



Shiloh Newsletter

We have good news! Worship Services will soon resume at Shiloh!

As we transition back from this pandemic, you may have lots of questions. We have tried to figure out the best plan for safety, compliance with the Governor's guidelines and what works best for Shiloh. Everything is subject to change and adjustments may be needed as we proceed. We encourage all social distancing measures and the use of face covering and hand sanitizer is available. If you are at risk or are not feeling well we encourage you to stay home and safe and continue to watch us via Facebook live or YouTube.

Here are our plans (for now):

1. **Worship Services:** We plan to return on **May 23rd & 24th** with multiple services of 80 people each.

a. Times and Days of services

1) Saturday – 6:00 PM

2) Sunday - 8:00 AM

3) Sunday - 10:45 AM

b. 8:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday will still be on Facebook live.

c. There will be a sign up for each service on our church web page (ShilohCU.Church) starting May 18th or by calling the church office at 419-822-4261 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9am – Noon) to assure we don't go over our limit in each service.

You will need to register each week. Registration will be available starting at 9 AM on the Monday prior.

d. It will take time for the ushers to seat you in a socially distant manner, so please plan to arrive early for your designated service.

e. Greeters will welcome you without contact and direct you to the table where the bulletins and offering container will be located.

f. Please plan to use the upper (north) entrance to the church. We are very thankful for the new parking spaces that have been added to that area.

g. There will be a cleaning crew cleaning between each service. So we ask that you vacate the building as soon as possible, so preparations for the next service can be completed.

h. There will be **NO** Nursery, Preschool, Junior Church or Sunday School classes until we are clear to do so.

i. You can continue to give online or mail to the church or place your offering in the container in the foyer.

2. **Wednesday Nights** -- All Bible studies and kid's clubs are cancelled until further notice.

3. **Small groups** that meet during the week may resume after May 18th, as long as the leader ensures social distancing measures for the safety of those who attend.

4. **Church Office Hours:** 8:00 AM – Noon on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays only (for now). The church answering machine will be checked each day as has been the practice during this whole time.

If you have an emergency you can call or text the pastors.

The church library will be open during these hours/days.

5. **ONLINE OFFERINGS:**

a. Devotions from the Pastors

b. Sunday Sermon - 8:00 am

c. Prayer Service – Wednesdays – 7pm

d. Olympian lessons – posted on Wednesdays

e. Teen ZOOM Sessions – Wednesdays – 8pm



ALL THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE NEEDED. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS WE PROCEED THROUGH THIS.

Thank you for all your understanding and support.

We love you and want what is best at this time.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Emmett McPeek
- 2-Donna Murphy
- 3-Beth Baun
- 5-Nathan Hesson
- 7-Malachi Wyse/Rowena Gramling
- 8-Don Limpach/Gabe Clapp/Jessica Porter
- 9-Ashlyn Dulle/Stam Criswell
- 11-Brian Bressler/Heather Krugh
- 12-Ann Wahlgren
- 13-Beth Gollihue
- 14-Lynn Buchele/Sam Clapp
- 15-Lucas Graham/Marilyn Vandock
- 16-Emil Gunther/Jarrett Krugh
- 17-Melissa Tilkins
- 18-Hope Roell/Joy Vandock
- 19-Brennen Smith
- 20-Deb Desgrange/Deb Fuller/Malachi Kabwata
- 21-Chris Bonner
- 22-Baxter Barrett
- 23-Josie Espinoza
- 25-Dan Chambers/Silas Nowowiejski
- 26-John Babcock/Luke Schlatter
- 30-Sandy Bennett
- 31-Randy Riegsecker

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Sandy & Clair Brown
- 3-Joe & Rochelle Stoccone
- 3-Nathan & Lori Weaks
- 6-Rick & Kathy Karr
- 11-Gregg & Terri Winseman
- 12-Greg & Carmen Ray
- 14-James & Leah Whitmire
- 15-Rick & Tammy Tressler
- 18-Joe & Tiffany Sauder
- 20-Josiah & Becky Davis
- 26-Phil & Sandy Proudfoot
- 29-Todd & Carrie Murdock

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Kerry Vandock
- 2-Ron Cook/Sarrah Zeiter
- 4-Nathaniel Bower
- 6-Thomas Leach
- 7-Danette Hesson/Joe Sauder/Zander Myers
- 13-Isaac Norris
- 14-Melanie Wyse
- 15-Bryan Foster
- 18-Jeff Benson/Lela Otmstead/Rebekah Gollihue
- 20-Camden Krugh
- 21-Avery Nowowiejski/Richard Lulfs
- 22-Don Proudfoot
- 23-Jillian Kabwata/Kristofer Benson
- 24-Ashly Foster
- 25-James Whitmire/Tina Rayle
- 27-Micah Kabwata
- 28-Andrew Hesson/Don Keene/Eric Kabwata
Nick Pieracini
- 30-Bob Fuller

