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## Acknowledgements

This book on the history of the Shiloh Church of Christ is the result of a labor of love by many people in the congregation. Without a great amount of time spent on research and time interviewing older members, this book would not have been a reality.

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The hope is that everyone enjoys reading this account of the rich heritage of Shiloh and will keep a copy of the book to pass along to younger generations who will, hopefully, one day treasure its contents as much as the older generation does now.

The Elders



## In Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the elders of Shiloh Church of Christ for allowing me this opportunity to research and compile the history of our congregation. It has been a fascinating study for me. I feel different now, when I walk through the doors at Shiloh. When I enter the building now, I often think back on the struggles and perseverance and hard work that the faithful Christians of Shiloh have endured to help build this congregation. Compiling this history has helped me understand and realize much more about what it took to get Shiloh where it is today.

Sometimes, I suppose, I am guilty of forgetting the past as I am sitting in my cushioned pew, in a climate controlled, beautiful building, as I listen to the singing of a great crowd led by very talented song leaders and hear regular lessons delivered three times a week by a number of capable speakers. I sometimes forget that our congregation dates back to horse and buggy days, when people got to church the best way they could, traversing dusty roads in summer and muddy ruts in winter, to sit in a building warmed by coal burning stoves or cooled by a huge fan. I sometimes forget that our previous members didn't always have capable song leaders or preachers to help with worship services. Shiloh Church of Christ has come a long way in the last 100 years.

Just a few years ago, during the annual Homecoming service at Shiloh, a relative was speaking to me about his airplane flight from Florida for the Homecoming. I smile as I think back to an old newspaper article I found about a man and his wife who wanted to attend Shiloh one day but couldn't because their "mule had jumped out." From mules and wagons to airline jet flights...how times have changed!!

Lots of people have helped with this church history. I would like to extend my thanks to Henry Allen, for the idea of writing this history was his. I appreciate Henry for all the information he has provided. He has been available as I have called upon him time and again for information regarding the history of our congregation. I would like to thank Bruce and Evelyn Freeze for their enthusiastic input and willingness to help with information about Shiloh. I appreciate Mrs. Lucille Quillen Stutts for her beautiful stories and for her thorough written memoirs. I am grateful to all the descendants of the Pugh & Jane House family for all their input, memories, and information. My thanks are extended to Howard L. Butler, Don Curtis, Columbus Coker, Wayne Kilpatrick, Marvoline Richardson, and Lucille Johns Quillen for all their input and help. I appreciate the late Cyrus Quillen, whose name, like the names of many others, runs through much of this history, for his support and recollections. One of my deepest regrets is that this compilation was not finished in time for him to read it. I appreciate Jo Holden for her help in pulling records and providing answers to our requests from the Shiloh office files. I am extremely grateful to Sally Richardson for all her research and for all she has contributed to this work. Her research on the women of this congregation has taken our written church history to a higher level than I ever dreamed. I appreciate my mother, Louise Hannah Smith, for all her input and for helping me find old records and for being a "sounding board" for my ideas along the way. I am

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I apologize in advance for any mistakes that occur in this work. In a work of this nature, some mistakes will likely occur, for sometimes recollections vary from person to person, and sometimes our resources have unintentional mistakes. No mistakes herein have been intentional or intended to detract from the true history of Shiloh in any way.

Let me encourage you to add to this history as time passes. Add clippings and notes and dates to this work. Shiloh is a great congregation. Great things have happened here. Please keep a record of the great things that will happen here in the future!!

Best regards and with humble appreciation,

*Brian Smith*

## Time Has Made A Change

*Time has made a change since my childhood day, Many of my friends have gone away; Some I nevermore in this life shall see, Time has made a change in me. Time has made a change in the old homeplace, Time has made a change in each smiling face; And I know my friends can plainly see, Time has made a change in me.*

Traveling east to west on Shiloh Road you pass an old barn. Yes, it is the same old goat barn of long ago, the barn where some of our ancestors first heard the gospel preached by brother William Behel. Time has made a change in the old goat barn. It has been restored, preserved and clad with red metal.

As you travel onward you pass the Shiloh Cemetery. There hundreds of our loved ones and friends have been laid to rest. They await the coming of Jesus, when the just will arise to meet Him in the clouds. Pause a while.....think how it has grown in the last year.....ten years.....twenty years. Yes, time has made a change in the Shiloh Cemetery. Some we nevermore will see.

Adjacent to the cemetery you pass the Shiloh church building. It is a modern structure with a brick façade. The inside is equipped with an abundance of modern classrooms, restrooms, ample storage and an auditorium which seats almost six hundred. It even has a heating and cooling system and a built in baptistery. Yes, time has made a change in the old church building. Gone is the one room frame building, of long ago, propped on its poles. Gone are the ruts and muddy roads. Gone is the grove of trees out back where the mules and horses were tied. Gone are the people with their smiling faces. Some in this life we never knew.

When we reach our home on the other shore we hope to meet our loved ones and friends gathered there. With our arms outstretched, we need to greet each one and say, "Thank you for all the changes you made for me."

Written by Sally Richardson

Acknowledgments: To the James Richardson family we are eternally grateful for your generosity in donating the beautiful rolling acres of land for the Shiloh Cemetery. It is comforting to know our loved ones are buried in such a beautiful place. To sister Marvoline Richardson we are so indebted for your unselfishness in spending so many hours of your time in quilting and selling quilts to have the old goat barn preserved. We are indeed thankful for what you have meant to the church at Shiloh and the community over the years.



# SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Echoes From The Past...

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Light fixtures still dangle in the attic, classroom floors slope to one side, a baptistery is covered by a heating unit, and an old red barn stands nearby...all echoes from the past, revealing hints here and there about the history of a congregation of God's people...a congregation which is called SHILOH.

Shiloh Church of Christ is located in Green Hill, Alabama, in the north central part of Lauderdale County. Its history is long and diverse, revealing challenging times and thriving times. Similar to the early life of Jesus Christ, the congregation that became Shiloh spent some of its early life in a barn. Since those days, the faith and work of many people have helped Shiloh grow into what it is today.

## Early Beginnings of Shiloh

Some of the earliest recorded information about the beginnings of the Shiloh congregation is dated 1905. One of the spurring factors that led to Shiloh's beginning was a series of Gospel meetings conducted in Green Hill, Alabama, by Brother William M. Behel, a well-known and much respected minister of the Gospel during the early 1900's. At least one of the meetings in the summer 1905 series is reported to have taken place outdoors (1). According to a report in The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama, the estimated time of the first of these Gospel meetings is late summer of 1905, possibly in early to mid September (2). By mid September of 1905, Brother Behel was baptizing a sizeable number of people into Christ, and many of these people became the nucleus of a new congregation (3).

About this time, a local community member, Pugh House, offered the use of his goat barn as a meeting place for services. The men of the community went to the woods and sawed blocks and put planks on them for seats. Brother Wm. M. Behel held approximately 10 meetings in the goat barn. There were about 30 baptisms (4). The barn still stands today, in the year 2008, a short distance from the present Shiloh Church of Christ building, and is located on the farm of Marvoline and the late James Richardson (5).

The baptismal records of Brother Wm. Behel reveal many baptisms that occurred in the early days at Shiloh (5-B). Several of those people who were among the early baptisms have descendants who are still members at Shiloh at the time of this writing.

The following is a typed list of Brother Behel's records: (note- spelling has been left in its original form as spelled by Brother Behel)

<i>At Shiloh, Al</i>		
1905		
<i>Mittie House</i>	<i>Baptised</i>	<i>Sept. 13</i>
<i>Lydia House</i>	"	" 13
<i>Dedie House</i>	"	" 13
<i>Annie Stanford</i>	"	" 13
<i>Cinthia Hanna</i>	"	<i>Sept. 16</i>
<i>Annie Putman</i>	"	" 16
<i>Nannie (spelling?) Gilbert</i>	"	" 16
<i>Lizzie Cannerday</i>	"	" 16
<i>Ada Ghist</i>	<i>reclaim</i>	<i>Sept. 15</i>
<i>John T. Robinson</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep. 20</i>
<i>Pugh House</i>	"	" 20
<i>Wren Harrison</i>	"	" 20
<i>Lando Harrison</i>	"	" 20
<i>Sid Richardson</i>	"	<i>Sep. 20</i>
<i>Alfred Jones</i>	"	" 20
<i>Tamsy Garrett</i>	"	" 20
<i>Emma Barnett</i>	"	" 20
<i>Rhoda Watkins</i>	"	" 20
<i>Mattie Ross</i>	"	" 20
<i>Pearl Hanna</i>	"	" 20
<i>Jim Bradley</i>	"	" 20
<i>Rufe Hethcoat</i>	<i>reclaim</i>	" 20
<i>Josie Cannerday</i>	"	" 20
<i>Emma Cannerday</i>	"	<i>Sep. 20</i>
<i>Pink Cannerday</i>	"	<i>Sep. 21</i>
<i>Bryce Cannerday</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	" 21
<i>Ella Putman</i>	"	" 21
<i>Mrs. Bryce Cannerday</i>	"	" 21
<i>Jas. Hill</i>	"	" 21
<i>Willie Garrett</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	" 21

*Baptismal List of Wm. Behel for Shiloh (cont'd.)*

<i>Wiley Cannerday</i>	"	" 21
<i>Lydia Watkins</i>	"	" 21
<i>John Cannerday</i>	"	" 21
<i>Bill Stutts</i>	<i>reclaimed</i>	" 22
<i>Henry (spelling?) Cannerday</i>	"	" 22
<i>John Watkins</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep.</i> 22
<i>Bill Cross</i>	"	" 22
<i>Snow Ghist</i>	"	" 22
<i>Mrs. Richardson</i>	"	" 22
<i>Mrs. Alf. Jones</i>	"	" 22
<i>Susie McMurtry</i>	"	" 22
<i>Cynthia McMurtry</i>	"	" 22
<i>Emma Quillen</i>	"	" 22
<i>Lula Cannerday</i>	"	" 22
<i>Tom Lefan</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep.</i> 23
<i>Henry (spelling?) Cannerday</i>	"	23
<i>Jno. McMurtry</i>	"	23
<i>Mrs. Jno. McMurtry</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep.</i> 23
<i>Jim H. Cannerday</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep.</i> 23
<i>Tamsy Bradley</i>	<i>reclaim</i>	
<i>Agie Clemon</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Sep.</i> 24
<i>Enoch Johns</i>	"	" 24
<i>Sallie Hethcoat</i>	<i>reclaim</i>	" 24
<i>Dutch Myrick</i>	"	<i>Sep.</i> 24
<i>Lily Reisinger</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	" 25
<i>Lizzie Hethcoat</i>	"	" 25
<i>Beulah Hethcoat</i>	"	" 25
<i>J. Dolph Richardson</i>	"	" 25
<i>Luke Hill</i>	<i>reclaim</i>	" 25
<i>Etta Butler</i>	<i>Bap. in Box (spelling?)</i>	" 24
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		1906
<i>John Hill</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>April</i> 30
<i>Dora Richardson</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Aug.</i> 9
<i>Chappel Jenkins</i>	"	" 9

Baptismal List of Wm. Behel for Shiloh (cont'd.)

Wiley Jenkins	"	Aug. 10
Miss Hill	"	" 10
John Dickerson	Reclaim	" 9
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Mrs. John Canaday	from (spelling?) Methodist	Sep. 29 (?), 1907
Mrs. Bill Stutts	from Baptist	29 Sep. 1907
Ches. Quillen	Baptised	Oct. 4, 1907
Emma Williams	"	" 6, 1907
Nora Pillars	"	" 6, 1907

Shiloh 1913

Bertha (spelling?) Cannady (spelling?)	Bap.	July 25, 1913
? Behel	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Battie (spelling?) Behel	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Angie (spelling?) King	"	July 25, 1913
Mary Stutts	"	July 25, 1913
Ollie (spelling?) Wallace	"	July 25, 1913
Ethel McMurry	"	July 25, 1913
Carrie Call (spelling?)	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Herman Butler	Bap.	July 23, 1913
Luke (spelling?) Myrick	restored	July 20, 1913
Wes Peden	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Luke Watkins (spelling?)	"	July 25, 1913
? (spelling possibly Myrtle) Peden	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Irene (spelling?) Ross	Bap.	July 25, 1913
Med. (spelling?) Canaday	"	July 25, 1913
Homer Behel	"	July 25, 1913
Jack Peden	"	July 25, 1913

1914

Chapel Wallace	Bap.	July 14, 1914
Mary Canaday	"	July 14, 1914
Irene Canaday	"	July 14, 1914
Eva Canaday	"	July 14, 1914
Pearl Dickinson	Bap.	July 14, 1914
Andrew Wallace	Rest'd.	July 14

At some point in this time period, Brother Wm. Behel held a meeting in a "bush arbor" on or near the ground where Shiloh now stands (5-C). In an October 14, 2008, interview with Thomas Wallace, he related the following:

*"...At one time there were four or five large trees located near where today's (2008) fellowship hall is located. [Note: these trees would have been near the westerly end of today's (2008) building.] Under these trees was where the "bush arbor" services were held at one time...(5-D)."*

By late 1905, newspaper records indicate that a building had been started for the group, who was known as "The Christian Church" (6). The first building was built on land donated by Pugh and Jane House (7). The evidence of this is found in a deed, dated October 7, 1905, in which Pugh and Martha J. House donated 2 acres of land to the Elders of the Christian Church. There was a clause in the deed that stated that a church building must be erected on the land within 2 years or the land would revert back to the ownership of Pugh and Martha J. House (8).

P.H. House and wife, Martha H. House.-	warranty Deed.
	Date, October 7, 1905.
TO	Acknowledged, Oct. 7, 1905.
The Elders of The Christian Church.-	Filed, December 27, 1905.
	Recorded, Book 74, Page 17.

Consideration: \$1.00 cash and further consideration that the grantees will erect a Church on the lands within 2 years if not said lands go back to the original tract.

Conveys: The following described land in Lauderdale County, Alabama, to-wit:

2 acres of S.W.¼ of N.W.¼ of Section 18, Township 1, Range 9, two acres, more or less, commencing at a stake at the S.W. corner of said 2 acre "of 1" on section line and thence East with and along Cowpen Road and Greenhill Road on the North side of said Road a distance of 70 yards to a stake and corners; and thence North 40 yards to a stake and corners and thence West 70 yards to Section line and corners; and thence South with and on said Section line a distance of 140 yards to beginning point.

Acknowledged in General Code Form by husband and wife and in Separate Code Form by wife, before H.M. Massey, Justice of Peace for Lauderdale County, Alabama.

(In body of deed and certificate of acknowledgment, Martha H. House is shown as Martin House.)

(Note: This deed is given for information. Abstractor.)

The deed in which land is transferred from Pugh and Jane House for the first building for the Shiloh Congregation. Lauderdale County, Alabama Deed Book 74, Page 17.

The first frame building was built by Tom LeFan, Pugh House, Tommy Jaynes, and W.M. Butler. Wiley Butler (father of Herman Butler) made the benches to go in the building. The same benches were used until approximately the early 1940's (8-B).

The first sermon to be preached in the newly finished building was preached on Sunday, April 22, 1906. It was conducted by Brother William Behel and he was given the opportunity to name the congregation. He chose the name "Shiloh" (9). Brother Behel was later to write that the place was so named because of the "hard fight" that was waged to establish the congregation (10). This first building was similar to many church buildings of its day, being a small frame building. The location of this frame building was near the present day (2008) fellowship hall of the Shiloh Church and it maybe extended a few feet more toward the south than the present day building is located, possibly in the area where today's parking lot (the parking lot adjacent to the south side of the fellowship hall) is located (10-B).

**The members of the Christian church are building a new church house in southwest Green Hill. We hope they will soon complete the same.**

This excerpt from the Dec. 15, 1905 issue of The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama, reveals information about the construction of the first frame building at Shiloh (10-C).

#### **R. F. D. No. 5**

After a few weeks silence, because of a lack of news, I shall again ask for space in that welcome visitor, The Florence Herald—Mr A. T. Clemmons and son J. P., together with a number of others from here, attended preaching at the new church house, recently built, west of Greenhill. It will be remembered that Bro. Wm. Behel conducted a successful meeting in that locality. On April 22 he preached the first sermon in the new house. The honor of naming the new house was conferred upon him, and it will be known as "Shiloh." A large crowd was present. Preaching there Sunday April 29th, at 3 p. m.; subject, "The Lord's Supper."

