



SHILOH

# SHILOH CONNECT

MINISTRY FOCUSES



## Summer@Shiloh

June, July, August

Know Christ . Grow In Christ . Connect With Others . Serve Others

A SEASON OF FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

# SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – SUMMER 2026 CALENDAR



## JUNE



- **June 11–13**  
ABC Convention,  
Fairbanks, AK



- **June 20**  
Father's Day  
Grill Fest



- **June 21**  
Father's Day  
Worship  
Celebration



- **June 27**  
World Vision  
Chosen: Here &  
There Outreach  
(Shiloh 11–12,  
Community 12  
until gone)



- **June 28**  
Praise in the  
Parking Lot



## JULY



- **July 5–Aug 2**  
Back-to-School  
Supplies Drive



- **July 19**  
Pastor  
Emeritus  
Appreciation



- **July 20–24**  
Vacation  
Bible School



- **July 26**  
Praise in the  
Parking Lot



- **July 30**  
Shiloh Men at  
Anchorage  
Rescue Mission



## AUGUST



- **August 5**  
Prayer & Bible  
Study Resumes  
– "I Am a Church  
Member"



- **August 6–7**  
Global  
Leadership  
Summit



- **August 9**  
Praise in the  
Parking Lot



- **August 23**  
Sunday  
School  
Promotion &  
Recognition

# SUNDAY MORNING *Connection Groups*

**Sunday School — Where Knowing Christ Builds Connection**



## **SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION GROUPS** **Sunday School — Where Knowing Christ Builds Connection** **Every Sunday 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM**

Growing in Christ was never meant to be done alone. Discipleship flourishes in community, and our Sunday Morning Connection Groups are designed to help you build meaningful relationships while deepening your walk with Jesus.

These groups create space for real conversation, shared learning, and spiritual encouragement — because connection is essential to a thriving faith.

Hebrews 10:22–25 reminds us to draw near to God with sincere hearts, to hold firmly to our hope, and to encourage one another as we gather. This is the heartbeat of our Connection Groups.

**We pursue three commitments together:**

**ENGAGE** — We come with sincere hearts, eager to know Christ more deeply and to grow in His Word.

**ENCOURAGE** — We strengthen one another in love, spurring each other on toward good works and Christlike living.

**ENCOUNTER** — We open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's work in us, both inside our groups and throughout our daily lives.

**As we learn, share, and grow together, we become stronger for the challenges of everyday life. We are reminded that we are not alone, that Christ empowers us to overcome, and that we are called to shine His light in the world.**

**Sunday School Connection Groups are more than classes — they are communities of belonging.**

This is a place where you can be known, supported, and encouraged by believers who will walk with you in every season of life.

**We invite you and your family to join a Sunday Morning Connection Group!**

**Our team is here to help you find the group that fits you — and every member of your family — so you can grow in Christ and build meaningful relationships.**

**For more information, contact our Discipleship Office: Reverend Gwuana Thomas — 907.276.6673**

# Join the Journey: Shiloh Women's Monthly Bible Study

*Sister-to-Sister Monday Night Community & Bible Study*



**Monday June 15 | 6:30 PM**  
**Theme: Movie Night! · Woman of Study: Leah**  
**Our Focus: *Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity.* Join us for a special evening of fellowship and film. We'll dive into the life of Leah, discovering how God's love provides the ultimate security and healing even when we feel unseen or unloved.**

**Join the Journey: Shiloh Women's Monthly Bible**  
**3rd Mondays @ 6:30 PM**

This is more than a class—it's a year-long journey of spiritual formation, a deep dive into Scripture, and the nurturing of lifelong sisterhood. Our 2026/2027 theme, "12 Women of the Bible — Life-Changing Stories for Women Today," invites every Shiloh woman to grow, connect, and be transformed.

We warmly invite you to Join the Journey—a space of joy, sisterhood, and spiritual growth. Come when you can, and leave when you must. Your presence always matters.

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN

***"Rooted & Rising"***

**Rooted in Christ . Rising in Purpose**

# SMBC MEN'S MINISTRY FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

## GRILL FEST BAR-B-Q COOKOFF & FAMILY POTLUCK



**Saturday, June 20, 2026**  
**12:00 – 4:00 PM**



**Families Bring Sides**



**Join the Fun!**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 20 — Grill Fest & Family Potluck**

Get ready for a joyful, laughter-filled celebration as our Shiloh dads fire up the grills and show off their best grilling skills! We'll enjoy friendly competition as the men of Shiloh challenge one another for the title of Best Grill Master, all while sharing great food and great fellowship.

