



## It Is Finished

Pastor Chuck Whitmire

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth quaked and the rocks split.” Matthew 27:50-51

As we approach our annual observance of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, the scene on that hill outside of Jerusalem comes into focus once again. Three men suspended on crosses. A detachment of Roman soldiers. A scornful crowd of onlookers. And a few heartbroken friends.

Two convicted criminals and the sinless son of God. It was a day of torturous pain, humiliation and suffering. At noon the skies had darkened. As three o'clock approached, the drama was finally coming to an end. Jesus spoke words of forgiveness in prayer for those who carried out his death sentence.

Then He called out with a loud voice, “It is finished”. Immediately He died. The skies rumbled with thunder, an earthquake rocked the city, and the veil in the temple split in two.

“It is finished”. What was finished? The time Jesus spends in a body like ours? His ministry of teaching and miracles? The time spent on the cross that day?

Well yes, all of that and so much more. Perhaps the greatest implication of “It is finished” is found in the torn veil in the temple.

God created the first man and woman to live in fellowship with Him. They enjoyed a close connected relationship with their creator.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they were separated from the favorable presence of God. They now approached Him sadly and humbly with a sacrifice required to satisfy His wrath.

As the years past, God directed Moses to make a place for worship. A tabernacle built to God's specifications. An outer court where sacrifices were made. An inner Holy place where the smoke of incense ascending represented the prayers of God's people. Then, the most exclusive place of all. The “Holy of Holies”. The resting place of the Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of the very throne of God in heaven.

It was separated from the Holy place by a huge veil or curtains colored purple and red and embroidered with angels. They remind us that God's throne in heaven is guarded by angels. The clear message of the veil was “Stop! You are not good enough to come in here”.

Only the high priest entered that area, to intercede for the people. To make sacrifices for their sin. When a more permanent structure was built it followed the same design. It was large, grander and more beautiful, but the same basic design was followed.

The Holy of Holies was set apart by an even bigger and thicker veil. Over the years, the blood of thousands of sheep, rams and young bulls was shed. The sacrifices covered the sins of the people. They were forgiven but the veil remained in place.

All of that changed on the day we call Good Friday, Jesus, the one who John the Baptist called “The lamb of God”, was sacrificed on that hill just outside of Jerusalem. He stood in our place. He paid the penalty for our sin. It **was** finished.

As a result, the massive veil in the temple was ripped in half from the top to the bottom by hands unseen.

God opened up the Holy of Holies and said, “Come on in.” If you come through my son you are now good enough to enter. Forgiven, forever, to live in fellowship with Him.

The great news of Good Friday is you can be forgiven. The good news of His resurrection is that you too can live forever in the real Holy of Holies....Heaven.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16;

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

The barrier has been removed. The veil has been torn. God has thrown open the door and invites us to be forgiven and live with Him forever.

*Come on in. You are welcome because of Jesus.*



# Mission News



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If you would like to make a financial gift, direct your giving to our Missions Treasurer, Linda Studer.  
Make checks payable to Shiloh Missions.

## MISSION PROJECT

We are featuring **LifeWise Academy** this month.  
Watch the Mission Display Board for information and ways you can be involved.

## QUARTERS FOR MISSIONS COLLECTION

The quarter collection on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** will be going to **LifeWise Academy**.  
Pick up a container for your quarters at the mission display table in the foyer.  
Collection date for Quarters is always the third Sunday of the month.

## MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

LifeWise Academy is the localized outreach ministry that teaches God's Word to public-school students. The ministry utilizes Release Time Religious Instruction in cooperation with local school districts to teach straight from God's Word. The goal is to reach the un-reached youth of local communities with the gospel to change lives for eternity. It is legal if it is: (a) voluntary participation; (b) off school property; (c) privately funded. Since 90+% of children attend public school while less than 20% attend church, LifeWise ministry has an automatic expanded audience to hear the truth of the Bible.

### It Is Happening In Our Area!

LifeWise Academy **Liberty Center** is scheduled into the school day to begin as school begins this fall. "New Life Liberty Center LLC" is being formed to purchase and develop a classroom very near the school to host classes. If not completed by the start of the school year, LifeWise Academy has an agreement with the Wesleyan Church located just north of the school and students will be transported there for classes daily. Once the classroom is in place, students will walk to the closer classroom when released during the school day. Our prayer is to have the closer classroom ready by the end of August.

Please pray for this exciting Mission venture happening in our community. There is opportunity also to help support with gifts to advance and sustain it. These gifts can directly benefit local children in learning the good news of Jesus Christ! There could be volunteer opportunities as well. Please ask Randy Riegsecker, Mission Board, or others who are associated with this ministry and check out the Mission table for more information.

- **Dr Hong Yang is scheduled to be with us on April 25<sup>th</sup>, he will be speaking in both AM Services.**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TRIP APPLICATION FORMS

If you would like to serve with Samaritan Purse in processing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.  
**A group is being organized for: November 29 – December 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina.**  
Application forms are on the Mission Display table in the foyer. Don't put off signing up as the bus fills quickly.

## SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

- Eric Kabwata – Zambia – April 2021
  - Avery Nowowiejski – Dominican Republic – Summer 2021 -Freedom International
  - Rachel Whitmire – Mexico – May 28th -ETHNOS 360
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- Don't forget that on the first Sunday of each month there is a giving box in the back of the sanctuary where you can place your monthly missions giving. This offering helps us meet our commitment to support designated missionaries/organization each month.

### Mission Board Officers for 2020-2021

**President** - Terri Winseman; **Treasurer** - Linda Studer; **Secretary** - Lisa Barrett; **Missionary Information & Spotlight** - Rod McQuillin & Carmen Ray



## Bible Study

The Faithful Men & Women's Bible Study meet on the Second and Fourth Sundays here at Shiloh Church in the Family Life Center. Meal at 5:00 pm and study at 6:00 pm.

*Coffee for Missions*

**ETHNOS 360**



The Mission Board is partnering with ETHNOS 360 to help raise some additional support for Rachel Whitmire, Marc & Alison Keeton and Jason & Nisae Williamson. This is an ongoing project. Order forms are available at the Mission Display Table.

## Shiloh's Child Protection Policy

It's time for all Children Workers to be re-certified. New applicants are invited to attend these classes also.

**The NEXT class will be held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the church sanctuary.**

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

## Elderberry Meeting

*(A ministry for those who have lost a spouse)*

Transportation is available: Contact Ruth Witte 419-265-2189 or the church office 419-822-4261



**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00PM**

**Shiloh Fellowship Hall**

## SNACK STICKS FOR SALE

\$1.00 each

12 different flavors



The Creative Discipleship Teens will continue to sell Snack Sticks to help pay for their way to camp next summer. Order forms are available in the foyer. Contact Marion or Sheri Kessler for more details.

Flocknote



**Text to join:**

**TEXT SHILOHCU to 84576**

We use flocknote.com to help communicate with our congregation by sending out information via text messages, emails and phone calls. All from one, easy place.

## Jewelry For Missions

Upcoming sale will be here at Shiloh  
May 27-29, 2021

Come and help us sort, clean and prepare jewelry for our upcoming sales.

**EVERY TUESDAY AT THE**

**SHILOH FELLOWSHIP HALL (by the playground)**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM – Starting April 6<sup>th</sup>**

You do not have to work the whole time, you can come any time during those hours.

# April Music Schedule

## April 4<sup>th</sup>

Song Leader.....Jillian Kabwata  
 Pianist..... Arla Fry  
 Organist ..... Kerry Vandock  
 Special..... Marion Kessler

## April 11<sup>th</sup>

Song Leader..... Chip Whitmore  
 Pianist..... Arla Fry  
 Organist ..... Jennifer Bonner  
 Special..... Scott Barrett Family

## April 18<sup>th</sup>

Song Leader .....Chip Whitmore  
 Pianist..... Arla Fry  
 Organist ..... Kerry Vandock  
 Special..... Krista Clapp

## April 25<sup>th</sup>

Song Leader.....Chip Whitmore  
 Pianist..... Arla Fry  
 Organist ..... Kerry Vandock  
 Special..... Angie McWatters/Leann Bruner/Arla Fry

## Coffee Time

We will be offering **coffee only** starting on April 11<sup>th</sup> between the 8:30 AM Service and the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour; it will be in Classroom #13 downstairs. You will enter in the first door, pick up your coffee and exit through the second door.



# 2021 Backyard Missions

In the past we have taken mission trips both state side and overseas. With so many current restrictions it's difficult to do a mission trip far away. We felt it was wise to do something right here in our backyard. There is so much that can be done here in our own community that we would like to use this pandemic as a time to minister to those in need.

## We are thinking of doing two things:

1. Summer camp up in Michigan
2. Four days of outreach sometime in June. We would stay at Widewater Retreat Center and do projects during the day.

Both options would be safe as we follow all COVID protocols as required by the Ohio Health Department.

**Let Pastor Eric know if you are interested.  
 Registration will begin very soon.**



## Graduates

**If you are graduating from High School** we want to recognize you. Please write down your information on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**If you have graduated from College** since June 2020, write your information down on the sheet on the bulletin board.



## Looking ahead...

- Olympian Awards Night ..... Sunday, May 16
- Outdoor Expo ..... June 19
- Sports Camp ..... July 19-23
- CU Council ..... August 5-6
- CU Summer Camps:
  - Senior High – Ages 14-18 ..... July 12-17
  - Junior High – Ages 12-14 ..... July 19-24
  - Beginner -- Ages 9-12 ..... July 26-31

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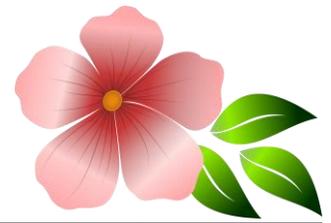
### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We believe that Shiloh Christian Union Church is a vehicle to be used of God to help fulfill the great commission by building believers, equipping workers and reaching the lost.

***Edify, Equip, Evangelize***



# April 2021



*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*  
*John 3:16*

				<b>1</b> 7:00 PM-COMMUNION SERVICE NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY	<b>2</b> Liberty Center COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE -7:00 PM  CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	<b>3</b> 
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