This excerpt from the April 27, 1906 issue of The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama, contains some of the earliest known recorded details about Shiloh's very early days (11).

The church began to be recognized in the community, and its services were mentioned in the local newspapers at various times throughout the years. Newspaper records indicate growth in the congregation as it began to have preaching services, protracted meetings, Sunday School, Singing School, and singings. The following excerpts come from newspaper records of newspapers from the Florence, Alabama, locality and help to portray the activities of the church in its earlier years:



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*"J.P. Clemons and wife had planned a pleasant trip to Shiloh Sunday, but the mule had jumped out and was gone, so they didn't go."*

- The Florence Herald, May 4, 1906 (11-B)

*"Wm. Behel will preach at North Carolina on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11 a.m., and same day at 3 p.m. at Shiloh, then again at Lone Cedar at 8 p.m. You are invited to attend."*

- The Florence Herald, May 25, 1906 (11-C)

*"On the fifth Sunday night in July Wm. Behel will begin a protracted meeting at Shiloh, about one and one-half miles west of Green Hill."*

- The Florence Herald, July 20, 1906 (11-D)

*"Wm. Behel failed to fill his appointment at Waterloo the 12th inst., partly because of ill health of his family and partly inclement weather. He expects to preach at North Carolina at 11 a.m. Jan. 19, and at Shiloh at 3 p.m. same day; also at Pleasant Valley Saturday night, Jan. 25, and at 11 a.m. Jan. 26, and at Antioch same day at 3 p.m."*

- The Florence Herald, Jan. 17, 1908 (11-E)

*"There will be preaching at North Carolina and Shiloh the third Sunday at the regular hours."*

- The Florence Herald, March 16, 1911 (11-F)

*"Prof. Jno. Smallwood, of Wolf Creek, Tenn., taught singing school at Bush Arbor, last week. He is now teaching at Shiloh."*

- The Florence Herald, August 29, 1912 (11-G)

*"Quite a crowd attended singing at Shiloh, Sunday."*

- The Florence Herald, August 29, 1912 (11-H)

*"Preaching both at North Carolina and Shiloh was well attended last Lord's Day."*

- The Florence Herald, February 20, 1913 (11-I)

*"Bro. J. Kimbrell, of West Point, Tenn., preached two excellent sermons at Shiloh, the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Many of our readers will remember this servant of God, he having baptized hundreds of men and women in the county. He will again preach at Shiloh the fourth Sunday in April at 11 a.m. Do not forget the date."*

- The Florence Herald, March 20, 1913 (11-J)

*"The Sunday School at Shiloh is progressing very nicely under the leadership of Mr. Allen Behel, as superintendent and teacher. The weather has been so bad that the attendance has been small, but Brother Allen is not a man to give up under such circumstances."*

- The Florence Times, February 5, 1915 (11-K)

*"Bro. Thornton Crews will preach at North Carolina May 27, at 11 a.m. and at Shiloh same day at 3 p.m."*

- The Florence Herald, May 17, 1917 (11-L)

*"On April 21 this scribe (Wm. Behel) will preach at North Carolina, at 11 a.m. and at Shiloh, same day, at 3 p.m., according to Uncle Sam's new time, one hour earlier than heretofore."*

- The Florence Herald, April 11, 1918 (11-M)

*"There was preaching at Shiloh last Sunday a week ago; a large crowd attended. . ."*

- The Florence Herald, June 30, 1922 (11-N)

*"There will be a singing at the Shiloh Church Wednesday night, March 25. . ."*

- The Florence Herald, March 27, 1942 (11-O)

*"A large crowd attended the singing at Shiloh Sunday afternoon."*

- The Florence Herald, May 22, 1942 (11-P)

CAMP WHEELER, GA.

April 8, 1918.  
Co. I, 121 Inf.

Dear Editor:

I will give you a few dots from this place. Health is very good at this place at present. Some of the boys have been home on a few days pass and reported a nice time. Mr. Ed Wilcoxson is visiting his brother friends at this place.

There will be a big hike to begin April 9th, and the boys will return Saturday. Mr. Wilcoxson will hike out to Macon with us. The writer spent Saturday night with Mr. Odu Cameron and had a nice time. Look out girls, Ed Wilcoxson will be crazy when he gets home. The soldier boys carried him to a big show and he saw some pretty girls. Well, come out two chums and let us hear from you again. But don't brag a-bout your fellow.

The 121 regiment will pull off a big parade April the 8th. Well, we are sorry to say that about 500 boys left Camp Wheeler the 7th for South Carolina for more training. I had several friends to go in the bunch. We spent two weeks on the rifle range and had a very good time. But some of the old boys got cream and killed our old bull dog. But it was not the boy by himself. He had some other help and that is a man's run. Marshall for Mr. Romine. He is still getting the moon shiners.

Sunday School has begun at Shiloh. Hurray, Farmers, I wish I could be with you all in Alabama again. Well I guess I had better ring off before this hits the waste bag. With best wishes to the Herald and its many readers, I am as ever,

Old Zip.

The article at left is extracted from the April 18, 1918, issue of The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama. This letter is apparently written by a World War I soldier who was from (or at least familiar with) the Green Hill, Alabama, area. Although this letter only briefly mentions Shiloh, it is worth noting because the contents of the letter and the fact that it was even written lend a "feel" for the times. This letter gives historical documentation to the beginning of Sunday School at Shiloh in 1918. (This was possibly the seasonal beginning of Sunday School for the year of 1918 rather than the very first Sunday School ever at Shiloh. Note that it is early spring and most likely the weather was getting better for traveling to church on poor roads. Earlier newspaper records prove that there was Sunday School service at Shiloh before 1918.) This letter is also interesting in that it shows the far-reaching effects of Shiloh. The congregation was evidently near to the heart of this soldier while he was in Georgia (11-Q).

**A history of Shiloh Church of Christ, written by Herman Butler, reveals the following about early days there:**

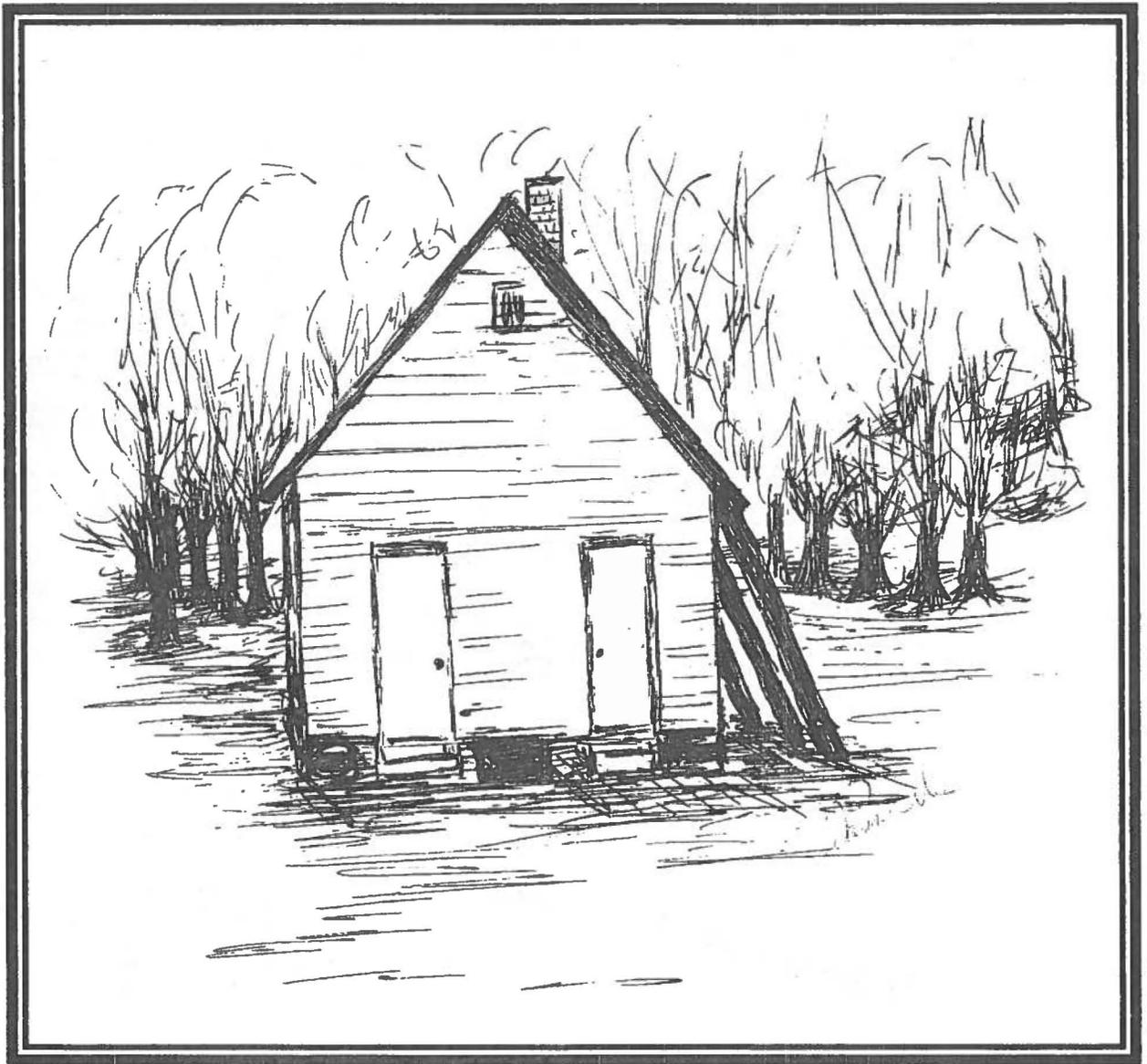
*“At that time the church was weak. Brother Dolph (Randolph) Richardson and I were the only men that attended regularly. There would be about thirty present. Brother Henry Standford did the teaching at that time. He quit and went to Lone Cedar. There wasn't a service at Shiloh for about a year. Sister Jane House came to me and asked me to begin worship at Shiloh. By her help, Sister Ethel Richardson, and Brother Richardson began worship there again. In 1920 after we began worship, they appointed me elder. The number had begun to increase by then. The contribution would average \$3.00 per Sunday. Later on Brother Jake Thompson was appointed elder and was active. Near this time Brother Vernon Johns became a member of Shiloh. He would ride a mule about six miles to worship. Most of the time he would bring his family in a wagon to worship with us (11-R).”*

**In the 1930's, the frame building was damaged by a storm. The men cut poles and propped the building up (12). The church members continued to meet in the frame building even after it was damaged and propped up on poles. In an interview with Howard L. Butler in 2007, he recalled being a child and climbing on the poles that propped the building (13). Some of Cyrus Quillen's recollections of the frame building are as follows:**

*“I have led singing in that frame building. The pews were typical of the day...simple wooden benches with small backrests. There were two front doors in the building. The pulpit stood on a raised platform. There was a wood-burning heater in the building for heat. I think the heater was about in the middle of the building, against the left wall. The building was propped on poles and the congregation still met in the building even after it was propped on poles. The degree to which the building leaned was not very noticeable. At least once there was an outdoor meeting at the old frame building and a stage for the preacher was built and placed against the building (13-B).”*

**During these early years of the congregation, there were very few men who were involved in leading the worship services. At times there was a lack of an adult male song leader. John Algey Wright was a boy at the time. He would “lead” the singing by standing up, calling out the number, and beginning the singing process. Then, ladies of the congregation helped to carry the song. Two ladies well remembered for helping to carry the singing during this time were Ethel Richardson and Leva Thompson (13-C). It was recalled that Ethel Richardson went through the community to get donations to purchase one of the first sets of communion ware for the church at Shiloh (13-D). The work that Sister Ethel Richardson did for the church at Shiloh was during the years when the congregation was meeting in the original frame building, for her date of death was in 1938, a few years before the congregation outgrew the original building (13-F). Jim McLaughlin was a regular attendant at**

**Shiloh in the church's early years. He walked from his home, which was located near the present day (2008) Chandler's Nursery (near the intersection of Highway 43 and Lauderdale County Road 34) to attend services at Shiloh (13-G). Evelyn Freeze recalled that in the early years, two young men who assisted with the Lord's Supper were John Algey Wright and George "Dukes" LeFan (13-H).**



**Artist's rendering of the original Shiloh Church of Christ Building, based on the recollections of Virginia Gamble (14). Artwork by Jennie Passarella.**

The following pages of newspaper articles from the area of Florence, Alabama, give evidence to some activities of the Shiloh congregation during the 1930's:

## SHILOH

On Sunday morning, June 22, at the eleven o'clock service, one of the largest crowds since a long time ago, was present at the Shiloh Church of Christ there to hear one of the most forceful sermons delivered by Robert Frederick of Tusculumbia. Eighty-eight of the number present were Bible school students for the morning.

Following is an outline of at least some of the important points discussed.

There is a certainty of a second coming of Christ. The fact was made clear that every individual will be a witness of his second coming.

The last topic was perhaps most forceful. Sooner or later, each individual must face the bar of judgment there to give an account of the deeds done in this life.

In conclusion of the services the story was related which tells of Lazarus and the rich man. Luke 16. He explained that beyond the sufferings and strife of this life there is the hope of eternal happiness if we are faithful unto the end.

The baptismal service will take place on next Sunday immediately following church service which is to be conducted by Brother Gibbs of Leoma, Tenn.

The series of meetings for the summer will begin on August 3rd and will be conducted by O. P. Romine of Tusculumbia. The meeting will continue for a period of eight days. Be present at every service. You are invited and we shall be glad to see you present.

The Florence Herald  
June 27, 1930  
(15)



## MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN SHILOH MEETINGS

The series of meetings which began at Shiloh on Sunday, August 24th was brought to a close on Monday evening, September 1st.

The meeting was conducted by O. P. Romine of Tusculumbia. This was the third series of meetings to be conducted by Brother Romine at this place. More people attended this meeting than has ever been known to have attended heretofore. The number ranged from five hundred to a thousand people at the various services.

During the meeting twenty-six heeded the gospel call, made the great confession and were baptized while thirty-four were restored to their former spiritual state, making a total of sixty.

On last evening of the services, Mr. Romine presented one of the most forceful messages of all, namely: "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?"

We have Sunday school on each Lord's Day, morning at ten o'clock and on each fourth Sunday, preaching by Brother Frederick of Tusculumbia.

The congregation at Shiloh takes this opportunity of extending an invitation of welcome to all who can make it convenient to be present for any of these services.

The Florence Herald  
Sept. 12, 1930  
(16)

## SHILOH CONGREGATION OF CHURCH

Work at Shiloh is at present well under way. We have on roll in our Bible School one hundred and forty-seven. Of this number we make an average of about 70 or 80. We have had present as many as one hundred and fifty.

Our Bible School consists of five classes. The teachers for these classes are: Beginner class, Mrs. Clyde Gist; primary class, Miss Ethel Richardson; Junior class, Miss Lorraine Richardson; intermediate class, Miss Vesta Killen; adult class, Ernest L. Stutta.

Attendance is much better than it was a year ago. The members are becoming deeply interested in the work, and this is what we all want and need. What is needed is more true Christians. I mean by this, Christians who are Christians each day in the week and who preach the gospel by living and doing, as well as in the pulpit.

Every home should possess the Christian spirit. A home that does not have in it the spirit of Christianity, a home which is made up of those who are not humble creatures, is a home in which happiness, true happiness I may say, does not dwell. This is the spirit which I hope to impress upon those with whom I come in contact. And may God help us all to let strong working spirit dwell within us at all times. That our hearts may be full of a desire to do that which is right and do unto us as we would have them do unto us.

On Sunday, January 4th, at 11 a. m., Brother Howard White of David Lipscomb College, Nashville, will preach at Shiloh. Brother White is very young and is just entering upon the work of the ministry. His home is in Florence and may I say to those of Florence who can make it convenient to be with us on that day will be welcomed. We are going to work for a good attendance.

On next Sunday at 11:00 A. M. we will have with us, Brother Robert Frederick of Tusculumbia. Brother Frederick had been preaching here during the past few years regularly.

A welcome is extended to all who can at any time, visit us. We have Bible school at 10:00 A. M. and preaching at 11:00 A. M.