Families will provide the side dishes—watch for the list of items to bring. Dads and men: call Rev. Gwuana Thomas to sign up as a Grill Fest participant. [907.276.6673]

This is a day of fun, food, and family as we honor the incredible men who bless our church and community.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 21 — SMBC Father's Day Worship Celebration**

After Saturday's celebration, we invite every family to bring the dads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and men in your life to join us for a powerful Father's Day Worship Service at 11:00 AM.

Together, we will honor and celebrate fathers and all men, asking God's blessing over their lives during a worship experience that is uplifting, reverent, and filled with gratitude.

# WORLD VISION: CHOSEN HERE AND THERE

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### WHAT IS “CHOSEN: HERE AND THERE”?

Shiloh, we are honored to partner with World Vision in their mission to bear witness to the good news of Jesus by serving pastors, strengthening local churches, and helping end extreme poverty around the world. Through **Chosen: Here and There**, we join a movement that empowers families both locally and globally to overcome the obstacles that poverty places in their path.

### HOW SHILOH SERVES

Through this partnership, Shiloh blesses our Anchorage community with **personal care items, diapers, clothing, household goods, socks, toys, and more**. At the same time, we support global communities through World Vision's Chosen program, helping families lift themselves out of poverty. **In the spirit of caring for both our community and our congregation, Shiloh families are also welcome to receive supplies if needed.**

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

On Saturday, June 27, 2026, Shiloh will receive supplies from World Vision and distribute them to our church and community. **We need volunteers for:**

- Supply distribution**
- Greeting families**
- Road and event security**
- General support and hospitality**

Every act of service helps build a culture of generosity, compassion, and transformation. Call the church office if you are willing to serve and for volunteer details at 907.276.6673. **Shiloh let's make this an All-Church Outreach!**

### EVENT DETAILS

**When: Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**Where: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**

**Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM [Supplies Distributed to Shiloh members only]**

**12:00 PM until supplies are gone [Distribution to the Anchorage Community]**

### ABOUT WORLD VISION

World Vision is a faith-based global charity powered by Jesus' love. For 75 years, they have served in the hardest places—through famine, disaster, conflict, and crisis—bringing restoration, hope, and opportunity to children and families.

**Shiloh, let's serve together — Chosen: Here and There.**

# PRAISE IN THE PARKING LOT

## SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Praise in the Parking Lot  
Worship and Baptism Celebration  
June 28, 2026 | 11:00 AM

*July* Praise In The Parking Lot  
July 26, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Praise In The Parking Lot  
August 09, 2026 | 11:00 AM *August*

# SMBC

SHILOH  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Neighborhood Outreach

### SMBC SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**July 5 - August 2**

#### Supporting Our Neighborhood Families

We're extending love and support to the children of **Fairview, Denali, and North Star Elementary Schools**—and to **Shiloh families** who may need help preparing for the school year.

If your family could use assistance, please reach out to your **Deacon/Deaconess** or call the church office at **(907) 276-6673**.

#### WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Donate Funds:** Give as you normally do—via Realm, offering baskets/boxes, or mail. Just designate your gift for **“SCHOOL SUPPLIES.”** Our savvy shoppers will stretch every dollar to find the best deals!
- **Shop While You Shop:** Supply lists are available in Realm and at the church office. Drop off donations **Tuesday–Saturday** at the office, or place them in the totes located in the **Atrium** on **Sundays**.
- **Order Online:** Have your supplies shipped directly to **SMBC, 855 East 20th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501**.

**Sunday, August 09, 2026**

**BLESSING OUR STUDENTS & SCHOOLS** - Join us for a special prayer moment on Sunday, **August 09 at 11:00 AM** Worship. We'll lift up our students, teachers, administrators, and families—and bless the supplies you've generously provided.

