

To the churches of the Shiloh Association

From Joe Goodall, Shiloh Association moderator

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who calls, saves, leads and sustains us. We follow thankfully the One who called us to be citizens of His Kingdom and then graciously shapes us to represent Him better.

I write to share information about Shiloh Association with each of you. The Shiloh Association Council hopes to have the Shiloh website updated by the end of this year, but until then we depend on these mailed and emailed letters.

In 2015 when the first and only Shiloh Director of Missions retired, messengers voted to continue as an association and approved the transition team's recommendation to form an executive team to explore with God's help the shape of Shiloh going forward. I list below points from our journey thus far.

- At a called meeting in January 2017, Shiloh messengers elected new officers and approved a budget for 2017
- At our Spring 2017 meeting messengers approved the creation of "Joseph's Fund". The "Joseph Fund" would be used to assist Shiloh mission projects
- In the fall of 2017 the Executive Team of Shiloh approved \$750 grants from the "Joseph Fund" to Mountain View and Culpeper Baptist churches to help fund a special program for individuals and families dealing with opioid addiction
- At the Fall 2017 meeting the messengers approved new Shiloh Bylaws which changed the name of the Executive Team to Association Council, established rules for Shiloh going forward, Culpeper Baptist and Mountain View shared a report about their mission project, and our 2018 budget was approved
- In the spring of 2018 the Association Council approved two requests for grants from the 'Joseph Funds". Both grants were for \$1,000. One was to Forest Grove for building materials to help renovate a building for another church to meet for worship. The second was to Reynolds Memorial to help pay for roofing material for a new roof on a church in Belize they are going to help on their mission trip this summer.

With this letter I am including a copy of Shiloh's current bylaws, a form for applying for Joseph's Fund grants, a copy of our Treasurer's report from our Spring 2018 meeting, and contact information for Shiloh Baptist Association. Please share this information about Shiloh at one of your church's business meetings.

Spring Meeting Summary

At our June 7th Spring Meeting we heard a report from Shiloh's construction mission to Ethel, Louisiana where they put up walls and joists for Sunday School classrooms and church offices for the Ethel Baptist Church. The mission team has summer construction

mission to Southwest Virginia planned for July 22-27, 2018. On this trip the team will repair several homes for families who cannot afford the repairs. If you would like to join with this mission effort, please contact one of the Shiloh Mission Team co-chairs.

Mike Dodson, pastor of New Salem, reported on "Hope for Appalachia", a mission project providing school supplies and hope for public school children in Appalachian counties of Kentucky. They will be making their next trip during Easter 2019. If you are interested in going on the trip or having your church collect supplies, Pastor Dodson may be contacted at 540-547-2483 (home), 540-825-6614 (office), and 540-718-9675 (cell). His email is mdodson58@yahoo.com .

Adam Meisberger, pastor of Bethel, encouraged us to pray for our churches and Shiloh. He asked us to pray that

- 1) Our love not grow cold
- 2) There be unity in the church
- 3) We remain steadfast in truth and faith
- 4) We honestly encourage one another in the faith
- 5) We lift heartfelt prayer for the saints
- 6) We have the power of the Spirit in our churches.

As you faithfully pray for your church and Shiloh, I would also ask you to pray for a new moderator and vice moderator to be nominated and elected at our Fall meeting on October 20, 2018. Our bylaws specify two year terms for those two offices. Billy Singleton and I are finishing our time of service.

It has been Shiloh's tradition to alternate lay people and pastors as moderator. Milton Branch pastor of Emmanuel Christian Center served before me. If we follow the more-than- 200-year tradition, we would hope for a pastor to serve as moderator. As you pray if someone comes to mind to serve in those offices please contact any member of the Association Council, which will be organizing our Fall meeting.

Thank you for reading to the end of this long letter.

Thank you for your support of Shiloh Association.