The Florence Herald  
Dec. 26, 1930  
(17)

*Echoes from the past...*

#### SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are doing much good work here at present. We have an enrollment of 95 in our bible school with an average of 76. On Sunday, January 4, we had with us Brother Howard White of David Lipscomb College, Nashville. We have selected him for our pastor during the coming year.

Brother White is very young and is a splendid speaker. He leaves an impression that goes exceedingly well, especially with the young people who are taking upon themselves many of the responsibilities of life. He is to preach again on Sunday morning, February 1st, at 11:00 A. M.

The Bible School is growing rapidly. I believe I can truthfully say that attendance has increased 40 per cent since a year ago. That should mean much to every one.

Again we invite every one to visit our Bible School classes at any time, also church services.

The Florence Herald

January 23, 1931

(17-B)

#### MEETING AT SHILOH

On Sunday morning, August 23, at 11:00 A. M., a series of meetings will begin at Shiloh Church of Christ one mile west of South Green Hill.

This meeting will be conducted by O. P. Romine of Florence and will continue for several days. It is hoped that more people will attend this meeting than ever before.

Remember the date, August 23rd at 11:00 A. M. Services both morning and evening.

Everybody is welcome to attend each service.

The Florence Herald

August 21, 1931

(17-C)

#### MEETING CLOSES

The series of meetings which began at Shiloh Church of Christ on Sunday morning, August 23rd was brought to a close on Thursday evening, September 3rd.

The meeting was conducted by Brother O. P. Romine of Florence. This was the fourth year for Brother Romine here at this place and we feel that he has accomplished good each year. Through his preaching, many souls have been brought to Christ. It is the duty of every individual to direct himself according to the Great Commission. We believe that Brother Romine has so directed himself in that he has so conducted himself in such a way as to cause so many to make the steps necessary to become children of God.

Throughout the whole series of meetings, large crowds attended. Time after time the minister was found completely surrounded by people who could find no other place to sit except on the edge of the pulpit and many were sitting inside of their automobiles while others had to remain standing.

During the meeting there were twenty-nine who made the confession and were baptized, one who came from the Baptist denomination who stated that he was satisfied with his baptism and nineteen restorations making a total of forty-nine additions to the Church of Christ.

The congregation at Shiloh rejoices over the fact that these have

made the necessary steps to place them within the realm of Christ. We also rejoice because of the fact that seemingly the meeting was so successful.

The congregation wishes to express its appreciation to all who have seen fit to be present at any time. Your presence is always appreciated and we invite you back at any time you may find it convenient.

We have Bible School services each Lord's Day morning at 10:00 A. M. on Sunday morning September 6. Brother Howard White of Florence was present for his regular preaching service. We are very sorry indeed to know that because of his entering David Lipscomb College at Nashville on Monday, September 14th, it will not be possible to have him with us again within the near future.

Since the meeting has come to a close we feel that much better service can be carried out and it is hoped that this will be done more than ever before.

The Florence Herald

September 11, 1931

(17-D)

**Echoes From The Past...  
1931 At Shiloh**

**STANFIELD WILL CONDUCT**

**MEETINGS AT GREEN HILL**

A series of meetings will begin at the Shiloh Church of Christ, located one mile west of South Green Hill on Sunday morning, August 14.

The preaching will be done by H. T. Stanfield, of Florence, and services will be held out in the grove where eats will be provided for all who attend.

Brother Stanfield, who is a resident of Florence, has been for a number of years a noted gospel preacher. We feel fortunate in being able to secure one who is so capable of delivering the word of God.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings.



At left: Article from The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama, August 12, 1932 (17-E).

There is a revival going at Shiloh Church of Christ, large crowds attending, Bro. Stanfield of Florence is doing the preaching.

At left: Article from The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama, August 26, 1932 (17-F).

An early preacher at Shiloh was Brother Ira North. He was only 17 years old when he first came to Shiloh and preached in the original frame building. He came to hold meetings, not as a regular preacher (18). Ira rode a motorcycle from near Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, to come to Shiloh and preach. As time passed, Ira North continued to come to Shiloh to preach from time to time. After he got married, he would sometimes come to Green Hill on Saturday and spend Saturday night with the family of Duncan "Dunk" Killen. He would then preach at Shiloh the next day (19).

Written notes of memories of Virginia Gamble help portray this time period at Shiloh:

*"My earliest days...go back to 1930's. Walking to Sunday School in muddy wagon tracks and ruts from the wagon at least 5 inches deep because of no pavements on county roads. Summer time, the dust was ankle deep and I didn't go as often as I should. On the way to church, I would catch up with Aunt Jane House. She would always have the Lord's Supper in a little basket with the 2 wine glasses and*

*homemade unleavened bread. Brother Herman Butler did the Sunday School, prayed, and was in charge of the Lord's table....a few other men [were] there, but they didn't take part in the service. My cousin, John Algin Wright, a young lad, would stand to lead singing with the help of Leva Thompson. My Aunt Della Wright and Leva all had strong singing voices and did help with the songs. My friend Oma (Jenkins) Gooch told me she remembered when the offering for the day would be less than a dollar during the Depression. During the Depression Aunt C. Thompson made up money from the members to buy the the first communion set which consisted of two trays and this was in 1935 (20)."*

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Shown at right is the obituary of Mr. Pugh House, who donated the land for the first church building at Shiloh. This obituary, excerpted from the October 12, 1933 issue of The Florence Times, Florence, Alabama, bears record of the fact that the funeral was held in the Shiloh building and the burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. Interestingly enough, Mr. Wm. Behel conducted the funeral service. Nearly thirty years had passed since Brother Behel's sermons and Brother House's donation of land helped to give birth to the Shiloh congregation (21).

**GREEN HILL RESIDENT  
BURIED ON WEDNESDAY**

P. H. House, aged 73, a lifelong resident of this section, died at his home at Green Hill, near the Tennessee line, Tuesday afternoon after an extended illness. Mr. House was well and favorably known throughout this district and his death brought grief to many friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Shiloh church, near Green Hill, with Elder W. M. Behel of the Church of Christ officiating. Interment followed in the adjoining cemetery with Spry in charge.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, N. L. House, of Sheffield, and R. H. House, of Gurdville, Mo., and six daughters, Mrs. R. T. Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Statts, Mrs. J. J. Johns, Mrs. W. J. Wheeler and Mrs. T. H. Stansbury, all of Green Hill, and Mrs. W. M. Gist, of Iron City, Tenn.

Shown below is a 1936 letter from S.T. LaNier in regard to work at Shiloh. This letter is one of the earliest found documents of its type regarding Shiloh history:

Pittman Place,  
Nashville, Tenn.,  
February 1, 1936.

Mr. Luther Wright,  
Route 1,  
St. Joseph, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Wright:

I am making an effort to get all plans completed for my Summer's work and have as yet a few weeks unfilled for meetings. Through the Behels in your part of the country, I learned of you and was advised to write you regarding a meeting at ~~St. Joseph~~ <sup>Shiloh</sup>. They were unacquainted with your plans for the Summer and did not know whether you had secured a minister yet or not. If you have not I would appreciate any consideration that you may be able to give. I am scheduled to hold the meeting at Lexington <sup>(Alabama)</sup> this Summer again and any information that you desire regarding me will be given to you cheerfully by these Brethern.

In answering, if you desire my services, please advise me as to the time best suitable to you for the meeting.

Thanking you, I am

Yours in Him,  
S.T. LaNier.

1936 Letter from S.T. LaNier (22)

**An affidavit, given by Mr. Edgar Gist, an Elder at Shiloh, provides information about Shiloh's early years. The affidavit was dated June 29, 1960, and is recorded in the Lauderdale County, Alabama Courthouse, Book 698, Pages 190-193. Excerpts from the affidavit provide the following statements by Mr. Gist:**

*"...When I can first remember the [church] property, which was at least 40 years ago, the Church, ...at that time owned a two acre tract, which was deeded by P.H. House and wife to the Elders of the Christian Church... That 2 acre tract was approximately rectangular in shape and was approximately twice as long North and South as it was east and west, and it fronted Cowpen Road, which was the South line of the property. On this tract, when I first knew it, was a frame building used by the Shiloh Church of Christ and it was evident that the Church had been built after 1905, because the Church was reasonably new when I first remember it. The Church faced Southwardly on the Cowpen Road... From the time I first knew this tract the Church used the property at least once a week for the services and during the last 25 years the Church has used the property at least twice a week. On the North line of this tract, when I first knew it were orange bushes planted by the House's and they were considered as the line and those orange bushes are still in evidence and are very near what is agreed upon as the North line of the property... (23)."*

**A 2007 interview with Bruce and Evelyn Freeze gives information in regard to Shiloh during the earlier years:**

*"...Sometimes, kids would sleep out in the wagons during the church services. Brother Stanfield drove a "Skeeter" to church to hold meetings... (23-B)."*

## **The Original Building is Replaced**

**In the early 1940's, a new building, built of rock, was constructed to replace the old building that had been propped on poles. Louis Bogus, in 2008, related the following information which helps to put a date to the rock building's construction:**

*"My family moved to Green Hill in early 1942. I was ten years old at the time. At that time the rock building had just been built and the floors had not been put in yet. It replaced the older building which had been propped up on poles (23-C)."*

**It is said that Cleveland Butler, of Green Hill, Alabama, put much of the money into the new rock building's construction, even though he was not a member at Shiloh at the time of the construction (24). The rock building was built near the original frame building. For a short time, at least, the rock building and the original frame building existed simultaneously. Cleveland Butler helped to dig the foundation of the rock building, using a team of big black mules (25). Arthur Coker and Taylor Thompson constructed the rock building (26). Columbus Coker and Porter Canerday made the cement and carried rock to the builders (27). In an interview (2007) with Columbus Coker, he related the following about his memories of helping build the rock church building at Shiloh:**

*"The sandstone rocks for the Shiloh Church building came from Phil Campbell, Alabama. We used unshellaqued lime to make the mortar for the stones when we were building the rock church at Shiloh. The unshellaqued lime, when put in water, would make the water boil. We mixed the mortar in a hole that had been dug into the ground. Cleveland Butler was the one who supervised most of the rock laying. To make the rock walls, we first built a wooden wall and then covered it with mortar and placed the rocks against the wooden wall. Mr. Cleveland Butler said, 'Make sure you don't have any honeycombs in there,' meaning, make sure the mortar was smooth against the wooden wall. After we laid the rock wall against the wooden wall, the wooden wall was torn away, leaving a smoothly plastered surface for the inside wall of the church. The stones were not visible from inside the church (28)."*

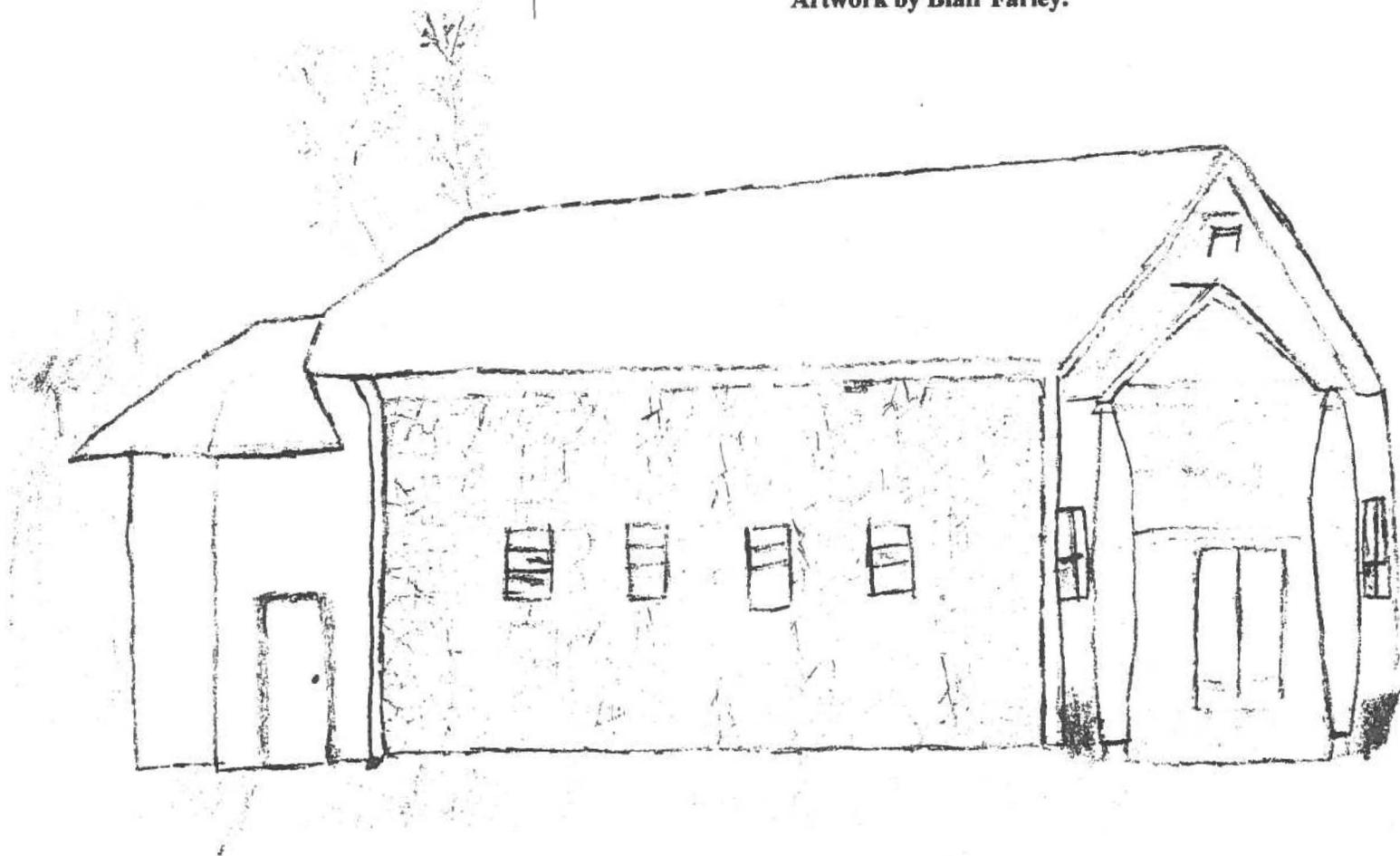
**As before noted, there was a shortage of men to help in the services at Shiloh for a time. There was no "regular" preacher. The preachers who came were men who maybe came to preach only one Sunday a month. Herman Butler and Vernon Johns, both of whom were elders at Shiloh, were very instrumental in helping to hold the congregation together for a long time (29). As remembered by Virginia Gamble, after Duncan "Dunk" Killen began attending church at Shiloh, the church began to grow more. This was because Dunk had a car and he could travel around and get more preachers to come to preach at Shiloh (30).**

**In the mid to late 1940's, Shiloh had its first "regular" preacher, meaning a preacher who came to work with the congregation every Sunday and also on Wednesday nights. His name was Harvey Dodd, a schoolteacher from Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. Dodd started a Wednesday night Bible study at Shiloh for the first time ever (31). The idea of a Wednesday night service was questioned, at first, by some, for this was a new idea at the time (32). Henry Allen recalled that Dunk Killen**

**bought a car for Harvey Dodd to use because Dodd had been riding a bus to come to Shiloh and preach (33).**

**In a 2008 interview with Vicky Liles Williams, she stated, based on recollections of her mother, Helen Abernathy Liles, that Helen walked to church during earlier days, coming all the way from the locale of County Road 94 from the area behind Howard Hines's old store building. Many stories such as this show the admirable determination of Shiloh's early members (34).**

**Artist's Version of the Rock Building at Shiloh  
showing the classroom addition to the rear of building (25-B).  
Artwork by Blair Farley.**



*Blair Farley*



Shiloh acquired additional land in 1947. A deed, dated February 17, 1947, shows that Jim and Tollies Butler (who had acquired the farm that once belonged to Pugh and Jane House) transferred one acre to Shiloh Church of Christ. Following is a copy of the deed (35):

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**THE STATE OF ALABAMA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY**

This Deed of Conveyance, Made at Florence, Alabama, this the 17 day of February, 1947, by and between Jim Butler and wife Tollies Butler part of of the first part, and Shiloh Church of Christ part of of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the part of of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$85 Eighty Five Dollars DOLLARS, cash in hand paid by the part of of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

do \_\_\_\_\_ by these presents grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the party of of the second part all that tract or lot of land lying in the County of Lauderdale, State of Alabama, known and described as follows—to-wit:

The S 1/2 of N 1/4 1/4 N 1/4 1/4 of S 1/4 1/4 all in Sec. 19 Township 1, Range 9 sold to the Shiloh Church one acre. Begin at the Cow Pen Road running North 88 yards thence East 55 2/3 yards thence South 88 yards thence West 55 2/3 yards to beginning place containing one acre being in South West corner.