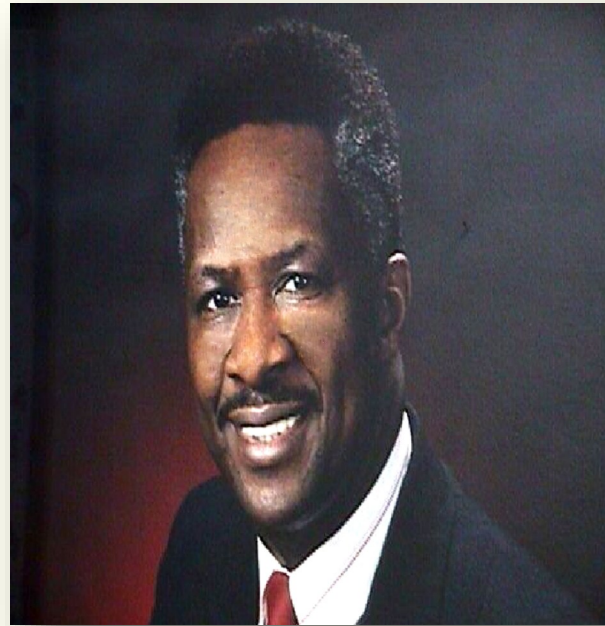


# SHILOH *Family*

## CELEBRATING & HONORING PASTOR EMERITUS REVEREND DR. ALONZO B. PATTERSON

— SMBC PASTOR 1970 - 2017 —

Pastor  
Preacher  
Visionary  
Servant-Leader  
Evangelist  
Church Planter  
Community Builder  
&  
Organizer  
Teacher & Trainer  
Mentor  
Living Legend



Family  
Friend  
Counselor  
Spirit-Filled  
Faithful  
Loving  
Caregiver  
Pastor to Pastors  
Courageous  
Patient  
Living Legend

**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

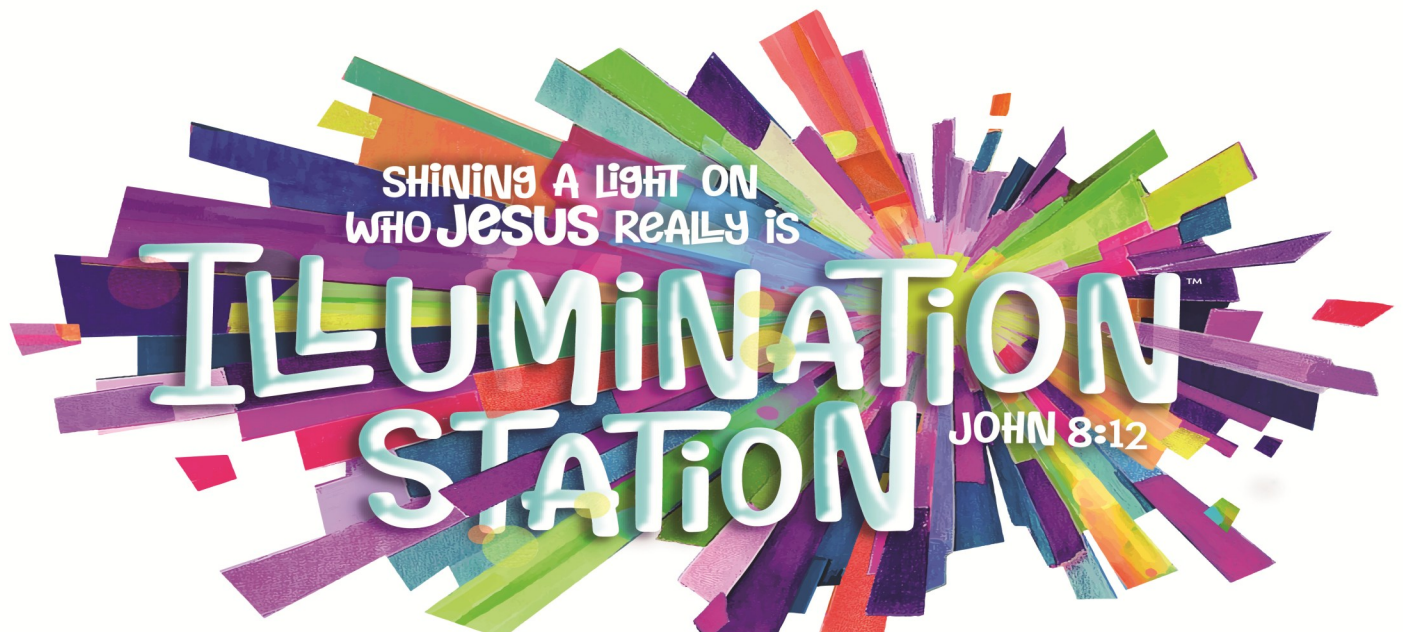
Upon his retirement from the pastorate in 2017, The Reverend Dr. Alonzo B. Patterson was honored with the distinguished title of Pastor Emeritus by the members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where he faithfully served for decades.

