

SHILOH CONNECT



SHILOH

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2023 | DECEMBER 2023

Let's Connect!

This booklet contains our ministry focuses for November and December. Each Sunday, we will lift the weekly focus. We encourage you to keep your brochure; read it carefully. You can find all of our ministries focuses on Shiloh's Website, Facebook page, and our Membership Portal "REALM." One of our priorities is to help every member CONNECT so they can be a fully participating member of our church. If you have questions about any ministry focus, please call the office at 907.276.6673, and Ms. Billie will help you find answers.



THANK YOU!

To our Retired Veterans and our Active Duty Men and Women . . . We wish we had adequate words to say "THANK YOU" for your service and sacrifices . . . We don't! Please accept our humble, sincere attempts to say "THANK YOU"! You are America's true heroes! We pray for you today and every day, asking God to pour out His every blessing on your life! WE SALUTE YOU AND SINCERELY THANK YOU!

Congratulations



Pastor Undra & First Lady Mildred Parker
Celebrating
26th Wedding Anniversary
09 November 2023



NO Shave NOVEMBER

Shiloh Men's Gatherings
Saturday: November 4th and 11th
11:00 AM

A Health Awareness Focus
Special Medical Speakers with Emphasis on
African American Men

Brothers, it's going to be a shaggy month. **No-Shave November** is a month-long campaign encouraging conversation and raising awareness of men's health. Men forgo shaving and grooming for the entire month to raise cancer awareness and evoke discussion about the amount of hair many cancer patients lose. Men are encouraged to donate the money typically spent on shaving and grooming to an organization. We want to compel men to get proper and timely health screenings. This year, we are raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Our goal is to raise \$ 5,000.

Support the Cause by embracing these commitments:

1. **Join the Community** – God commands us to fellowship (Heb. 10:25). We do this together as one community. We'll be sharing our challenges and successes as men.
2. **Commit to Prayer.** God commands us to pray for the sick (James 5:15). Spend time praying each day for your own spiritual and physical health and intercede for other men's spiritual and physical health.
3. **Stop Shaving** – Christian traditions are filled with men who set themselves apart by not shaving (Samson, Judges 13:5; Paul, Acts 18:18). These were set apart as a vow to encourage and reach others.
4. **Share your Faith** – God commands us to evangelize (Matthew 28:19-20). Share your faith journey with another man this month. It might be that you can compel them to accept Jesus by your testimony.

Prevent It! Detect It! Survive It!

Baby Dedication & Blessing

November 26, 2023 | 11:00 AM Worship

For Baby Dedications: Baby dedications are for families who want to commit before God and the church that they will raise their child in a Biblical manner. By dedicating our children to the Lord, we are making a vow to raise them in God's ways and not our own. The following is a list (though not exhaustive) of some of the things we as parents should do as part of keeping our vow.

Pray constantly for your child. (Job 1:5); Instruct your child in the way of the Lord. (Deut. 6:7; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6)

Be a living example of Christ to your children. (Proverbs 20:7)

Discipline our children in the same way the Lord disciplines us. (Proverbs 13:24; 29:15; 29:17)

For Baby Blessings: Because we believe all children are a blessing from the Lord, we will bless each child regardless of whether the parent(s) are born again. We use Mark 10:11-13 as our guide; people brought children to Jesus and He blessed them. It is from this passage of Scripture that we bless all children, especially those of whom both parents are not born-again believers.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

We are asking families to contact the main office for the packets and if they have any questions contact Pastor Parker through the office at 907.276.6673. Applications must be in by November 19th.

Leadership



Training

18th November Shiloh Leaders Training/Meeting at 9:00 AM

Crowns of Excellence **SILVER STRANDS SENIOR MINISTRY**

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023/2024 MINISTRY YEAR

THE SENIOR MINISTRY MEETS AS FOLLOWS:

September 1 thru December 20 In-Person & On-Line [ZOOM]

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM | Sundays at 9:45 AM

January 1 thru February 28 | Seniors on Winter Break

Seniors Meet On-Line [ZOOM] **Only** Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

March 1 thru July 31 In-Person & On-Line [ZOOM]

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM | Sundays at 9:45 AM

August 1 thru August 31

No Wednesday Gatherings during the month of August [Ministry Planning and Team Building]