\_\_\_\_\_ together with the appurtenances thereto belonging.

To Have and to Hold to the part \_\_\_\_\_ of the second part, \_\_\_\_\_ heirs and assigns, in fee simple, forever. And the part \_\_\_\_\_ of the first part \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree \_\_\_\_\_ to warrant and defend the title to the land herein conveyed to the part \_\_\_\_\_ of the second part against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, the part \_\_\_\_\_ of the first part has \_\_\_\_\_ hereunto set \_\_\_\_\_ hand \_\_\_\_\_ and affixed \_\_\_\_\_ seal \_\_\_\_\_ at the time and place above written.

Jim L. Butler (L. S.)  
Tollies Butler (L. S.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)  
(L. S.)

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY.**  
I, Herman L. Butler \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jim Butler whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 17 day of February, 1947

Herman L. Butler  
Notary Public 

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY.**  
I, Herman L. Butler \_\_\_\_\_ in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the 17 day of February, 1947, came before me the within-named Tollies Butler known to me to be the wife of the within-named Jim Butler who, being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within conveyance, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraint, or threats on the part of her husband.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand, this 17 day of February, 1947

Herman L. Butler  
Notary Public

I hereby certify \$ .50 Privilege Tax has been paid on the within instrument as required by law.

Herman K. Langshore Judge of Probate.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY. Office of Judge of Probate.**  
I hereby certify that the within Deed was filed in this office for record at 1:40 o'clock P. M., on the 17 day of Feb., 1947 and duly recorded in Book 377 of Deeds, page 413 and examined.

Herman K. Langshore Judge of Probate.

Deed to Shiloh from Jim and Tollies Butler. Lauderdale County, Alabama, Deed Book 377, Page 413.

For a time before electricity was installed in the building, there were battery powered lights used in the rock building (35-B). Electricity was first installed in the church building in 1948. During this time period, electricity hookups were not available in all areas, for electricity lines had not been installed in certain places. Evelyn Freeze recalled (in 2007) the installation of electricity for Shiloh. She said that in 1948, she and her husband, Bruce, were living near the church at Shiloh. One day, to her surprise, a truck from the electricity department pulled up at her house and began to unload men and materials. She inquired of them as to what was happening and one of the men replied, "We're running electricity to the church here. We've been pulled off another job to come and do this one. They're about to have a meeting up there at the church and we've got to run electricity for them." Evelyn was later told that Harvey Dodd had some "pull" with the electricity department's crewman, a Mr. Johnson, because they were "hunting" buddies. It is thought that Harvey Dodd's "pull," or connection with the Mr. Johnson helped Shiloh acquire electricity for the first time (36).

The congregation helped to maintain the new rock building. Various members took turns to clean the building and to prepare the Lord's Supper (36-B). There were two heaters in the building and for some time, Franklin Liles had the job of building fires in these heaters to heat the building. Extra ventilation was provided during warm weather through a large attic fan in the building.

Improvements were added to the rock building as time went by. Classrooms were added onto the north end of the church. At least some of these classrooms were constructed by Columbus Coker and his father, Arthur Coker. The classrooms constructed by Columbus Coker and his father were built in approximately 1947 or 1948 (37). Eventually, the church grew to have five classrooms across the back. Three of these classrooms were next to the auditorium on its north side and then there was a step down into two more classrooms added on farther to the north (38).

Notes from meetings at Shiloh provide clues about the classrooms. The classrooms mentioned in the following notes might be the latter two of the classrooms mentioned above (39):

*"...Agreed Bro. Stewart to get the material to finish the new class rooms.  
This work to be done next Sat. also..."* - June 6, 1954

*"...Decided Bro. Johns, Bro. Brewer and Bro. Butler to put the rafters on  
our new class rooms tomorrow..."* - July 4, 1954

Business meeting notes from Jan. 3, 1954, from Shiloh, report the following (39):

*"...The Elders report that two new Deacons have been selected, and if no  
valid objections, will be appointed...to serve. They are Bro. Franklin  
Liles, and Bro. Gaylon Stutts..."*

Over the years, the congregation had often used a nearby creek as a place for baptisms. The creek is called Cowpen Creek, and the baptismal hole was located on property owned by the late Gentry and Bonnie Jenkins. The baptismal hole is known by some as the "Jenkins Hole." It is located about 1 mile west of the church building. Eventually, efforts were made to construct the first indoor baptistery at Shiloh. This baptistery was located in the rock building. Dalton Hill and Horace Stutts dug out the hole for the baptistery, and it was framed up and poured from concrete. Bill Thompson also helped with the baptistery (39-B).

The following is revealed from notes from meetings at Shiloh (39):

*"...Bro. Dalton Hill, Jr. Hines, V.J. Johns, to get the dimensions of the baptistery and to get the material to start the baptistery. Bro. Cyrus Quillen to see Bro. D.B. Killen about the pump..."*

- Sept. 4, 1955

*"...Curtains for the baptistery are ordered. To be in the first of the week..."*

- Nov. 6, 1955

*"...Report on cost of baptistery by Bill Thompson, \$680.70. (Balance in treasury \$121.27)*

- March 11, 1956

This original baptistery is still located in the current Shiloh building at the time of this writing (2008). It is located in one of the older back classrooms and a heating unit is placed on top of it today.

Excerpts from local newspapers mention Shiloh during the 1940's & 1950's:

*"A singing school will begin at Shiloh Church of Christ Monday night Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. All people interested in singing are invited to attend."*

- The Florence Herald, August 15, 1947 (40)

*"Shiloh Church of Christ, Green Hill, will hold its all day singing with a delicious dinner being served next Sunday, Aug. 31. All singers and friends are invited to attend."*

- The Florence Herald, August, 29, 1947 (40-B)

*"Charles Elliot will be delivering the sermons until September at the Shiloh Church of Christ in the absence of Alton Hendrix, minister. Services are as follows: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 7:15 p.m., and Thursday Bible study, 7:30 p.m."*

- The Times Daily, July 30, 1951 (40-C)

# GOSPEL MEETING

at the

**SHILOH**

**Church of Christ**

In Greenhill

**AUGUST 8-18**

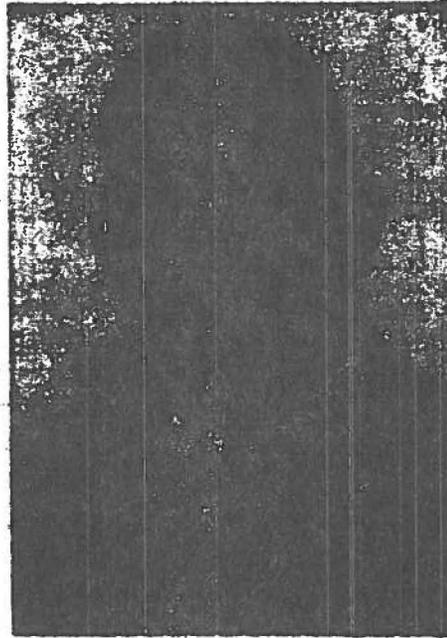
**HEAR**

**LINDSEY ALLEN**

of Corinth, Miss.

**Congregational Singing**

**Directed by Cyrus' Qillen**



**SUNDAY SERVICES—11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.**

**SERVICES EACH EVENING—7:30 P.M.**

**"Come let us reason together, saith the Lord:  
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be  
as white as snow."—Isa. 1:18.**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

1954 Gospel Meeting Ad, The Times Daily, August 6, 1954 (40-D)

Eventually, the floor of the rock building deteriorated, and it was decided to replace it by pouring a concrete floor that sloped from the back of the auditorium to the front. Brother Vernon Johns brought his mule, "Old Tobe," for use in the work of constructing the new sloped floor. There was a large quantity of gravel to be carried into the church to use in the new floor. Brother Johns had trouble getting the mule, "Old Tobe," to cooperate. Elmer Watkins was passing by the church at the time the work was going on. Upon seeing the trouble Brother Johns was having with "Old Tobe," Elmer offered to bring a mare of his own up to help with the work. Elmer brought the mare up to the church, and she was used to drag gravel into the building to help construct the new floor (41). Clues from Shiloh's treasurer's reports help to put an estimable date on this flooring project as being in 1954. Written memories of Sister Lucille Quillen Stutts also date the flooring project to this time period (42). The Shiloh treasurer's report for October 1954 shows that

\$83.80 was paid to Bill Allen for "concrete finishing" and \$254.27 was paid to Donaldson Bro. for "laying tile" (43). The treasurer's report for November 1954 for Shiloh reveals that \$297.90 was spent for "concrete for floors," and \$90.00 was received into the treasury for "old flooring" (43).

Oct. 1954		
Preaching (Bro. Blayes) ✓		70.00
<del>colored mission</del> 10.00		
House Rent. ✓		60.00
Preaching (Bro. Blayes) ✓		70.00
Light Bill ✓	2.39	<del>70.00</del>
Preaching (Cullice & Quillen) ✓		10.00
colored mission ✓ ✓	10.00	
Lent meeting ✓	12.89	
Herald of Truth ✓	20.00	
Memoograph samples ✓	5.57	
colored mission ✓	10.00	
Preaching (Bill's coats) ✓		10.00
Preaching (Bro. Blayes) ✓		70.00
hauling (Billy Mc Gee) ✓	66.00	
hauling (W. L. Baggett) ✓	6.00	
Concrete finishing (Bill Allen) ✓	83.80	
Labor (Edith Johnson) ✓	10.00	
Laying tile (Donaldson Bro.) ✓	254.27	
preaching (Blayes) ✓		70.00
preaching (Judge) ✓		20.00
colored mission ✓	10.00	
Ball court meeting (Blayes) ✓	2.42	
Wall plastering (Edith Johnson) ✓	57.00	
	30.00	380.00
	523.14	630.50
	107.92	
	630.57	
top of page 24		30.00
1st Sunday	134.50	
2nd "	125.56	1040.60

October 1954 Treasurer's Report showing expenses for flooring work (43).

May 3, 1954

Present:

Bro. Bill Thompson, Edgar Gist, V.J. Johns, James Richardson, Cyrus Quillen, Charlie Lefan, Horace Stutts, Franklin Liles, Dalton Hill, Duncan Steward, and H. A. Blazer Sr.

Opened our service with prayer by Bro. Cyrus Quillen.

Suggested our old rest rooms be torn down and salvaged for the purpose of building blinds for our new ones. Agreed to meet tomorrow afternoon for this work.

Agreed to make class reports slips to be used in our Sunday morning Bible Class.

Agreed to let the ones that waits on the Lords Table serve both morning and night or appoint someone too.

Agreed to practice singing on Thursday night along with our Bible Study and to think of a singing school in the near future. This is to begin week after next.

Agreed Bro. Blazer to see where Woodlawn got their leather case for the Lord's Supper to be served at the Hospitals and ect.

Agreed Horace to take the responsibility of the Lord's Supper to be carried to the Gist boy in the Hospital.

Agreed Bro. Cyrus Quillen to take the responsibility of getting flowers for those that need them.

Agreed Bro. Blazer to begin a meeting next monday night near Crossville Tenn. and will be away the third Sunday. Someone will be secured to fill in.

Agreed: Shiloh, Mt. Zion and Lone Ceder to get together concerning a meeting at Dr. Stutts.

*Men's Meeting Notes from Shiloh  
May 3, 1954 (Shiloh Church Records)*

Interesting notes from meetings at Shiloh during 1959 are shown below (39):

"...Bro. Pewitt suggest- That there be ladies appointed to assist ladies when they are baptized, and also men. Appointed were: Virginia Gamble, Joyce Johns, and Leona Pewitt. Appointed were: Franklin Liles, Ernest Curtis, and Reeder Allen for the men..." - July 3, 1959

"...Bro. Ernest Curtis, and Reeder Allen desires the office of Elder-ship, will be announced at earliest date to congregation and hold open for one month..." - Dec. 4, 1959

John 8:32	"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" 1 Cor. 9:16 "Preach the word . . . reprove, rebuke, exhort." 2 Tim. 4:2 "Therefore disputed he in the synagogue." Acts 17:17 "Debate thy cause with thy neighbour." Prov. 25:9 "Mark them which cause divisions." Rom. 16:17 "Earnestly contend for the faith." Jude 3
<b>HAROLD SAIN</b>	
EVANGELIST	
Bible Question Course By Mail	Dexter, Mo. Box 51 Phone 1211 Aug. 5, 1959
Dear Bro. Pewitt:	
Please expect me to arrive in time for the service on Monday night, Aug. 10, as we had agreed by mail. I trust that the meeting has been well advertised and that we can work together to have a good one.	
Yours in Christ Harold Sain	
<b>"The churches of Christ salute you." Rom. 16:16</b>	
Mat. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 1:10; Jas. 1:20-21	

Letter from Harold Sain in regard to a 1959 Gospel Meeting at Shiloh (45).



**Above Photo: Shiloh Church of Christ (Showing the front of the rock building)  
 Left to right beginning at Center- Bonnie Stewart, unidentified, unidentified, Reba Johns, Susie Killen, unidentified, unidentified, Omega Hall, unidentified, Bill Thompson.**



**Above Photo: Shiloh Church of Christ (Showing the front of the rock building)  
 Left to right beginning at left: Howard Killen, Dewey McGee, Alden Hendrix, Myron Hill, Unidentified, Norma Hendrix, Bonnie Stewart. (Photos on this page courtesy of Jimmy Stewart.)**



## A New Auditorium

During the time period of approximately 1959 – 1961, there was a large growth at Shiloh during the term of service of Brother Charles Kretzer as preacher. In approximately 1958 – 1959, talk began in regard to building a new auditorium for the congregation. This auditorium was to be east of the rock building that had been in use since the 1940's. Records from Business Meetings and Elders & Deacons Meetings held in 1959 and 1960 help give details in regard to the process of planning and constructing the new auditorium. The following excerpts are from Business Meetings and/or Elders & Deacons Meetings at Shiloh (39):

- April 3, 1959 – “June 1<sup>st</sup> set for starting New building, Will try to raise \$3000.00. Get plans for new building and cost.”
- May 1, 1959 – “Bro. Bruce Freeze and Bro Duncan Stewart to see about Getting plans drawn up for new building. Will meet Tuesday evening to go look at Highland Park Building. May 5”
- Sept. 4, 1959 – “Appoint Building Committee to see after Building – Henry Allen, Jr. Hines, Charles Kretzer, Dalton Hill, Bill Thompson. Decided to Build building on Hourly Basis. Decided on Columbus Coker to Build Building”
- Dec. 4, 1959 – “Agreed—Columbus Coker to build 42 Benches 18 ft. long, 2 Benches 5 ft, Communion table, 1 Rostrum, fasten to floor.”
- March 4, 1960 – “We still need money to finish building. Columbus Coker to check on celotex for ceiling.”
- April 1, 1960 – “Bro. Bill Thompson, and Columbus Coker, to get figures on what we owe on building.”
- Jan. 2, 1961 – “Bro. Thompson – to change buzz switch from back, to new Auditorium also light switch.”

Columbus Coker was hired to construct the new auditorium. In a 2007 interview, Columbus related the following:

*“I quit my job at TVA to build the auditorium at Shiloh. The new auditorium cost \$40,000.00. I built the first set of pews that went in this new auditorium. The pews cost \$8,000.00 and they were made of laminated oak (46).”*

The electrical wiring in the new auditorium was done by Henry Allen. Bluford Bradley helped lay the blocks for the new auditorium, and Ray Canerday helped make the mortar for the work on the new auditorium (46-B). Also, at the time the new

auditorium was being started, there was no public water supply available at the site. In order to obtain a water supply, the decision was made to run a water line from a nearby spring. The spring was located northeast of the building, behind what is today (2008) the home of Ronnie Goins. The water line was dug from the spring, up the hill toward the church and through what is now the Shiloh Cemetery and on toward the rock church building. The ditch for the water line was dug with a mule. The water line was run for 1960 (47). The financial report for April 1960 from Shiloh records an expenditure of \$117.95 for 1000 feet of plastic pipe, which is possibly the pipe that was used to run the waterline from the spring (43).

