or an organization you know would like to take over the lease or has any interest in the copier please contact Dan Carlton immediately.

Christmas Gifts to Goochland *(continued from page 2)*

Isn’t it good to know that the items that we often take for granted can result in a change in attitude, and a desire to do what someone has done for them? Thank you again for your help with this project.

Kathy Davis, Shiloh WOM director

AMONG OUR MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Birthdays



December

- 5 Karston Kalenga
- 6 Theresa Light
- 13 Dan Yowell
- 18 Mikayla Jenkins
- 23 William Daniel Carlton

January

- 4 Amy Meisberger
- 5 Bill Welch Jr.
- 6 Sherri Peedin
- 8 Kyle Balderson
- 20 Ron Young
- 24 Micah Young
- 26 Allan McConnell

Wedding Anniversaries

December

- 18 David and Margie Blevins
- 26 Allan and JoAnn McConnell
- 28 Doug and Anne Farmer

January

- 22 Ralph and Pat Wilson
- 31 Jeff and Theresa Light

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Pray for Our Churches & Ministers

During the week of:

December:

- 6 Stevensburg - Phil Walker
- 13 The Plains - Jan Sickel
- 20 Washington - Walt Childress
- 27 Woodville - Ronald L. Poe

Minister/Church Anniversaries

December

- Jon Heddleston - 22 Years
- Phil Walker - 28 Years

During the month of January

Pray for our churches without a pastor:
Barboursville, Forest Grove and Oak Chapel

Prayer Concerns...

- Phil Walker, pastor of Stevensburg Baptist Church, and family in the death of his brother
- The family and many friends of Young Life Leader Jeff Stables following his death



In Memoriam

The following Shiloh church members who passed away during the year were not listed in the 2015 Book of Reports:

- † from Bethel: Bernice Huntley
- † from Oak Chapel: Mildred B. Brooking
- † from Reynolds Memorial: Dorothy Gay



Oh Holy Night

*Wishing you and yours
a Christmas season
filled of His love and
peace, and a renewed
awareness of His many
blessings during the
coming year.*



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