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-Brian & Emily Riegsecker
- 2-Tom & Toni Sallows
- 6-Kristofer & Tiffany Benson
- 7-Tom & Britney Ward
- 10-Dan & Rita Rupp
- 12-Ray & Sandy Roseman
- 15-Andrew & Andrea Hesson
- 16-David & Julie Barnes
- 16-Brian & Barbara Bressler
- 16-Gayle & Diana Schaffner
- 19-Matt & Erica Hintz
- 22-Brian & Onie Pierce
- 23-Dave & Darlene Daugherty
- 26-Rick & Kendra Roell
- 27-Don & Oneta Proudfoot
- 27-Kerry & Joy Vandock
- 29-Chris & Pam Righi
- 30-Karney & Sue Garretson
- 30-Lupe & Terry Rosales



Congratulations to our Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Beaux BarrettNew Horizons Academy
- Bethany BentVeritas Et Lux Academy
- Ashlyn Dulle Liberty Center High School
- Sadie Kessler NW Ohio Christian Home Educators
- Jessica McWattersPettisville High School
- Riley Miller Liberty Center High School
- Rebekah Orr Liberty Center High School
- Alex Righi Liberty Center High School
- Meredith Zeiter Liberty Center High School

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

If you have graduated from College, please notify the church office.

WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES ON MAY 31ST

Thank you

....to the Trustees for the things they have accomplished around the church building and grounds recently.

Project completed: Upper parking lot paved, lower parking lot has new gravel, landscaping in front of church cleaned out, decorative stone on the east outer wall of church put on, retaining wall/trees on east side of Family Life Center has been put in, fire pit installed, painting inside church and carpets cleaned.

International Missionary Updates

See how COVID-19 is impacting some of our overseas workers.



HANNAH BARRETT - Thailand, Chiang Rai International Christian School

When I landed in the states, I headed to my parents' house in Ohio to self-quarantine for 2 weeks. We are currently doing schooling online via Google Classroom for the remainder of the school year. I am in contact with my students daily using email, our Google Classroom, and Google Hangouts (video calls).

Right now my plan is to return to Thailand tentatively in August to teach for another year. I would be teaching fourth grade again. Along with teaching I would also continue working with high school youth group, working with the 7th grade girls, and other extracurricular.

DAVID & BILLIE BLESSING - Guinea Africa, East-West Ministries

Our family is safe in the U.S. The ongoing civil unrest in Guinea and the COVID-19 pandemic have delayed our return. Guinea has shut down their airport to all commercial flights so we are now watching and waiting for the right time to return. Pray for wisdom. In Guinea, the president delayed the election that was scheduled for the beginning of the month due to questions about the legitimacy of the voter rolls. Despite continued questions and mounting fears about COVID-19, voting finally took place March 22 but was marred by violence throughout the country. Ten people were killed in clashes between police and protesters. The largest evangelical church in Guinea was burned to the ground. Police even launched teargas at people as they prayed in a mosque near our house and set fire to their motorcycles. The presidential election is scheduled for this fall raising the prospect of continued demonstrations throughout the year. Please pray for peace.

SHANNON & VIKKI BOBB - Cambodia, Adventures in Missions

Many Cambodians are already in a great deal of financial distress from the lack of tourism in what should have been the "high season" here. Many people are starting to feel the desperation of the loss of income as most Cambodians only make enough to support themselves for one day. The government has been trying to spread the word about handwashing and social distancing, but this is hard in a developing country. We are also in the midst of a dry season. We have not had any rain since November. Many rural areas are starting to run out of fresh water.

Adventures in Missions was able to arrange for nearly 550 team members to return home from around the world in the span of about a week! What a huge task that was! We have been praying for God to open our eyes to the needs around us here in Cambodia. Shannon felt compelled to help feed those most impacted by the lack of tourism. We bagged up 100 kg of rice into 3 kg bags and distributed them in the tourist area. A friend of ours, Ryan went along to help speak Khmer and share the Gospel.

AARON & TARA HAMMITT - Bolivia, Int'l Tribal Ministries

Like many of you, I'm not excited about being stuck at home, but we are making the best of it and praying that Bolivia is spared a major outbreak. We continue to trust the Lord in the midst of the uncertainty. For the time being, I (Aaron) continue to attend my language classes. I am staying away from public transportation, opting to take the car or motorcycle to the school. Unfortunately, we are now buying from the neighborhood market (where there are few precautions taken) rather than driving to the supermarket where there are many precautions against the spread of the coronavirus.

DEREK & VALERIA HUMMEL - Peru, Word of Life

On March 15th, the president of Peru declared a state of emergency announcing that the country would be on lockdown. Just because the country is shutdown doesn't mean ministry is. We are thankful for technology as we are connecting through Zoom. I have had several training sessions with pastors and youth workers. Pray for us so we can creatively continue to minister. Planning for "what's next" has been a challenge because of so much uncertainty. However, we have decided to start our Discipleship Training Center through online classes. This requires a lot of work to get everything recorded, edited and uploaded by April 18th.