When the baptistry in the new auditorium was filled for the first time, it was filled with *hailed* water (48).

Balance owed on building  
at the end of August  
to mutual savings  
(excluding interest) \$26,404.31

August 1961 Shiloh Financial Report shows the balance owed on building at that time (43).

Charles Kretzer preached the first sermon in the new auditorium at Shiloh. He worked with the Shiloh congregation from 1958 until 1961. He recalled that during this time at Shiloh, he baptized a number of people. He worked with the congregation for about one year after the congregation moved into the new auditorium (49).

After the new auditorium had been built, the old rock building was converted to classrooms. Elmer Dial did a lot of the carpentry work on building the classrooms. Entries in Shiloh's financial ledger reveal clues as to the progress on the classrooms during this time period (43):

July 1962 – “Sheetrock finishing & material for classrooms”	= \$130.00
“ “ “Electrical supplies for classrooms”	= \$ 18.74
Aug. 1962 – “Electrical supplies for classrooms”	= \$173.16
Sept. 1962 – “Paint & doors for classrooms”	= \$122.23
Oct. 1962 – “Labor and material for heating classrooms”	= \$725.00
“ “ “Material for classrooms”	= \$700.00
“ “ “Labor on classrooms (Bro. Dial)”	= \$120.00



**Our Guests**  
 We Welcome You Today You Are One Of Us

Date	Name	Address	Home Church
2-18-61	Walter Thompson	Florence, R. 11	
2-19-61	Mrs. M. E. Johnson	Tenn. Columbia, Ala.	
2-26-61	George Johnson	103 Parker Rd. Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Highland Church
3-5-61	Lettie Todd	Collinwood Farm	Collinwood Church
3-5-61	Kenneth George	607 American Rd. Decatur, Tenn.	(Brentwood)
	William E. Hill	Seneca, Mich. 49785	Church of Christ
4-2-61	Mrs. Paul Johnson	Waverly, Mich. 49782	First Church of Christ
4-	Mrs. M. E. Johnson	Seneca, Mich.	Seneca -
4-2-	Mrs. M. E. Johnson	Rt. 1, Tenn. Ala.	Tenn. Ala. (Church of Christ)
4-2-61	Mrs. Mrs. John Wright & Lady	Seneca, Mich.	Seneca, Mich. - Church of Christ
4/9/61	Patricia Johnson	31 Stanton Ave.	Wood Sound - (Church of Christ)
	Frank Johnson	Seneca, Mich.	St. Luke's Baptist Church

Above: Page from Early 1960's Guest Register at Shiloh (50).

Marcus Johns

Oct. 1963

Preaching + Teaching	\$400.00
Payment on Indiv. Loan	500.00
Payment on Loan	300.00
Painting Home & Church Building	140.00
Paint	60.90
Insurance on Church Building	63.61
Mission work (E.C. Maynard & Choad)	45.00
Bulletin Covers + Ledger	44.45
Electricity Bill	42.38
Orphans Homes	40.00
Colored Mission Work	40.00
Radio Programs	30.00
Installation + Service of water filter	38.95
Gospel Defender	10.00
Flowers	18.00
Communion Supplies	5.15
Telephone Bill	5.83
Literature	3.49
Insecticide	1.56
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$1,772.52</u>

Left in Treasure from Sept.	972.25
Contributions for Oct	6468.91
<u>Total to account for</u>	<u>\$2,441.16</u>
Less Expenses	1,772.52
<u>Total Left in Treasure</u>	<u>at the end of Oct. \$668.64</u>

1st. Sun.	\$421.16
2nd. "	339.00
3" "	365.12
4" "	343.63

October 1963 Financial Report for Shiloh (43).

In approximately 1965, Shiloh's influence was extended in the beginning of a new congregation of the Lord's church in Lauderdale County, Alabama. A previously used church building on Stutts Road near Green Hill, Alabama, was purchased by a group who became the congregation of the Stutts Road Church of Christ. People came from the area congregations of Shiloh, North Carolina, and Atlas to start this new congregation, with probably more coming from Shiloh than the others. Some of these Shiloh members were wishing to have a congregation closer to their own homes (50-B). Families who descend from Shiloh members still worship at Stutts Road Church of Christ at the time of this writing.

4th. SUN. August class		1965	pres.	st.	DBR.
REEDER ALLEN	Audt.		194	28	20
MARCUS Johns	2		21	14	14
Arvel Curtis	7		21	14	11
DUNCAN Stewart	12		10	7	5
E.C. Curtis	8		26	12	11
Edgar Gist	9		17	15	10
HENRY ALLEN	10		29	22	8
Sis. ALLEN + SWINEA	5		13	9	9
Sis. Dial + WALLACE	3		14	11	11
Sis. Lillie Richardson	6		11	3	4
Sis. TROUSDALE	4		8	5	3
Sis LERA WATKINS	4-5		8	3	4
studied lesson 39%			364	42	110
Daily Bible Readers 30.2%					
5th. SUN. August class		1965	pres.	st.	DBR.
REEDER ALLEN	Audt.		177	32	19
Malcolm Glover	2		24	13	13
E.L. Gist	9		17	16	9
Arvel Curtis	7		21	16	11
E.C. Curtis	8		29	7	14
Doug Rogers	10		23	14	4
DUNCAN Stewart	12		11	7	8
Sis. Dial + Wallace	3		14	10	8
Sis. COXER	4		11	4	2
Sis. ALLEN + SWINEA	5		12	7	8
Sis. Ruth BUTLER	6		9	6	6
Sis. LERA WATKINS	4-5		9	4	3
studied lesson 38%			357	136	115
Daily Bible Readers 32%					

The Shiloh Bible Class Attendance Register for the 4th and 5th Sundays in August, 1965. The numbers show teachers of each class, numbers of attendance, numbers of persons who "Studied Lesson" and numbers of persons who were "Daily Bible Readers" for the previous week (51).

**An article, written by Kelby Smith, and submitted herein by Sally Richardson, gives information about happenings at Shiloh during this period:**

*From The Preacher's Desk*

*May 22, 1966*

*Martha and I have been working with this congregation for about 7 months. In many ways our work has been enjoyable and pleasant. Perhaps it would be good to look back and bring to our minds the progress which has been made during this period of time.*

*First, let us take a look at the improvement of our building. Many of our classrooms are being painted and others are already now completed. Florescent lights are being installed in all the classrooms and hallways which do not yet have them. Three rooms have had sheetrock applied to the ceiling, which greatly improves the lighting. Carpet is shortly to be installed in these rooms. The seat and back of these chairs are covered in carpet. Be sure to see them. New doors have been installed in three of the classrooms. A teacher's supply room has been built which will supply the teachers with all teaching aids and materials and supplies needed to effectively teach God's word. A closet has also been constructed to store clothes and other items for the needy. The hallway which leads to the other classrooms has been completely reworked. New speaker's stands have been added to a number of rooms. Bulletin boards have been made and also a bookcase for the books in the church library. Our public address system has also been improved. A peg-board has been installed to make possible an accurate record of adult attendance. Thanks to all of you who have helped in this work and especially to Brother Elmer Dial who has done so much.*

*In addition to our building improvements, the elders have increased the budget for benevolent work by 200%. A contribution of \$515.50 was given to Mr. Leon Danley. The elders have increased our mission budget about 450%. This includes paying for a daily radio program in Lumberton, NC, where Brother Roland Adams will begin work on June first. This indeed is a great step forward for this congregation.*

*At this time 13 have been baptized into Christ and 38 have been restored, making a total of 51 to respond to the gospel call.*

*Last, but far from being least, the elders have secured an educational director, Brother Franklin Trousdale, who will devote his time and ability to improve the educational work of the church. Brother Franklin is a humble and dedicated man and well qualified for this important job. Much improvement has been made and much more is anticipated. All classes will have a better arrangement after PROMOTION DAY on June 5. Also, an extensive teacher training program is planned.*

*Progress has been made and we have come a long way in the last 7 months. Thanks to all of you who have made this possible. May God give us the faith and grant us the courage to do even greater things in the months ahead.*

*Brother Trousdale has selected Martha Smith as the primary departmental leader. She will be working with all primary and preschool teachers to improve teaching methods and every aspect of the primary department.*



**Shiloh Church of Christ**  
ROUTE 1 - FLORENCE, ALA.

MINISTER

ROUTE 1, BOX 388  
FLORENCE, ALABAMA

PHONES  
RESIDENCE  
STUDY: 766-1940

Elders & Deacons meeting  
May - 24, 1966.

Present - Elmer Dial, Herman Butler,  
Reeder Allen, Marcus Johns - Edgar Gist  
Duncan Stewart Vernon Johns, Earnest Curtis  
Kelby Smith Franklin Trousdale, Franklin Liles.  
old Business Finished,

New Business.  
Bro. Gist to meet with Ladies concerning  
Lord's Supper.  
Decided for Elders to sit in Back and  
check on order during services, and Deacons  
to check outside Building.  
Decided - to check water in sistran for purpose  
of filling baptistry.

<small>DEACONS</small> MARCUS JOHNS FRANKLIN LILES ERNEST CURTIS	DUNCAN STEWART ELMER DIAL	<small>ELDERS</small> REEDER ALLEN HERMAN BUTLER	EDGAR GIST VERNON JOHNS
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Notes from Elders & Deacons Meeting of May 24, 1966 (39).

Text of the above notes from Elders & Deacons Meeting of May 24, 1966 reads:

**\*Present - Elmer Dial, Herman Butler, Reeder Allen, Marcus Johns, Edgar Gist, Duncan Stewart, Vernon Johns, Earnest Curtis, Kelby Smith, Franklin Trousdale, Franklin Liles.**

**\*Old Business Finished.**

**\*New Business:**

- Bro. Gist to meet with Ladies concerning Lord's Supper.
- Decided for Elders to sit in Back and check on order during services and the Deacons to check outside Building.
- Decided to check water in sistran for purpose of filling baptistry.

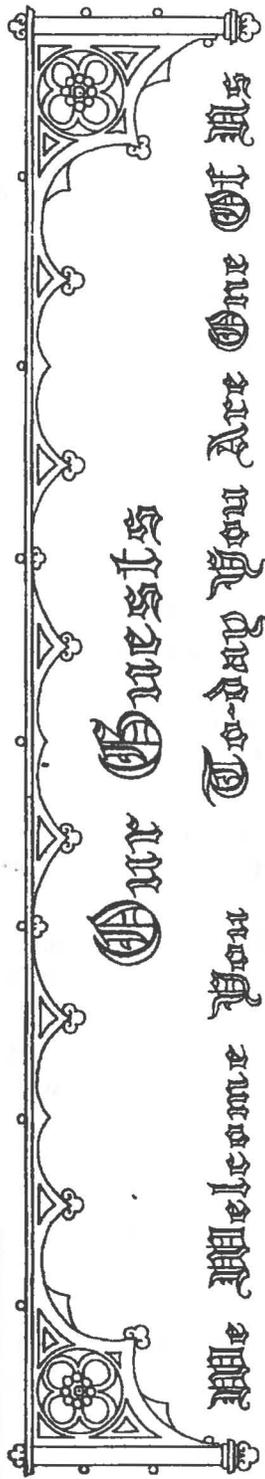


At left: A copy of an advertisement for a Gospel Meeting to be held at Shiloh Church of Christ in 1966. The meeting dates were to run from August 14 till August 21, with Bobby Duncan as the speaker. This meeting advertisement was taken from The Tri-Cities Daily, Sheffield, Alabama, August 18, 1966 (52).

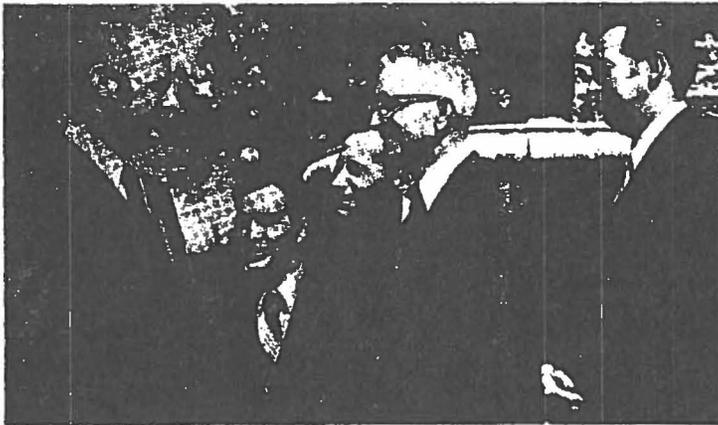
In 1970, Shiloh purchased land that was located south of the existing church property. This land was purchased from Troy Creasy and Marie Creasy. It consisted of part of Lot #11 in the Shiloh Heights Subdivision and was located across County Road 344 from the Shiloh building, somewhat in front of the church building. There had been a house on this land. The house had belonged to Troy Creasy and the house burned (53). Troy Creasy and wife then sold the land to Shiloh Church of Christ on August 31, 1970 (54). In later years this became part of the paved parking lot that is located across County Road 344, in front of the church building.

In the approximate early 1970's, new pews were acquired for the congregation. Shiloh financial reports give clues to the date. The April 1971 financial report shows a "payment on new pews" of \$2000.00. The June 1971 financial report shows a payment for "new pews" of \$6263.80. The April 1971 financial report shows a "sale of old pews" amounting to \$500.00. The May 1971 financial report shows a "sale of old pews" amounting to another \$500.00. The same report shows an expense for "newspaper ad [for] old pews" in the amount of \$2.88 (43).

In the early to mid 1970's, Shiloh began a Bus Ministry program and the resulting growth in numbers led to a need for more space. A major addition, in the form of a steel building, was added on to the church at its west end. This building had a large room that was to be used as a small auditorium and as a fellowship hall. It also had four more classrooms (55). The steel building cost \$22,000.00 and was from Oakland Builders. Funding for this building was borrowed from the St. Joseph, TN Bank (56).


  
**Our Guests**
  
 The Welcome You Today You Are One Of Us

Date	Name	Address	Home Church
5-21	<del>Mr</del> Mrs D. J. Brackin	400 St Louis Ave - Suffield	<sup>and</sup> St Louis Church -
	Mr. D. P. Brackin	400 St Louis Ave Suffield	
	Charles M. Cluskey	336 Acton - Florence	
	J. C. Mccluskey	336 Acton Florence	
	Mr & Mrs W. D. Springs	110 Shale Blvd Florence	
5-24	Mrs. Mrs. Odus Conroy	1115 Sims St. Florence	Shelrod Ave
	Mrs. Mrs. Katharine	Regersville Ala	F.
	Gen. Hincham	Regersville Ala	
	Mrs Mrs Billy Gilkey	Brown City Tenn	
May 26	Charles H. Hodge	908 Memo Ave Olive	Missouri St. Church of Christ
	Katharine Walker	Rt. 8 Florence Ala	Poplar St. Florence
	Belle Walker	Rooster, Florence, Ala	Poplar St. Florence, Ala



**EVERY MAN IS THEIR NEIGHBOR**—These five men believe that "Love thy neighbor as thyself" doesn't apply just to the people in their block. If people who need help happen to live in West Virginia, then the neighborly thing to do is get money and the necessities of life, rent a truck, and go. So they did. The accompanying story tells the details. Left to right, they are Clayburn Hines, saw operator, Finishing Dept., WRB; R. C. Clemmons, wean line helper, heat treat, Sheet Finishing; M. W. Behel, tension line helper, Sheet Finishing; Ernest Curtis, packing service man, Circle Inspection; Travis Allen, dross helper, cast house.

Shown on this page is an article from a Reynolds Metals Company newsletter which details a trip made by Shiloh members to aid in disaster relief in Chapman, West Virginia. In May 1972, Travis Allen, M.W. Behel, R.C. Clemmons, Ernest Curtis, and Clayburn Hines took supplies to this area, which had experienced a disaster when a dam broke and caused a flood (56-B).

## ***A short story about Men of good will***

It was bleak and cold at 4 a.m. on a Thursday morning when five men from the Alloys Plants left their homes in Lauderdale County to drive to West Virginia, three of them in a car and two in a rented truck.

They were headed for the disaster area where 118 people died when a slate and earth dam gave way and sent a flash flood surging down Buffalo Creek, sweeping away every house in its path.