Each year, on the second Sunday in July—his anniversary Sunday—Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church commemorates the extraordinary legacy of Dr. Patterson, who has devoted seventy-seven years to the Gospel ministry. Of these, forty-seven years (1970–2017) were spent shepherding the SMBC congregation as Pastor, and fifty-six years in total as both Pastor and devoted member of the Shiloh church family.



### CELEBRATION RECEPTION HONORING A LEGACY OF FAITH AND SERVICE

You are cordially invited to join us for a heartfelt reception as we celebrate a remarkable legacy of leadership, love, and lasting impact.



## VBS July 20-24: SAVE THE DATE

Get ready for the brightest week of the summer at  
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church!

ILLUMINATION STATION John 8:12  
Jesus said . . . "I Am The Light of the World"

Join us as we **Shine the Light on Jesus** for Vacation Bible School! Kids will dive into interactive, high-energy evenings filled with unforgettable music, creative crafts, exciting recreation games, and powerful Bible lessons. Together, we will discover the life-changing truth of who Jesus really is.

- **When:** July 20–24, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Who:** Preschool through 8th Grade
- **Where:** Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

**Don't let your kids miss out on the fun—help them discover a hope that outshines the sun!**  
*More details and registration info coming soon!*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Help Us Shine the Light on Jesus! Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School, July 20–24, 2026 (Evenings). We are serving Preschool–8th Grade, and there's a place for every gift.

#### WAYS TO SERVE:

- Group Leaders & Assistants**
- Bible, Crafts, Games, or Snacks Stations**
- Tech & Media**
- Security & Check-In**

No experience needed—training and materials provided. Sign up in the church office or contact the VBS Director 907.276.6673. *"Let your light so shine before men..." – Matthew 5:16*

Thursday, July 30, 2026 | 7:00 PM

# SHILOH MEN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH

## Anchorage Outreach

### Serving Our City with Strength, Compassion, and Brotherhood

Shiloh Men are stepping forward to serve the men and women at the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission—individuals seeking hope, renewal, and a fresh start. Through prayer, caring words, worship, and genuine presence, we have the privilege of reminding them that God sees them, loves them, and is working in their lives.



### How We Serve

- Offering prayer and encouragement
- Sharing worship and testimonies
- Providing personal care items
- Giving financial support to the Mission's ongoing work

This outreach takes place every 5th Thursday, creating consistent opportunities to shine Christ's light in our city.

## A Call to Every Man of Shiloh

Brother Dwayne Baker and the Men's CORE Team warmly invite all Shiloh men to join this vital ministry. Your presence matters. Your compassion matters. Your willingness to serve makes a real difference.

Go with us on July 30 — we would be honored to have you stand with us.

# GROW IN CHRIST

August 2 - September 13

**PREACHING AND TEACHING SERIES**

**SERMON ON SUNDAYS <> BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS**

## **I AM A CHURCH MEMBER**

*Discovering The Attitude That Makes The Difference*

**I AM A CHURCH MEMBER ...** Can you say that with excitement? Can you not only say it but live it? Beginning in August, we will read together this little book titled **I AM A CHURCH MEMBER**. We will preach it on Sunday and discuss it on Wednesday. You are important to the Body of Christ. You are essential to a healthy and properly functioning local church. This short but beneficial book focuses on the perspectives of church membership. Every believer must see their church membership as an honor, privilege, and joy.

There are six chapters in the book with an introduction. Each chapter declares something about the kind of church member we should strive to be.

August 2 - Introduction: "I AM A CHURCH MEMBER"

August 9 - Chapter 1: "I Will Be a Functioning Church Member"

August 16 - Chapter 2: "I Will Be a Unifying Church Member"

August 23 - Chapter 3: "I Will Not Let My Church Be About My Preferences and Desires"

August 30 - Chapter 4: "I Will Pray for My Church Leaders"

September 6 - Chapter 5: "I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members"

September 13 - Chapter 6: "I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift"



Join me and the rest of our church family on this journey of discovering or rediscovering the privilege and joy of church membership. There is Joy in church membership!

