



SHILOH

SHILOH CONNECT

MINISTRY FOCUSES



Summer@Shiloh

July, August

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

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 12, 2026 | 11:00 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP
Reverend Dr. Gwuana Thomas, Sr.

PRAISE & WORSHIP
One Lord, One Faith/Flow to you
Shiloh Praise Team

VIDEO Message: Pastor Undra Parker

SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1-11
Reverend Gwuana Thomas, Sr.

HYMN: *It Is Well*
Reverend Edwin Taylor & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
Reverend Vincent Marshall

GREETINGS | MINISTRY FOCUSES
TITHES & OFFERING
“We Bring Our Offerings”
Reverend Mildred Parker

SERMONIC SONG
More than Anything
Shiloh Praise Team

MESSAGE
Reverend Edwin Taylor

Invitation to New Life in Christ

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION
Reverend Dr. Gwuana Thomas, Sr.

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

SMBC

SHILOH
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Neighborhood Outreach

SMBC SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 5 - August 9

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.



BOOK SIGNING



Meet the author and get your signed copy at these exclusive events.

He will be sharing the inspiration behind this book and why he decided to write it. Don't miss the opportunity to meet the author, get your copy signed, and be encouraged to pursue your dreams.

JULY 2026

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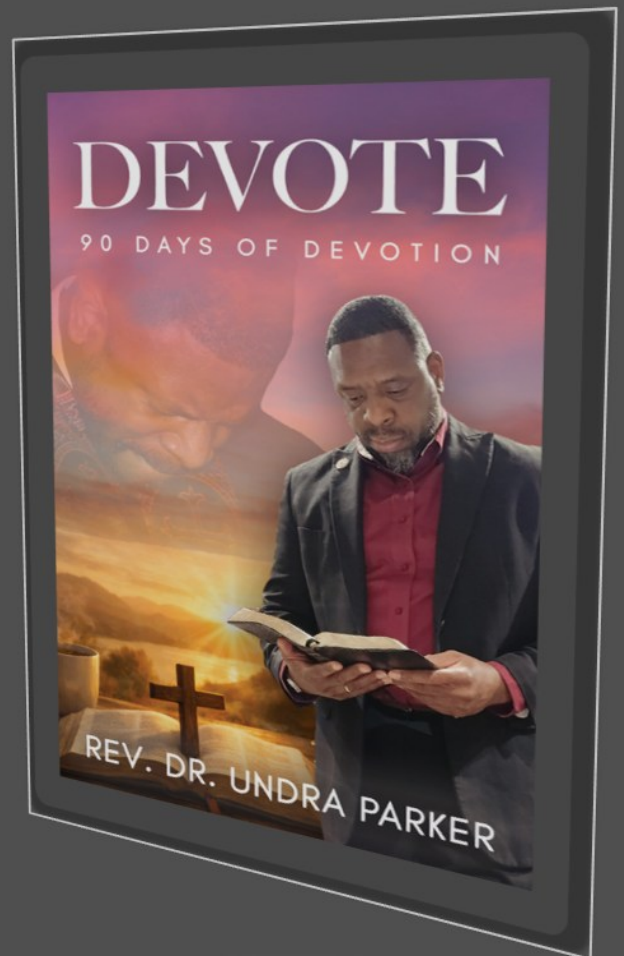
Sat. July 18 | 1:00 PM

Sun. July 19 | 1:30 PM

Meet, Greet, Signing

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

available at
amazon



Join us!



Vacation Bible School [VBS]

July 20-24

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

Join the Journey: Shiloh Women's Monthly Bible Study

Sister-to-Sister Monday Night Community & Bible Study



Monday July 27 | 6:30 PM

Theme: Paint Night! · Woman of Study: Hannah

Our Focus: Surrendering In Waiting

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

Thursday, July 30, 2026 | 6:30 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.