Ernest Curtis, packing service man, Circle Inspection; Clayburn Hines, saw operator, Finishing Dept., WRB; M. W. Behel, tension line helper, Sheet Finishing; Travis Allen, dross helper, cast house; and R. C. Clemmons, wean line helper, Sheet Finishing, are all members of Shiloh Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Florence, which spearheaded a drive among other churches of that in Lauderdale County to collect money, food, cooking utensils and bedding for people in the disaster area.

Throughout the long drive the five men took turns driving the car and the 18-foot van. Word of their arrival spread fast, and people in need of the necessities of life were coming in by the time the truck was unloaded. When needed items were not found they were added to a list of supplies to be bought with the \$2,339.60 given by church members.

The rented truck was left in West Virginia, and the five men took turns driving home, reaching here at 3:20 a.m. on Saturday. They gave up a day's pay and a holiday, and consider the time well spent.

The drive wasn't so bad, they said, since they took turns. They could sleep when they got back, since it was Saturday. What was really great, they stressed, was that each man's supervisor gave unhesitating approval for their absence, when told the purpose of the trip.

Notice was necessarily short, because, after the money and other items were collected, the men had to wait for notification that temporary shelters had been moved into the area. Household items, without some kind of house, are of no use.

They appreciate their supervisors, and as one man put it, "We won't forget."

Two more lots were purchased by the Shiloh Church of Christ in 1978. These were lots 8 & 9 of the Shiloh Heights Subdivision. These lots are located east of the current (2008) house owned by Shiloh which has served as the dwelling for Shiloh's preacher. The church purchased these lots from The Bank of Lexington, Lexington, Alabama, on November 15, 1978 (57). These lots have been used as a garden by various people during the time Shiloh has owned them.

Shown below is an example of Elders & Deacons Meetings from this time period (39):

*Elders & Deacons Meeting - April 19, 1976*

*Prayer by Larry Brinkley*

*Present: H.L. Butler, Henry Allen, Dennis Allen, Noel Scott, Bill Canerday, Larry Brinkley, Horace Stutts, Franklin Liles & Reeder Allen.*

*Minutes from last meeting read & approved.*

- 1. Need hole in auditorium wall fixed. Dennis will check with Delton Wallace about fixing this, also 7 - 8 - 9<sup>th</sup> grade class-room.*
- 2. Need chairs for little auditorium. Bro. Liles will check with nursing home about extra chairs they have.*
- 3. To ask members here to give us names of previous members of this congregation to be contacted about our Homecoming Day June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.*
- 4. May 3<sup>rd</sup> to have potluck supper of all our teachers & bus workers.*
- 5. Agreed to give Denim Bibles for Parents Day.*
- 6. Agreed to buy puppets for Children's Bible Hour. From Church Treasure.*
- 7. Suggested we dispense with our V.B.S. this year & use the time to advertise our meeting. To discuss this later.*

*Dismissed by Bill Canerday*

Present for meeting - Aug. 22, 1976

Harold Stubb	A. D. Allen
Larry A. Brinkley	Charles Lee
Charles Short	H. S. Butler
Allen Hannah	Bob Butler
Chester J. Miller	Travis Allen
B. O. Chandler	Randle Watkins
W. Dwayne Stewart	Don Curtis
Robert C. Clemmon	David Clemmon
Dennis Allen	A. D. Wallace &
Billy Richardson	Henry Allen
Dwight Jenkins	Leon Hines
Clarence H. Key	Wayne Halden
Hal Key	Jimmy Dickerson
Bobby Babentue	
Richard Rogers	
Alcar Johnson	
Clayburn Hines	
Noel Scott	
Ned Conerday	
James Richards	
R. J. Allen	
Elmer Dial	
Norman Chandler	
Helmer S. Cody	

Shown above is a list of men present at a Business Meeting at Shiloh on Aug. 22, 1976 (39).

*Regular Business Meeting (39)  
Sun. Nov. 4, 1979*

*Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.  
Prayer by R.C. Clemmons.*

*Brethren Present Were: James A. Hendrix, Don Curtis, Duncan Stewart, Joel Butler, Chester Quillen, R.L. McInnish, Dennis Allen, Clayburn Hines, Ira Hannah, George Butler, R.C. Clemmons, H.L. Butler, Travis Allen, Bruce Freeze, Randle Watkins, Henry Allen, A.D. Allen, Glen Hannah, Hal Gist.*

*Old Business:*

*\*It was agreed to meet Saturday morning Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to continue work on Baptistry dressing Rooms.*

*\*Bro. Hendrix stated that the North Carolina Elders are still interested in a joint effort in south Alabama (Thomasville) and that they would agree to sending a preacher to that location before a church building is completed. It was reaffirmed that Shiloh would support the preacher, North Carolina the building program.*

*\*It was agreed to have a three day meeting in the fall and spring. Bro. Hendrix is to check with Bro. Melvin Campbell to hold the first of these meetings, beginning the first Sunday morning in Dec. and continuing through Tuesday night.*

*\*Bro. Henry Allen is to contact Bro. Alan Highers about holding a second 3 day meeting in the spring of 1980.*

*\*Bro. Hendrix stated that Bro. Gibbs has agreed to speak at Homecoming service at Shiloh in 1980.*

*New Business:*

*\*Bro. George Butler suggested that a framed glass case containing pictures of the entire congregation be placed in the hall. Hal Gist suggested a bound copy of the new directory would serve the same purpose. The directory representative is to be contacted for ideas of this nature.*

*\*Bruce Freeze suggested we erect a canopy at the entrance for unloading passengers during inclement weather. It was decided that a canopy of this nature would create a need for new parking space.*

*\*Dennis Allen is to employ Malcolm Davis to pave the vacant lot from the road to the rear of the space occupied by the buses.*

*\*Henry Allen is to contact Roy May, building contractor, for ideas on design for the drive-thru canopy.*

*\*Henry Allen suggested using disposable cups for communion service. This was agreed upon.*

*\*Dennis Allen stated that repairs need to be made on concrete blocks on a classroom. This is to be taken care of at the next working.*

*Meeting dismissal 3:05 p.m. Prayer by Joel Butler.*

*Regular Business Meeting (39)  
Dec. 2, 1979*

*Meeting Called to Order 2:00 P.M.  
Prayer by Bruce Freeze*

*Brethren Present Were: Jas. A. Hendrix, Don Curtis, B.D. Chandler, Joel Butler, Randle Watkins, Travis Allen, Duncan Stewart, Franklin Liles, Delton Wallace, Clayburn Hines, George Butler, A.D. Allen, Henry Allen, Dennis Allen, Bruce Freeze, H.L. Butler, Bill Canerday.*

*Old Bus.:*

- \*It was agreed to meet Sat. Morn., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to finish the baptistery dressing rooms.*
- \*Henry Allen stated that Roy May has been contacted and has not returned the call concerning the drive-thru canopy.*
- \*Paving is completed on the parking lot at a cost of \$5400.00*

*New Bus.:*

- \*It was agreed to pay Bro. Campbell \$200.00 for the three day meeting, and to pay Don Curtis \$35.00 for filling in for Bro. Campbell at Elgin.*
- \*It was agreed to run the buses during the 3 - day meeting.*
- \*Bro. Hendrix read a letter from North Ala. Children's Homes asking for a raise in the support from Shiloh. It was stated that Shiloh presently gives \$60.00/month. It was agreed that Shiloh would increase the contribution from \$60.00 to \$75.00. It was also agreed that Shiloh would be willing to increase its contribution in the event the home expands.*
- \*It was agreed to stripe the new parking lot. Bro. Hendrix is to employ Elmo Wilson to do this job.*
- \*Henry Allen asked for suggestions concerning a raise for Bro. Hendrix. Raises were approved as follows: Bro. Hendrix - 25.00/wk. Jo Holden - to 3.50/hr., Doris Coker - to \$45.00/wk. All raises being effective in January, 1980.*
- \*It was agreed to install doors in the ladies rest room for more privacy.*

*Meeting dismissed 2:55  
Prayer by Franklin Liles*

*General Business Meeting (39)  
Sun. March 30, 1980*

*Meeting called to order 2:00 P.M.  
Prayer by Travis Allen*

*Brethren Present: Jas. Hendrix, Don Curtis, H.L. Butler, B.D. Chandler, Bill Canerday, Henry Allen, Duncan Stewart, Chester Quillen, Dennis Allen, George Butler, Oliver Hines, Greg Curtis, Travis Allen, Billy Richardson, Randle Watkins, A.D. Allen, Hal Gist, Lambert Richardson, James Richardson, Noel Scott.*

*New Business:*

- \*It was agreed to hire a contractor to seal and paint the old classroom section at the rear of the old building.*
- \*It was agreed to ask Bro. Dennis Gean to speak at Shiloh again using a different style of sermon delivery, before a decision is made on hiring him.*
- \*Bro. Hendrix asked the men present to consider enclosing the carport at the preachers home to use as a larger room for entertaining guests.*
- \*Bro. Hendrix asked about progress made on the drive-thru canopy for the front of the building. Dennis Allen & Hal Gist agreed to check further for a contractor to do this job.*
- \*Hal Gist asked how much Shiloh could support him for in a summer campaign. It was agreed to support Hal in the amount of \$300.00.*
- \*It was agreed to purchase a new sweeper (replacement) attachment for the church vacuum cleaner.*

*Dismissed 2:40*

*General Business Meeting (39)  
Sunday April 27 (Believed to be 1980)*

*Meeting Called to Order 2:00 P.M.  
Prayer by Hal Gist*

*James A. Hendrix, Don Curtis, B.D. Chandler, Jimmy Brewer, H.L. Butler, Henry Allen, Hal Gist, Dennis Allen, Randle Watkins, George Swinea, Travis Allen, Franklin Liles, Garnett Redford, George Butler, Joel Butler, James Richardson, Chester Quillen, Clayburn Hines, Oliver Hines, R.L. McInnish, R.C. Clemmons, Delton Wallace, Jr., Elmer Dial.*

*Old Business:*

*\*Dennis Allen stated that several contractors had been contacted for a drive-thru canopy. All suggested that this type canopy would distract from the appearance of the building.*

*New Business:*

*\*It was decided that the meeting with Bro. Kretzer would begin at 7:00 P.M. each evening, with buses running each night. It was agreed to advertise the meeting in the Florence Times - Tri Cities Daily.*

*\*Mission work at Thomasville. We are awaiting a decision from Bro. Willard Cox concerning his work.*

*\*Dennis Allen suggested that we set a date, after which we would support someone else if we can't find someone to go to Thomasville.*

*\*Bro. Hendrix suggested that we need to move two piles of gravel from the parking lot. A decision was made to give the gravel to any members who would haul it away, on a first come, first serve basis.*

*\*Bro. Henry Allen suggested that the church pay Bro James Richardson 300.00 per year to keep the grass cut in areas around the cemetery, and around the new parking lot.*

*\*It was agreed to pay Travis Allen and Dennis Allen \$200.00 each for work on the buses.*

*\*It was agreed that the June business meeting would be held the fourth Sunday in May.*

*\*Bro. Hendrix introduced a discussion concerning the Sunday night service on the basis that we split in three different assemblies. Motion was made and seconded to observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday night as a part of the worship service, without asking the people to exit to another room. It was agreed to ask the people who wish to partake to either stand, or raise their hand, if they wish to be served. It was agreed that the Sunday night children's service would be held before the Sunday night service begins in the auditorium, this change being effective on the Sunday night following the Spring meeting with Bro. Charles Kretzer.*

*\*It was decided to have a singing every fifth Sunday.*

*\*It was agreed to meet at 8:00 Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> to clean up and cut grass around the building.*

*\*It was agreed to take buses to the Diana singing the second week in June, and to Opryland June 21.*

## **Shiloh Church of Christ**

**Charles Kretzer, minister at Oliver Church of Christ, Rogersville, will speak at gospel meetings Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Shiloh Church of Christ. Meetings will start at 7 each night.**

*Above is an article from the May 3, 1980 issue of the Florence Times – Tri Cities Daily, which advertises the Shiloh spring meeting (58).*



The above photo shows the Shiloh building as it was in the 1990's, after the metal building addition had been constructed in the 1970's. The metal addition can be seen at the left. This photo also shows the large, metal drive-through canopy that was later added to the front of the building (59).

One of the next major additions to the building at Shiloh included two new restrooms and a large classroom that were added to the north side of the new auditorium. The air conditioning in this addition was installed by Malcolm Glover (60). In an interview with Columbus A. Coker, on December 19, 2007, he recollected the following about this addition:

*"I supervised the building of two restrooms and one classroom at Shiloh about 15 years ago. Tommy Coker [Columbus's son] and others did most of the labor. The congregation members put up \$40,000.00 for this addition. When we finished the addition, \$1800.00 was left over from the amount the members put up (61)."*

In approximately 1996, plans were made at Shiloh to enlarge and remodel the metal addition that had been made to the west end of the building in the 1970's. The larger area would be used for church activities and fellowship activities. To help do

this, the congregation took a \$140,000.00 loan from Colonial Bank in Lexington, Alabama (62). At least part of the old metal building was removed. It was given to the contractor, Junior Smith, for his labor in removing it. [The metal building was later reconstructed by Smith in the Antioch community of Lauderdale County, Alabama] (63). Incidentally, there was a metal pole in the center area of the metal building. This pole was removed, but today (2008) a small "bump" can be seen under the flooring tile near the center of the remodeled fellowship hall. The new addition included a kitchen area.

Shown below is an appraisal of Shiloh Church of Christ land and improvements, which was completed about the same time the metal addition on the west end of the building was replaced with a new, larger addition (64):

November 18, 1996

Colonial Bank  
c/o Mr. Steve Littrell  
Lexington, Alabama 35648

Dear Mr. Littrell:

In accordance with your request, I have made a physical inspection and appraisal of the land and improvements, "Shiloh Church of Christ" located along Cowpen road Co. Road #8 in the Greenhill Community of Lauderdale County, Alabama.

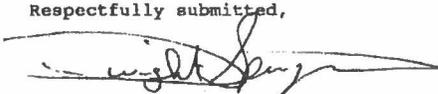
The purpose of the appraisal was to estimate the market value of the fee simple estate of the property as of November 11, 1996.

Submitted herein is a fifty one (51) page report that describes the methods of approach and sets forth a description of the property together with an analysis of data and reasoning underlying the conclusion derived in the investigation.

After analyzing the data presented herein, the estimate of market value of the property herein described as of November 11, 1996 was: \$335,000.00

(THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS)

Respectfully submitted,



Dwight Springer, ACA, CGA  
General Certified Appraiser  
(Alabama) CG00083

LAUDERDALE APPRAISAL COMPANY

Dwight Springer, ACA, CGA  
State Certified General Appraiser

In the aforementioned 1996 appraisal that was conducted of Shiloh's land and improvements, the existing church building (at that time) and the proposed addition were described as follows (64):

**DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS**

The subject improvements consist of an existing one story frame/ brick veneer church building with an attached steel frame metal fellowship hall. An addition is to be erected on a concrete slab foundation containing approximately 1,920 square feet. The addition along with the existing fellowship hall area will be bricked to match the other brick veneer portion of the church. The roof line on the addition and existing fellowship will be constructed to match the existing gable roof on the sanctuary portion of the church.

The existing church building consist of the sanctuary, lobby/ vestibule area, two offices, two rest rooms, 13 sunday school rooms, nursery, library, mechanical room, storage room and fellowship hall. The proposed addition will be the new fellowship hall with kitchen area. The wall between the existing fellowship hall and the proposed addition will be removed. There will be two additional rest rooms added in the old fellowship hall area by taking in one of the existing sunday school rooms. The floors are covered with a mixture of carpet and vinyl. The interior walls are painted sheet rock with some minor use of paper and wood paneling the ceilings are all drywall with suspended acoustical tile in the fellowship hall area. The entire area is centrally heated and cooled, however there are window air conditioners in some of the older section, sunday school rooms.

The addition will consist of a full kitchen area with range, oven, dishwasher, 2 microwave ovens, base and wall cabinets and a double sink. The floors will be vinyl tile with walls and ceiling being painted sheetrock. This area will be heated and cooled centrally.

Additional improvements include a 98 sf glass entrance vestibule and a 703 sf drive under canopy with covered walk and 8,000 sf of asphalt parking/ drives.