SENIORS ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023 | 11:00 AM

NOVEMBER: A LIFE LIVED FOR GOD: SET APART

01 November: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Set Apart But Not Alone"

08 November: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Set Apart In The Way We Think"

15 November: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Set Apart In The Way We Live"

22 November: Thanksgiving Fellowship & Fall Birthdays Celebration

29 November: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Set Apart for the Journey"

DECEMBER: STAYING TRUE IN A WORLD FAR FROM GOD

06 December: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Develop Strong Convictions"

13 December: Praise & Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship Luncheon | "Pray With Passion"

20 December: Senior Christmas Celebration

You're Invited

Make a priceless commitment to your marriage or if you're Not Married Now, be ready when a man, "findeth a good wife." Whether you have been married many decades or just a short while, or whether you are engaged or just thinking about marriage and what it's all about, The Last Wives' Club is for you. Join the hundreds of wives and "hopefuls" across the nation committed to doing marriage God's way.

**For more information contact
the office at 907 276 6673
or email Amanda Holmes @
arholmes@gci.net**

Shiloh Married Couples Ministry

The Excellent Wife Small Group Study Introduction

**November 28th
at 6:30 pm**

the last
WIVES' CLUB

SEASON OF THANKS AND GIVING

2023 Sacrificial Giving STRETCHING OURSELVES

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJV

November and December are a SEASON OF THANKS and GIVING! We have come to expect requests for giving to support people in need, and we have always been very generous in our Shiloh giving. We are very aware, however, that these post-pandemic years, combined with high food costs, high interest rates, increased housing costs, and inflation in everything, have made 2023 a challenging financial year for many of us.

At Shiloh, we hear daily, Jesus when He tells us in Matthew 25:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Jesus’ words motivate Shiloh to constantly look into our community and see the needs of those who are struggling even more than we are; His words encourages

us to **STRETCH OURSELVES** to give sacrificially!

Our desire is to LIVE SIMPLY THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE!

A SEASON OF THANKS and GIVING:

During this season, we offer giving opportunities to our members because God will magnify our collective offerings to do more excellent work in His name than any of us alone could do—and by this, our community will know that we are Christians [Christ-followers] by our LOVE! When this happens, many non-believers will want to know the God we serve! This is our purpose—to make God known in this unbelieving world!

As you review our November and December Season of Thanks and Giving Opportunities, will you “*purpose in your heart*”—that is, pray and plan to include our church’s 2023 Mission Outreach in your budget? When we are careful with our prayers and planning for our financial life, we never have to give grudgingly or of necessity—we can always give cheerfully, with thanksgiving, unspeakable joy and gratitude for the opportunities we have to serve our GREAT GOD!

SHILOH LET’S
Stretch, STRETCH, STRETCH,
OURSELVES THIS SEASON!

SEASON OF THANKS AND GIVING



GIVING for THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The Shiloh Foodbank will prepare Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Foodbank Team can purchase the items for the baskets for less than individual members can because they will buy in bulk from Foodbank Alaska and warehouse stores such as Costco. This year, we are requesting financial donations—not food items. The Foodbank Team will shop for us and **STRETCH** our donations 2, 3, or even 4 folds.

How do you give? Give as you always do—make a notation **STRETCHING FOR HUNGER 2023! Or you can quietly say for Foodbank Food Baskets!**

Beginning November 12, as an act of **THANKSGIVING** and **GRATITUDE** to our God who provides, the Team will place food bags on the Altar with the names of those who have given. We are praying that by the end of November, we will see a beautiful portrait of sacrificial offerings from Shiloh—there will be so many bags that there will not be room on the Altar for more. Will you **STRETCH FOR HUNGER?**



GIFTS for THE SHILOH CLOTHES CLOSET

We love to give gifts during this **SEASON OF THANKS** and **GIVING!** We invite you to add one more gift to your list—a gift for someone who has so very little and who needs the necessities—gloves, underwear, socks, a warm coat, boots—all winter wear for both men and women. Can you imagine being without this clothing?

You can shop for your gift—maybe in your closet of gently used clean clothing! The underwear must be new! You can purchase your gift or donate, and the Clothes Closet Team will shop for you.