SHILOH 101:

The Shiloh Pathway to Belonging



MEET FAMILY

CONNECT . BELONG

Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 9:30 AM

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHILOH 101
The Shiloh Pathway to Belonging
Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 9:30 AM | In the Gym

At Shiloh, we believe every person has a place, a purpose, and a calling. Whether you are new to Shiloh, returning after time away, seasoned in the ministry, or exploring faith, Shiloh 101 is your first step into a deeper connection with God, with others, and with the mission of our church.

Shiloh 101 is more than an introduction—it is the beginning of a spiritual formation journey that helps every believer grow, belong, and serve with purpose. At Shiloh, you don't just join a church—you join a family, a mission, and a movement.

What to Expect at Shiloh 101

During this session, you will meet our **Pastor, First Lady, and Shiloh's Leadership Team** as they share the heart and foundation of our church. You will:

Discover Who We Are: Shiloh's Story: Our History, Mission, and Vision. What It Means to Belong to a Church Family
Our Core Doctrines & Biblical Foundations . Our Values & Ministry Philosophy

Discover Where You Fit: Expectations of Membership. Opportunities for Growth. Ministry Opportunities Across Shiloh
How to Discern Your Gifts and Find Your Place

Discover Your Next Steps: Your Pathway toward becoming a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
Your Pathway to becoming a fully-participating member of Shiloh. Fellowship & Q&A with our leadership team

Who Should Attend?

New Members beginning their journey . **Returning Members** seeking reconnection. **Seasoned Members** desiring renewed clarity and engagement . **Seekers/Visitors** exploring faith and wanting to understand Shiloh's mission

EVERYONE HAS A PLACE ON THE PATHWAY. EVERYONE BELONGS!

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 11:00 AM

*An Invitation
to New Life*

A Family
Celebration
of Faith



Our invitation to **Christ** is open 24/7.



BAPTISM CELEBRATION - THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE

At Shiloh, the invitation to new life in Christ is always open—not just on Sundays, but 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are seeking Christ or have recently opened your heart to Him, we warmly welcome you to take the next step through **baptism** and become part of our church family.

If you are ready to grow in your faith, you may reach out at any time:

- **Call the church office:** (907) 276-6673
- **Email:** Reverend Gwuana Thomas: gwuana.thomas@shilohmbcalaska.org
- **Speak with:** the Pastor, ministers, diaconate, or any Shiloh leader or member

Let someone know you have accepted Christ and are ready to take the next step.

“TAKE ME TO THE WATER”

A Family Celebration of Faith | Sunday, July 26 choosing new life in Christ on Baptism Sunday, July 26. Come rejoice with us as we witness lives transformed and faith renewed.

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. Books for "I Am a Church Member" are now available for pickup in the church office. If you already have a copy, you do not need a new one. Although the cover has been updated, the lessons and content remain the same.

There is Joy in church membership!

I AM A CHURCH MEMBER!

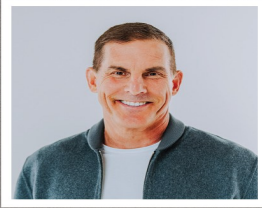
Pastor Undra Parker





THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

August 6-7, 2026



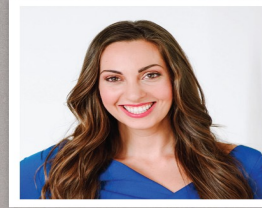
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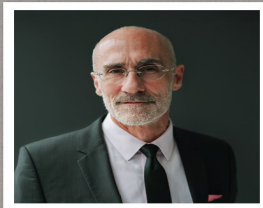
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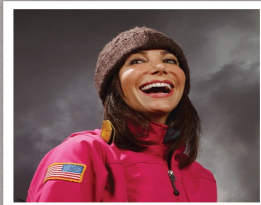
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David Ashcraft
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INVEST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP: EVERYONE HAS INFLUENCE

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

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

Christian Educators — Make Plans Now!

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education • 2027 Session
Training, Worship, Fellowship, Certification.