**I AM A CHURCH MEMBER!**

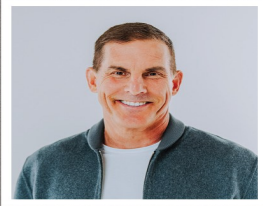
Pastor Undra Parker





# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

August 6-7, 2026



**Craig Groeschel**  
Founding and Senior  
Pastor, Life.Church;  
Bestselling Author



**Priscilla Shirer**  
Cofounder, Going  
Beyond Ministries;  
Bestselling Author



**Jim Collins**  
Management Educator;  
Bestselling Author



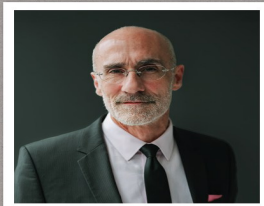
**Vanessa  
Van Edwards**  
Behavioral Researcher;  
Instructor, Harvard;  
Bestselling Author



**Kwame Christian**  
CEO, American  
Negotiation Institute;  
Bestselling Author



**Candace  
Cameron Bure**  
Actress; Producer;  
CEO, CandyRock  
Entertainment



**Arthur C. Brooks**  
Harvard Professor;  
Bestselling Author



**Julio García**  
Cofounder and  
CEO, Ambriza Social  
Mexican Kitchen



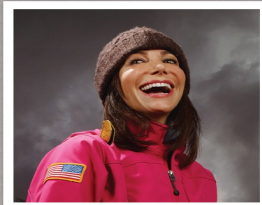
**Ryan Leak**  
CEO, the Ryan  
Leak Group;  
Bestselling Author



**Kelly Merryman  
Hoogstraten**  
CEO, Wonder Project



**Andy Stanley**  
Founder, North  
Point Ministries;  
Bestselling Author



**Alison Levine**  
Polar Explorer;  
Mountaineer;  
Bestselling Author



**David Ashcraft**  
President and CEO,  
Global Leadership  
Network; Author

## INVEST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP: EVERYONE HAS INFLUENCE

The Global Leadership Summit offers practical leadership insights, proven wisdom, and meaningful encouragement for individuals who desire to lead with excellence and bring hope to their communities. This world-class experience is delivered through a high-quality, live simulcast featuring renowned speakers and thought leaders.

On **August 6–7, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church** will serve as a local host site for the Global Leadership Summit, streaming live from Willow Creek Community Church. Participants will receive the full Summit experience without the cost or travel associated with a large national conference, while also engaging with leaders from across our local community.

We invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** and prepare to join us for this transformative leadership event.

For information and to register for the Global Leadership Summit visit: [shilohmbcalaska.org](https://shilohmbcalaska.org)

If you have questions or need more information, please call the church office: (907) 276-6673.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION & RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY



**AUGUST 23, 2026 | 9:45 AM**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION & RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY**

### ***HONORING OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH***

Celebrating growth. Honoring achievement. Encouraging faith.

**Sunday, August 23, 2026 | During the Sunday School Hour**

Join us as we celebrate the students of Shiloh who are moving up to their next Sunday School classes! This joyful assembly highlights their growth, learning, and dedication throughout the year.

- Recognition of All Age Groups
- Promotion Certificates
- Words of Encouragement & Scripture
- Teacher & Volunteer Appreciation
- Blessing Over the New School Year

We celebrate because we believe in nurturing the next generation of disciples. On August 23rd we honor their accomplishments, encourage their spiritual growth, and pray God's continued guidance as they move forward.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go..." — Proverbs 22:6**



**THE COMFORTING LIGHT**  
GRIEF MINISTRY  
SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
A MINISTRY OF HEALING. A PLACE OF HOPE.

**MINISTRY UNDER CONSTRUCTION | LAUNCH DATE FALL OF 2026**

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**GRIEF MINISTRY — A MINISTRY OF HEALING. A PLACE OF HOPE.**

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” — Matthew 5:4*

**You Don't Have to Walk Through Grief Alone**

Grief touches every life. It comes through the death of loved ones, but also through the losses that shape our journey—health changes, divorce, broken relationships, job transitions, aging, empty nest, relocation, loss of identity, and seasons of unexpected change. Shiloh's Grief Ministry exists to walk with individuals and families through these valleys with compassion, biblical encouragement, and the healing presence of Christ.