Beginning in 1999, the “new” auditorium at Shiloh, which had been built in the late 1950’s era, underwent an extensive remodeling (65). During much of this lengthy process, worship services were held in the fellowship hall. New light fixtures were installed in the auditorium and the front stage area underwent great changes. Two false “columns” were added to the front area. A new pulpit and new Lord’s Supper table were added. Lighted stained glass was installed behind the baptistery area. New pews, the third set of pews in the history of the “new” auditorium, were also installed during this remodeling process.

Columbus Coker recalled what happened to the pews (the ones in use from the approximate early 1970’s to 1999) that were removed from the auditorium to make way for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of pews:

*“Ten of the pews that were removed for the remodeling process were taken to the Shenandoah Church of Christ in Shenandoah, Virginia, by Howard L. Butler and Columbus Coker. The remainder of the pews went to Georgia (66).”*

A large educational wing was started on the north side of the “new” auditorium in approx. 2002. The loan for this addition was taken from Colonial Bank. The educational wing built at this time consisted of two stories, with classrooms upstairs and classrooms downstairs (66-B).

**Shiloh Summer Series**  
**During July**  
**"Building Strong Families"**

**July 7th**—Brad Adcock *"Except The Lord Build The House..."* (Psa. 127:1); Northport Church of Christ, Northport, AL

**July 14th**—John Brown *"As For Me and My House We Will Serve The Lord"* (Joshua 24:15) Center Hill Church of Christ

**July 21st**—Tim Grigsby *"Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman..."* (Proverbs 31:10) Lone Cedar Church of Christ

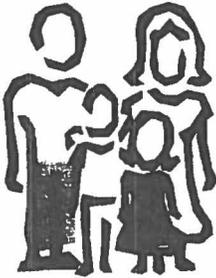
**July 28th**—Chris Kemp *"Jesus Increased In Wisdom and Stature, and in Favor With God and Man"* (Luke 2:52) Florence Boulevard Church of Christ

At left:  
 Note from the Shiloh Bulletin to announce the “Shiloh Summer Series” for the year of 2004 (67).  
 Below:  
 Note from the August 29, 2004 Shiloh Bulletin to announce the Young Men’s Training Class conducting Worship Services, followed by an ice cream supper (68).

**5th Sunday Evening Worship**

The Young Boy's Training Class will conduct the worship service this evening! Following the evening worship we will enjoy a congregational ice cream supper! Please bring your homemade or store bought ice cream with all the trimmings (cookies, cokes, etc.)

**At right:  
2007 advertisement  
for Shiloh's Annual  
Gospel Meeting (69).**

<b>SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 2605 COUNTY ROAD 344-FLORENCE, AL 35634	
<b>You are invited to Our Gospel Meeting!</b> August 12-16 2007	
<p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <p><b>Stan Dean</b> Killen, AL</p> <p><b>Schedule of Services:</b> <i>Sunday, August 12</i> Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morning Worship....9:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal following morning worship Evening Worship....7:00 p.m. <i>Monday -Thursday..7:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b>For More Information Call:</b> (256)757-2456</p> <p><b>Come Hear The Gospel Preached!</b></p>	 <p>Fellowship Meal following Sunday morning service in the fellowship hall.</p> <p><b>Everyone is invited!</b></p>

**In 2007 a new method of presenting the Gospel was introduced to the Shiloh congregation with the installation of a modern Powerpoint system and projector. This projector enables sermons, songs, church announcements, etc. to be displayed on the wall in the front of the auditorium. A small, special powerpoint room was constructed in the vestibule for housing the controls for this system. The loan for this Powerpoint system and the construction of the room was taken from First Metro Bank in the amount of \$17,000.00 on August 19, 2007, and was paid off before June 2008 (70).**

**In 2008, Shiloh became available on the World Wide Web with its own computer website. The website was set up by Greg Turpen. The website is [www.ShilohChurchofChrist.org](http://www.ShilohChurchofChrist.org).**

Shown below is a page from the Shiloh church bulletin for June 22, 2008. The activities mentioned in it help portray Shiloh during this period (71):

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**YOUTH NEWS**

**Announcements**

Young Men's Training Class—will meet today at 5:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Off to Maywood! A few of our youth are leaving this afternoon for a week of Bible camp at Maywood. They are Hannah Bigham, Jonathan Bigham, Tyler Oliver and Chance Simpson. Also, Steven and Carla Simpson are going as counselors. Pray for these that they will have a fun and safe week at Maywood!

Congregational Ice Cream Supper will be Sunday evening, June 29th following the worship service conducted by our young men's training class. Please bring your favorite homemade or store bought ice cream plus the trimmings!

Happy Birthday  
TODAY-Kristen Storie  
23-Marcelle Holloway  
Natasha Ledlow  
29-Justine Gooch  
Kellyn Jenkins  
Ashley Robertson  
30-Bonnie Dison

Happy Anniversary  
26-Calvin & Tina Stuitts

Schedule for Wayne Kilpatrick's class on restoration history—June 25, July 2, 16, 23, 30.

Thanks! Thanks to everyone who helped with our 2008 Vacation Bible School. It takes a lot of people to make V.B.S. go, and I appreciate everyone who helped even if you only made a donation or provided items for our sports theme. You made our Vacation Bible School a success. Thanks again,  
Stephen Phillips

Church Library:  
The following two books, "Truth for Today Commentary on Hebrews" and the "Acts of the Apostles From Jerusalem to Rome" have been donated to the church library by Dorothy, Pam, Roger, David and Carol in memory of Fulton Matthews and Cyrus Quillen.

"Great Verses of the Bible" has been donated to the library by Sonny and Janie Bogus in memory of Cyrus Quillen.

The following page from the June 8, 2008 Shiloh Bulletin shows the Elders/Deacons/Preacher/Youth Minister/Educational Director/Secretary for the Shiloh Congregation at that time. It also mentions two major events that occur at Shiloh yearly – The Annual Homecoming Service and the Annual Vacation Bible School (72):

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### Shiloh Church of Christ

#### *Elders*

Henry Allen  
Leon Hines  
Danny Jenkins

#### *Deacons*

Dennis Allen  
H.L. Butler  
Mike DesRuisseaux  
Bengie Hines  
Ricky Johnson  
Jimmy Phillips  
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#### *Howell's Notes...*

We welcome you to Bible Study and Worship today at Shiloh. If you are visiting, you are our honored guest. If you are searching for a church home, we pray that your search will end with us! Please let us know if we can help you to make this a reality.

What a great homecoming we enjoyed last Sunday! We appreciate brother Greg Dial's three good lessons from the word of God. His lessons encouraged us to have better homes and to be better Christians. We are thankful for the many invitations that you sent out to friends, resulting in a large crowd of over 600! Also, thanks to all who prepared the delicious meal at noon. Homecoming at Shiloh—is a highlight of each year!

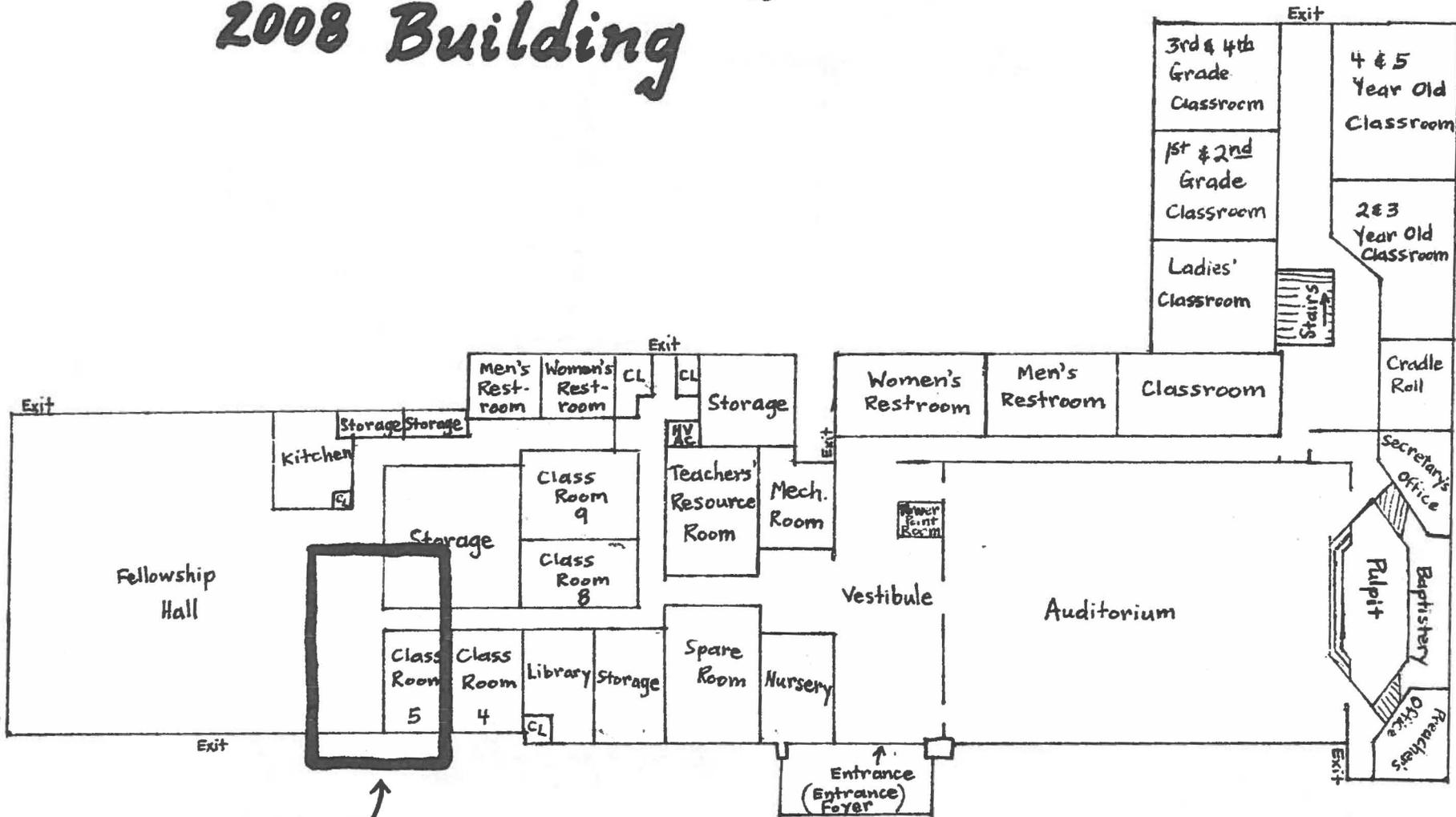
We begin V.B.S. tomorrow morning! This year classes will be for those 3 years old through 6th grade. The teenagers will be used in helping in various areas in V.B.S. We will also have an adult class in the auditorium. If you plan on attending the adult class, please see Howell for a copy of the book on "Heaven," by brother Dan Winkler. We appreciate everyone who is helping in anyway for this year's V.B.S.

Invite someone to church this evening!

-In Christian Love,  
Howell Bigham

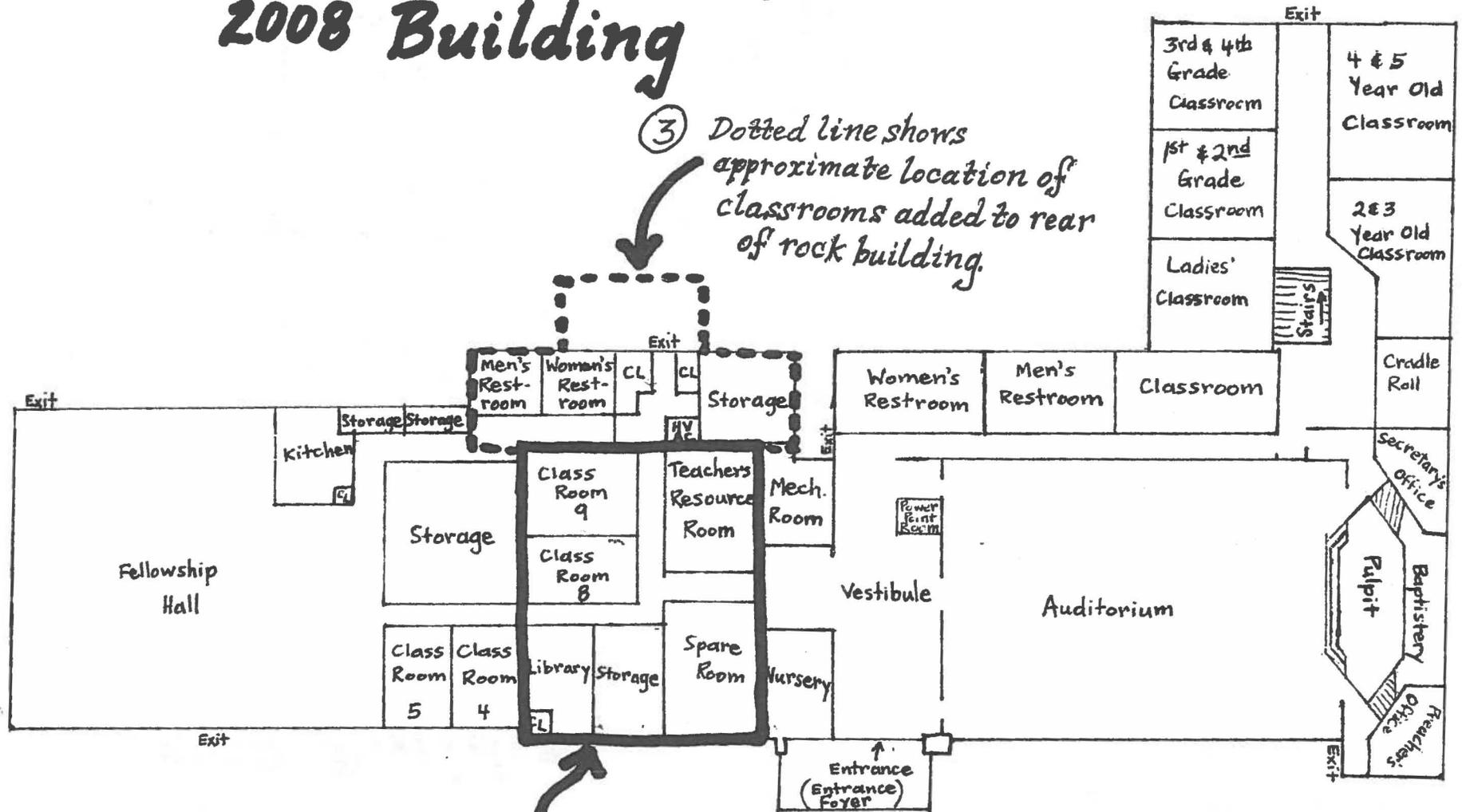
**On September 28, 2008, on a Sunday morning at Shiloh, Henry Allen made an announcement that was noteworthy in regard to the congregation. His remarks included the following, "We are now debt free. The educational wing has been paid off (73)." This was quite a historical statement at Shiloh. Being debt free opens many opportunities for the church at Shiloh. As this now brings our church history up to date to the current year (2008), it seems fitting here to note that Shiloh is now debt-free, and it is exciting to anticipate what plans the Elders may have for Shiloh's "next step."**

# Shiloh Church of Christ 2008 Building



① Approximate location  
of the original frame building.  
(based on recollections of Cyrus Quillen)