MARC & ALLISON KEETON - Papua New Guinea, Ethnos360

The PNG government has ordered restrictions and emergency orders which have severely limited land travel within the country. There is a possibility of a shortage of food and supplies, little access to emergency medical care, and possible unrest throughout the country. There is a high risk that if or when COVID-19 begins to spread in PNG that the medical system will not be able to handle it. There are currently only 16 ventilators in the entire country and hygiene and sanitation in PNG is poor, with many people living in villages that don't even have clean running water available.

We have temporarily returned to the U.S. for a six-month furlough due to the COVID-19 crisis. Coming back is a big unexpected expense for us, as we will need to pay for the US government repatriation flight we took and we will need to raise funds in order to return in the fall. We wouldn't mind being closer to home should we be able to find a mission home or other housing available closer to the Toledo, Ohio area. If you know of anything available please let us know.

JASON & BECKY SUON - Dominican Republic, Freedom Christian School

Most of our Dominican employees are taking vacation time while our missionaries' jobs continue as normal. Some have "wishlist" strategic planning that they are working on. We have a few elective type "classes" for our 21 missionary kids and we are providing Spanish classes to our missionaries who need that. Construction is still moving forward. Ultimately, just like you, we are doing our best to steward the circumstances that we have. Learning to go deeper into the truth that trials are for our character and we can count it all as joy. Wherever we are, God is the owner.

BEN & MANDI WOOD - Turkey, Cru

Our city is not on official lockdown, but we have been encouraged to stay in our homes as much as possible.

We anticipate that many of us will be facing a loss of income, loss of jobs and who knows what else. As we mentioned in our newsletter, we are planning to leave Turkey the end of June, but who knows how we may need to adjust those plans based on availability of flights and freedom to travel.

Domestic Missionary Updates

See how COVID-19 is impacting some of our ministry partners here in the U.S.



DUSTAN & BETH HORST - Ohio & W. Virginia, Word of Life

The start of 2020 has been eventful, and not because of the worldwide pandemic. Before Covid-19, we had numerous FASCARs, two group leader trainings, and trained a new church. Dustan even got to go to Denver for training with Dare 2 Share. A highlight of the time in Denver was hearing how student ministries across the country are seeing students come to Christ as a result of training their own students to share the Gospel!

JENNY PRINE - Indiana, Child Evangelism Fellowship

All of the Good News Club meetings have ceased. Our headquarters responded quickly and has established an online Good News Club through the CEF YouTube channel U-Nite. We have been highlighting our Truth Chasers Club (Bible correspondence for kids) as another ministry option through our local chapter. This is also our time of year for recruiting teenagers and preparing for our summer 5-Day Club ministry. With so many uncertainties of how long all of this will last, we know that this will affect the summer ministry, we're just not sure how much will be affected. It has made it difficult to know how to plan so please pray for wisdom and creativity during this time. Also, pray for a local director in the southeast area of Indiana. Her parents have both been diagnosed with the virus (I would guess them to be in their 70s).

REX & JENNY STUMP - Ohio, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

If you missed our annual Champions Event online, you can still go back and watch on our YouTube channel (FCA Stump). We definitely missed gathering together BUT, this year seven individuals told us that they prayed and made faith decisions!!! THAT IS AWESOME! Praise God! Local FCA Huddles are being creative and meeting through Zoom, posting YouTube Huddles that they are making at home, as well as sharing scripture and words of encouragement through social media! Our office continues to share a weekly video for coaches to share with their athletes as a simple means of teaching and encouragement.

RACHEL WHITMIRE - Michigan, Ethnos360 Bible Institute

All of our Bible Institute students have gone home to finish the semester online. Our campus is merging with our Wisconsin campus over the summer, so as soon as possible, I will be packing up the library and sending our books to Wisconsin. As long as nothing changes, I am still planning to move to Missouri in August to train at the Missionary Training Center for 2 years. This will open a lot of doors for me in the future to be a part of church planting and translation work in unreached areas. I'm hoping this opportunity does not get delayed, but trusting in the wisdom of our leaders and the timing of the Lord.

BRETT & SARA WILSON - Ohio, Mt. Hope Bible Camp

We have postponed all of our events and rentals at Mt. Hope Bible Camp through June 1, but are continuing to disciple our staff and teens in the area through video conferencing, thoroughly cleaning our facilities, engaging with campers, parents and staff online, etc. Please pray for wisdom for our camp board as we will soon be facing the decision of whether or not camp will happen this summer. We are remaining hopeful, but yet realistic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS OF THESE MISSIONARIES.

- ◆ THE MONTHLY NEED TO MEET OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSIONARIES IS \$2,787.00. OUR GIVING FOR APRIL WAS: \$2,537.88.
- ◆ THE COSTA RICA SUMMER MISSION TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED.



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