**Why a Grief Ministry Matters Today**

**1. Because grief is everywhere**

People are carrying silent burdens—unspoken pain, unresolved sorrow, and life transitions that leave them feeling overwhelmed or alone. Today's world moves fast, but grief moves slowly. The church must create space for healing.

**2. Because the church is called to care**

Scripture commands us to “bear one another's burdens” and to comfort others with the comfort we have received from God. A Grief Ministry is not optional—it is a biblical responsibility and a pastoral necessity.

**3. Because grief is more than death**

**Modern ministry must address the full spectrum of loss:**

Loss of a spouse, child, parent, or friend • Loss of health or physical ability • Loss of employment or financial stability • Loss through divorce or separation • Loss of home or relocation • Loss of identity, purpose, or community • Loss connected to aging, caregiving, or life transitions

A healthy church recognizes these realities and responds with compassion, structure, and spiritual support.

**4. Because healing requires community. People heal best when they are:**

Seen ♥ Heard ♥ Supported ♥ Prayed for ♥ Surrounded by a loving church family

A Grief Ministry provides a safe, confidential, Christ-centered environment where healing can begin.

**A Call to Serve: We Are Recruiting Compassionate, Spirit-Led Volunteers**

Shiloh is seeking qualified, caring individuals who feel called to serve in this ministry of comfort and healing.

**Ideal Ministry Team Members Are:**

Spiritually mature and emotionally grounded, Good listeners with compassionate hearts. Able to maintain confidentiality. Comfortable praying with and for others. Willing to receive training. Sensitive to diverse experiences of loss. Gifted in encouragement, mercy, or pastoral care.

**Training Will Be Provided**

Volunteers will receive training in: Understanding the grief process. Supporting different types of loss. Trauma informed ministry. Active listening and compassionate presence. Prayer and spiritual care. Boundaries and confidentiality. When and how to refer individuals for additional support.

This ministry will operate as a team, with ongoing development, prayer support, and pastoral oversight.

**Why Serve in the Grief Ministry?**

Because people need: Someone to sit with them. Someone to pray with them. Someone to remind them that God has not forgotten them-the church has not forgotten them. And because God uses ordinary people to bring extraordinary comfort. *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:18*

**Contact for Participation or Volunteer Interest:**

**Rev. Gwuana R. Thomas | (907) 276-6673 ext. 3 | [gwuana.thomas@shilohmbcalaska.org](mailto:gwuana.thomas@shilohmbcalaska.org)**



# CONNECT WITH SHILOH



**CONFERENCE LINE PRAYER MINISTRY** | Conference Line 907.273.5190 | PIN 364912#  
7:00 AM Monday—Friday | Shiloh Early Morning Prayer: *30 Minutes With The Master*  
8:00 AM Saturday | Corporate Prayer for Shiloh [Worship, Ministries, Members]

## EVERY WEEK @ SHILOH



### SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 AM  
Worship Service 11:00 AM



### WEDNESDAY

Senior Wednesday: 12:00 PM  
Prayer, Bible Study  
[in-person & on ZOOM]

Shiloh Prayer 6:30 PM  
Youth & Children's Groups  
Adult Bible Study



### THURSDAY & FRIDAY

The Voices of Shiloh 7:00 PM  
Choir Rehearsal



### SATURDAY

Shiloh Conference 8:00 AM  
Line Prayer  
Clothes Closet Outreach 8:00 AM  
Food Bank Outreach 9:00 AM

## COMMUNION & BAPTISM



### COMMUNION CELEBRATION

1st Sunday Worship 11:00 AM



### BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

Each Quarter as scheduled

## SOCIAL MEDIA @ SHILOH



### REALM FOR MEMBERS

Onrealm.org [must be a member to access Realm. Call the office for information]



### WEBSITE

shilohmbcalaska.org



### FACEBOOK

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
Alaska



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

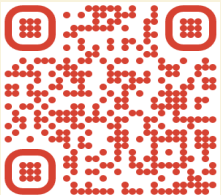
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Scan the QR Code to visit Shiloh's website where you can learn more about Shiloh as well as stay up-to-date on all ministry opportunities, events and activities.

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