How do you give? Give as you always do—make a notation **STRETCHING to CLOTHE 2023! Or you can quietly say Gift for Clothes Closet! You can bring your gift to the church office Tuesday-Saturday. You can visit the Clothes Closet on Saturdays from 8:00-10:00 AM—get your gift!**



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SHILOH SWAG STORE IS OPEN

Shiloh Swag Store Re-Opening on November 5th. Every Sunday after worship the store will be open for 30 minutes. It is opened Tuesday-Saturday during church office hours. Purchase, "I Love My Church Shirts, Shiloh mugs, Shiloh hats and more. We invite you to visit the store!

SEASON OF THANKS AND GIVING



MEMBERSHIP CARE MINISTRY ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023

STRETCHING TO BE A BLESSING

The holidays can be a time of joy and togetherness, but for many under-resourced families, it is the time of year they dread. We want every Shiloh family to have a wonderful Christmas. We help our families year-round with basic needs. At Christmas, because of the beautiful gift God has given—His only Son for our redemption—we celebrate Christmas by giving extravagantly to others—because we are so thankful!

Families can be referred for adoption by any Shiloh member. All referrals are approved and processed by Shiloh's Membership Care Family Support Team.

HOW TO REFER A FAMILY:

You can refer a family for adoption to your Parish Leader[Deacon/Deaconesses]. Call your deacon or deaconess, and they will help you make your referral. You can refer your own family.

HOW TO ADOPT-A-FAMILY

You can participate as an individual sponsor or organize a group of friends or co-workers to work with you. Shiloh Ministries can also work together to adopt one or more families. If you are willing to ADOPT-A-FAMILY, our Family Support Ministry will match you with a family. You will connect with your family and discuss their needs for Christmas—then you give accordingly. Please share with Shiloh, not directly to the family. You will get to know the family and will be able to encourage and pray with and for them long after the Christmas season is over.

To ADOPT-A-FAMILY, call 907.276.6673 and give your name, email, and phone and Family Support will contact you. You can also email: billiehill@shilohmbcalaska.org

HOW TO GIVE TO ADOPT-A-FAMILY

How do you give? Give as you always do—make a notation STRETCHING TO BE A BLESSING 2023! Or you can quietly say Adopt-A-FAMILY!

Adopted Families will receive gift cards for food and gifts for Christmas.

- ☐ I want to Adopt a Family this Christmas.
- ☐ I want to recommend a Family for Adoption: _____
- ☐ I want to make a donation toward helping a Family this Christmas.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church



6th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration
for
Reverend Dr. Undra Parker & First Lady Mildred Parker

December 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Our Pastor, God's Gift to Our Church
Jeremiah 3:15

Anniversary Speaker: Pastor Tommy Leonard, III, New Season
Anniversary Reception Immediately Following Worship

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Christmas Day Worship | 11:00 AM



O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

Thanksgiving Worship

PRESENTED BY THE

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL

ALLIANCE OF ANCHORAGE

IMA Officers

HOSTED AT SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Leon D. May I
President

Pastor Tommy Leonard III
1st Vice-President

Pastor Glenn Ratcliff
2nd Vice-President

Pastor Undra Parker
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Pastor Mel Williams
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Pastor Clifton Gay
Chaplain

P.O. Box 212686
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Sunday, November 19, 2023

4:00 PM

"Give Thanks!"

IMA Combined Choir Rehearsal Date:

November 7th and 14th | 7:00 PM | Shiloh

In-Person at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

or Watch live on Facebook

Interdenominational Ministerial Anchorage Alaska

CONNECT WITH SHILOH

EVERY WEEK @ SHILOH

SUNDAY:

Worship Service
Sunday School

11:00 AM
9:45 AM

MONDAY:

Shiloh Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY:

Senior Wednesday:
Prayer, Bible Study, Lunch
Shiloh Prayer
Youth & Children's Groups
Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM
6:30 PM
6:30 PM
7:00 PM

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

The Voices of Shiloh Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM

SATURDAY:

Shiloh Conference Line Prayer
Clothe Closet Outreach
Food Bank Outreach

8:00 AM
8:00 AM
9:00 AM

EVERY MONTH @ SHILOH

- Communion Celebration: Every 1st Sunday
- Shiloh 101 "Discover Our Church"
New Members Orientation [Visitors Welcome] 9:45 AM
- Baptism Celebration: 4th Sundays @ 11:00 AM

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Scan the QR Code to visit Shiloh's website where you can learn more about Shiloh as well as stay up-to-date on all ministry opportunities, events and activities.



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