Save the Date: Congress of Christian Education – June 21-26 2027

A Message to Our Christian Educators

Reverend Dr. Gwuana Thomas, Associate Pastor for Discipleship

My wife, Reverend Desiree Thomas, and I attended the 2026 Congress of Christian Education, and we are still energized by the depth, excellence, and cultural richness of the experience. As Christian Educators representing Shiloh, we were inspired, challenged, and strengthened—and we want our church family to share in that same blessing.

The Congress is more than a week of classes; it is an outstanding learning environment and a deeply moving cultural gathering that affirms who we are as believers, teachers, and leaders. We wholeheartedly encourage our educators to join us in Montgomery, Alabama for the 2027 Congress of Christian Education.

As we continue building a church God can trust, your ministry stands at the very heart of our mission. You shape disciples, nurture faith, and help believers grow in the knowledge of God's Word. Your work strengthens families, empowers youth, and anchors our congregation in biblical truth.

The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education has long been a place where teachers and leaders are renewed, equipped, and inspired. As we look toward the 2027 Congress, we invite you to prayerfully consider attending. This gathering offers rich instruction, national fellowship, and fresh vision for the work God has entrusted to us.

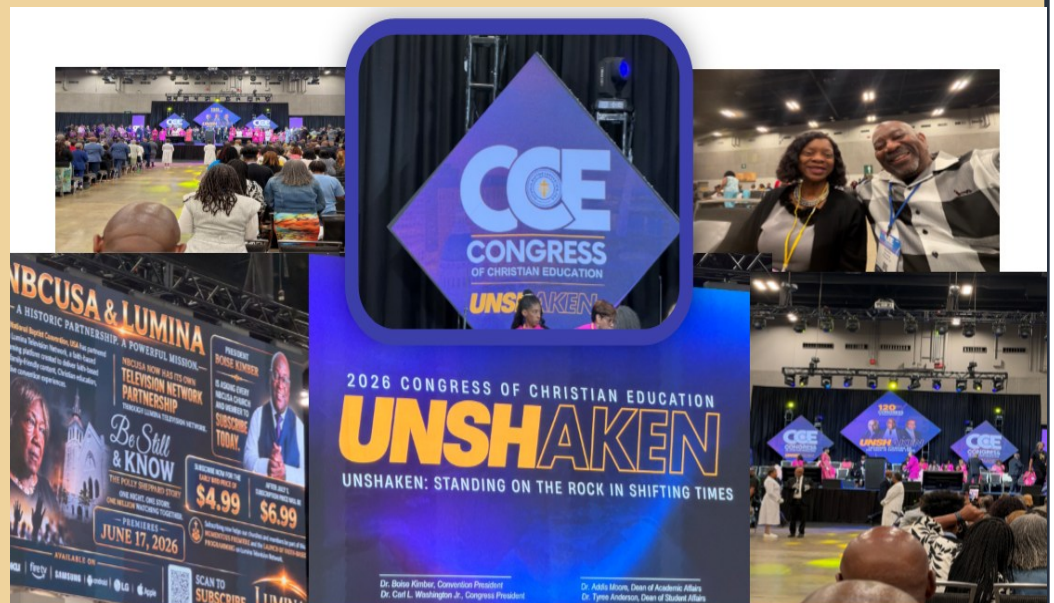
Your commitment to excellence in teaching is a gift to Shiloh and to the Kingdom. Let us invest in ourselves so we may continue investing in others. Together, we grow. Together, we serve. Together, we build.

Building Our 2027 CCE Team:

Let's prepare now to attend the 2027 session and return equipped, inspired, and ready to serve with excellence. Save the Date: Congress of Christian Education – June 2027

With gratitude for your ministry and confidence in your calling!

Reverend Dr. Gwuana Thomas





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:

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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

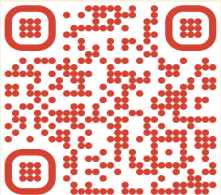
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Scan the QR Code to visit Shiloh's website where you can learn more about Shiloh as well as stay up-to-date on all ministry opportunities, events and activities.

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