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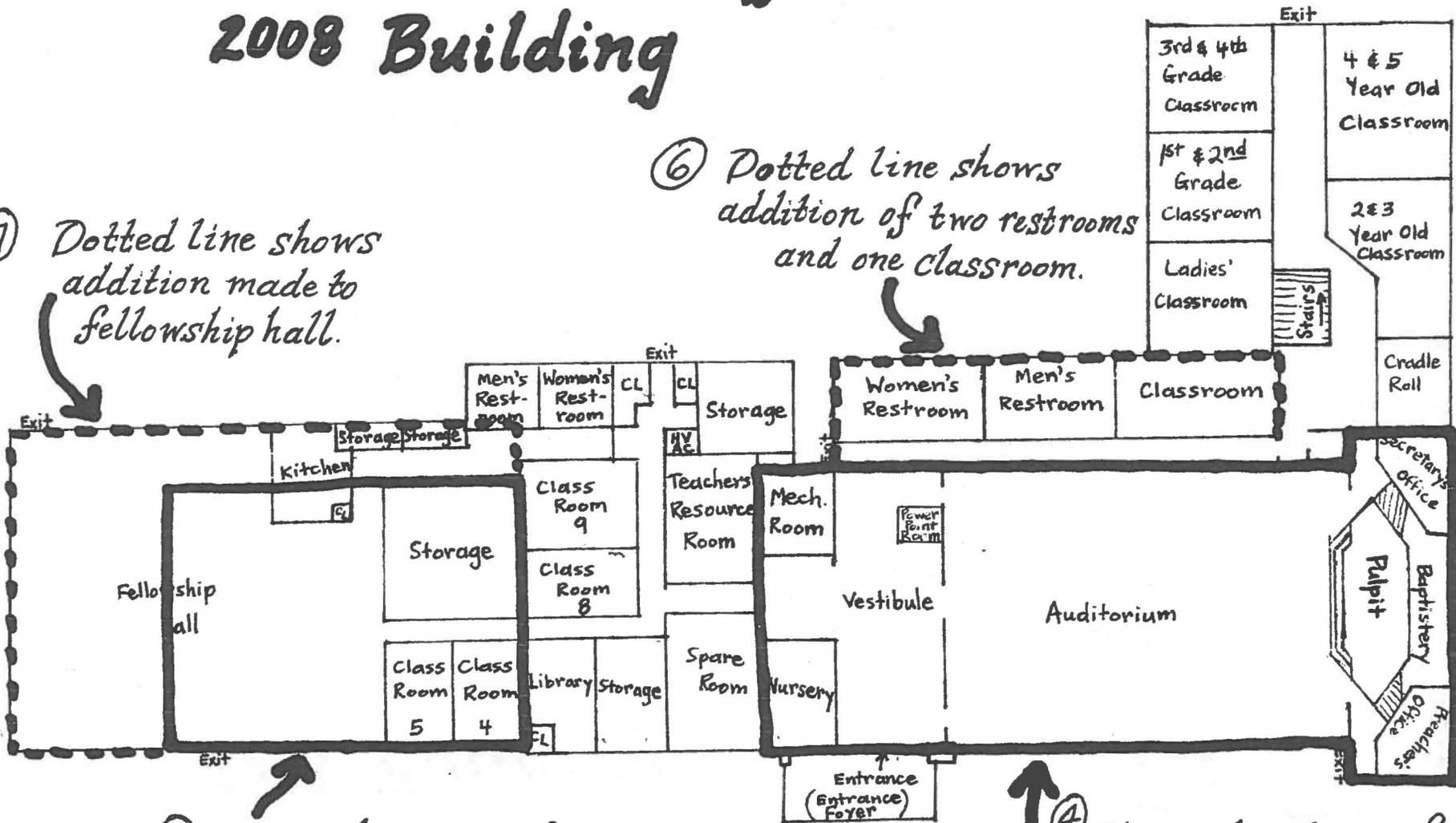
③ Dotted line shows approximate location of classrooms added to rear of rock building.

② Shows location of rock building. This structure is incorporated into the present day (2008) structure.

# Shiloh Church of Christ 2008 Building

⑦ Dotted line shows addition made to fellowship hall.

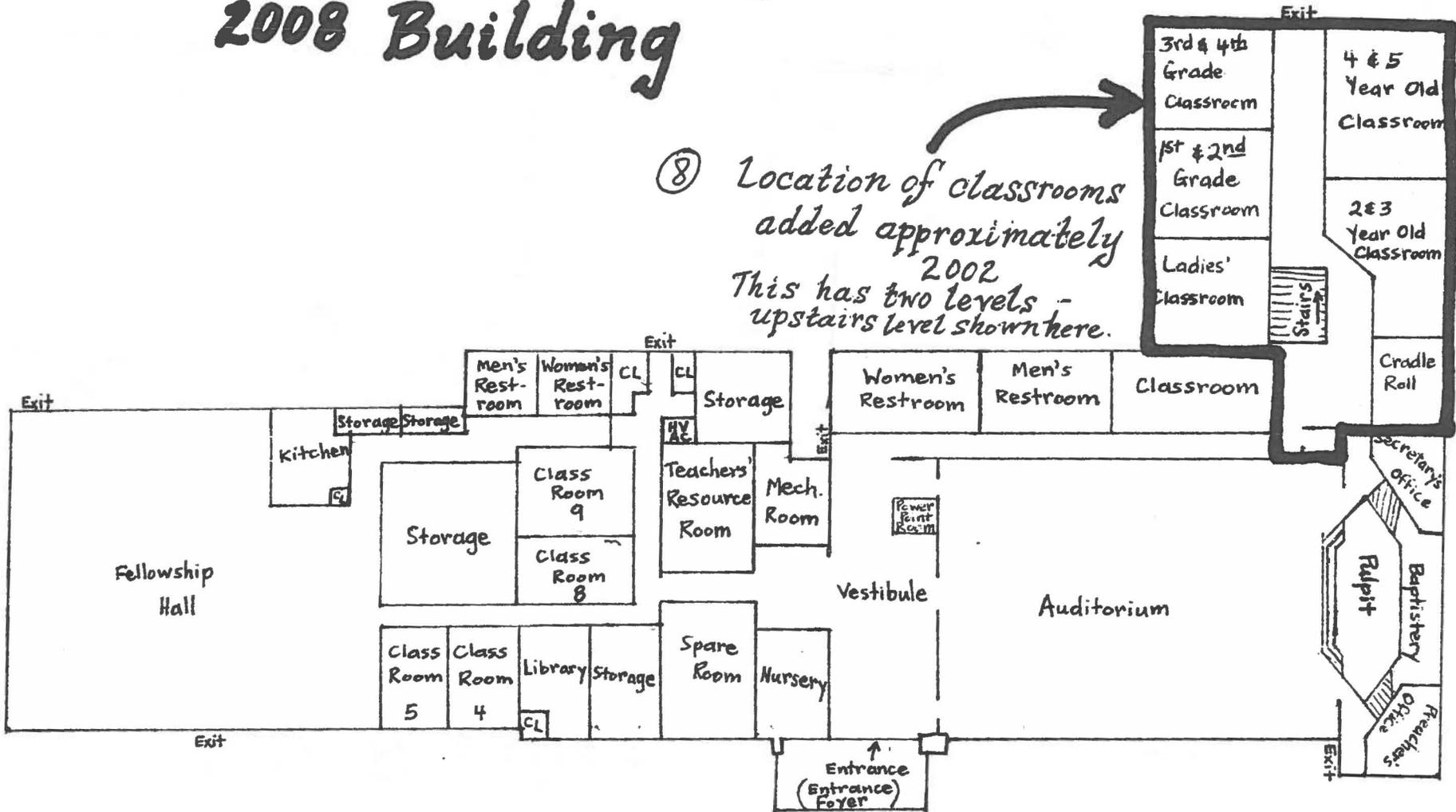
⑥ Dotted line shows addition of two restrooms and one classroom.



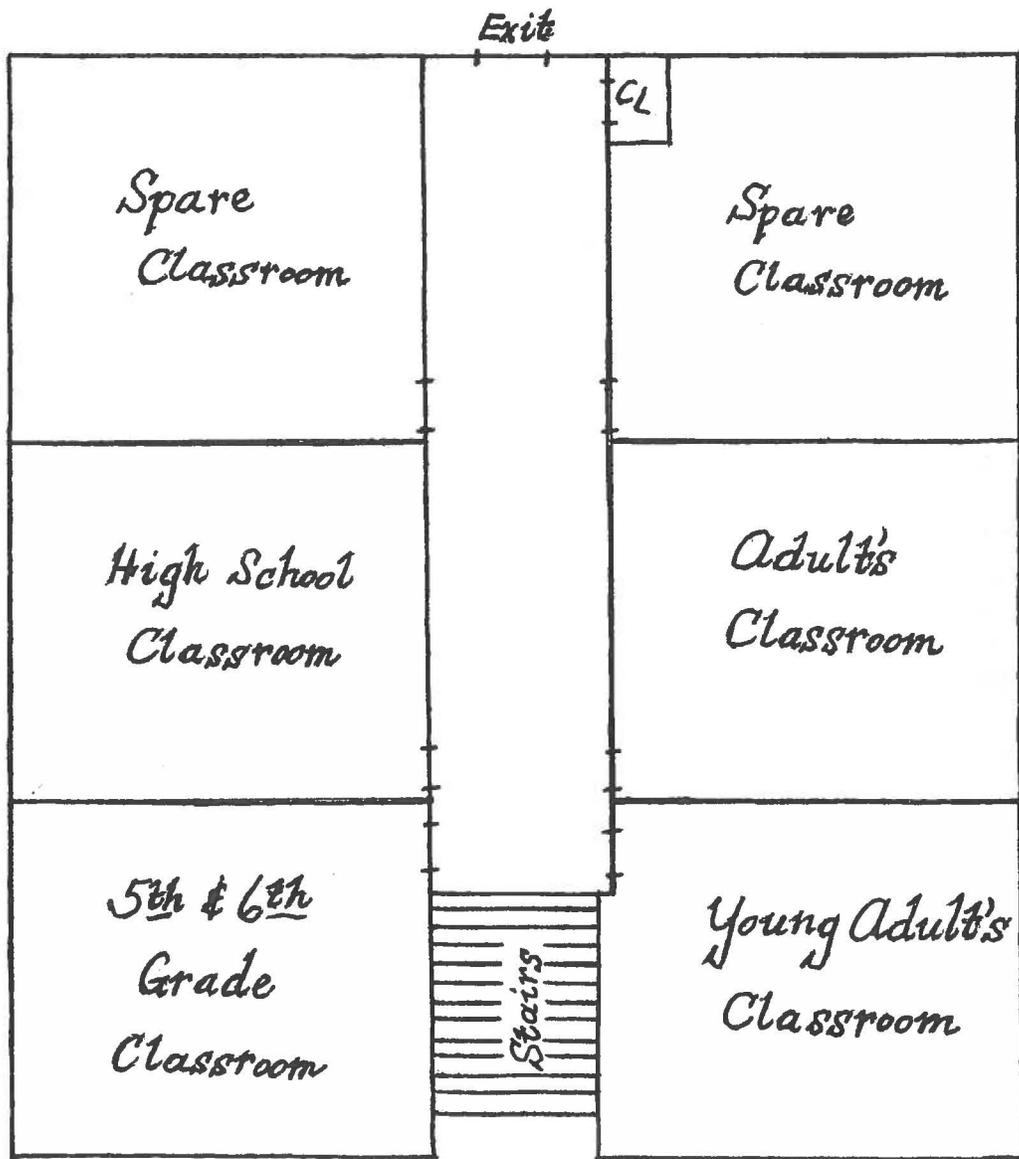
⑤ Shows location of the metal building which was used as small auditorium and classrooms.

④ Shows location of New Auditorium.

# Shiloh Church of Christ 2008 Building

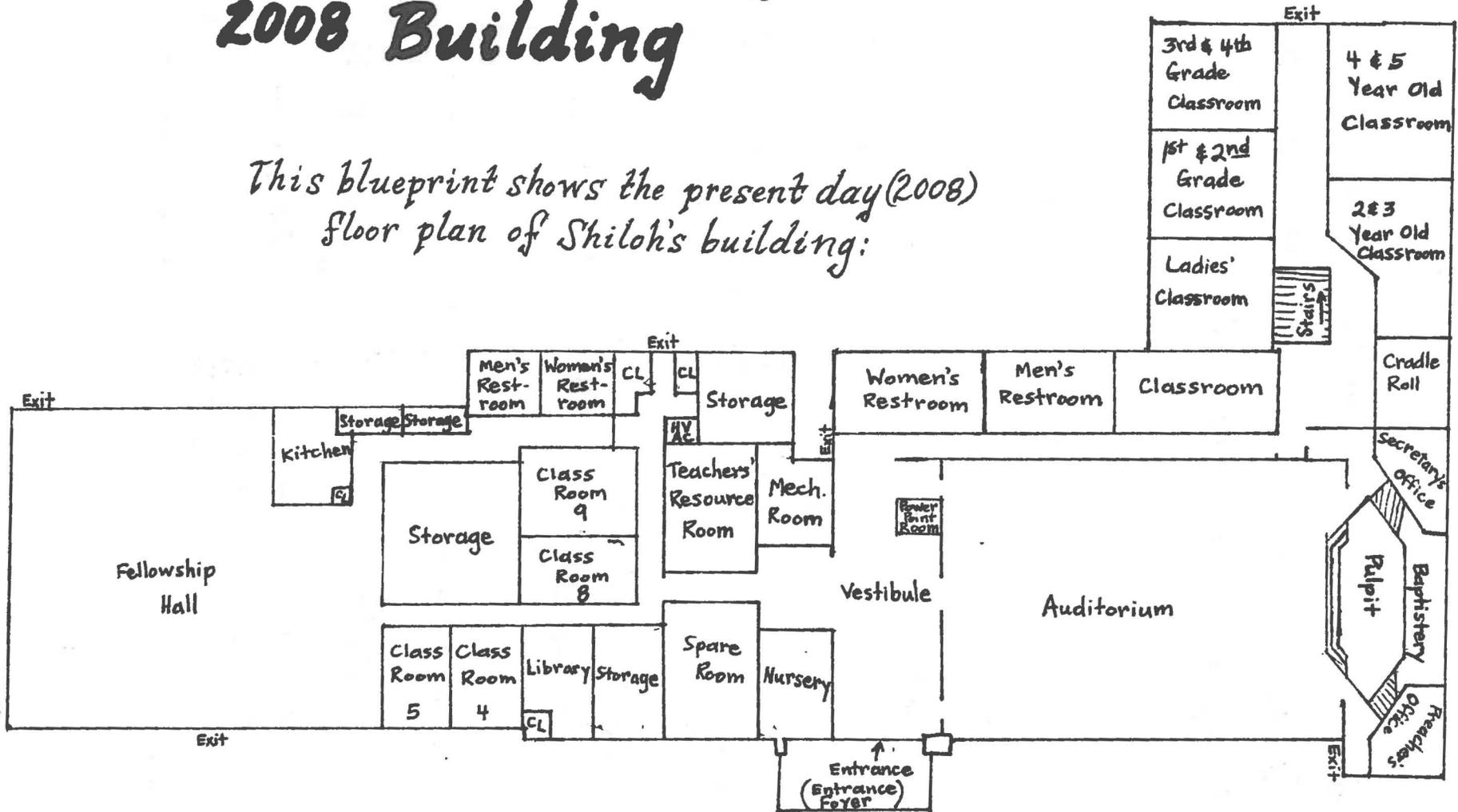


The diagram below shows the downstairs level of the classrooms added to the Shiloh Building in approximately 2002:



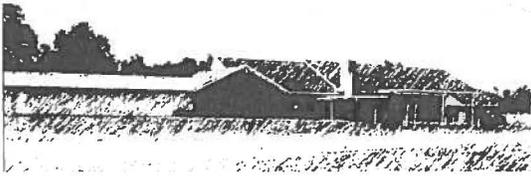
# Shiloh Church of Christ 2008 Building

*This blueprint shows the present day (2008)  
floor plan of Shiloh's building:*



# Echoes From The Past...

## Shiloh Memories...



Over the course of 100+ years as a congregation, many events occur, and many memories are made. Shiloh has been the home congregation to hundreds of people over the decades. Many people, while recalling memorable happenings in their lives, are able to relate stories and precious thoughts, smiles, and tears related to events at Shiloh. During the course of this historical research, opportunity was given for people to submit memories of Shiloh. Following are the recollections that were contributed by various people:

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### “Memories of Early Days”



Our grandmother (Martha Jane House) fixed the communion for several years. She baked the unleavened bread and grew the grapes to be used for the “fruit of the vine.”

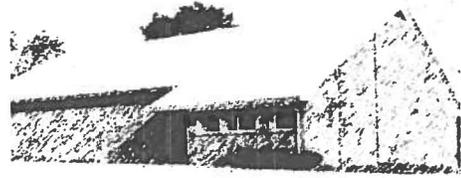
My early remembrances of Shiloh Church were when Brother Ira North of Lawrence County, Tenn. held some of his first meetings there (at night). He always had a class before church for us little ones – this was in the late 1930’s and early 40’s. He would tell us if we didn’t miss a night we would have a picnic when the meeting ended, and we did.

- By Knoxie Jane Stutts Goad

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## “Perils of Doing Mission Work”

During the early 1980's, the brethren at Shiloh made the decision to join the church at North Carolina in a mission effort in southwest Alabama in the city of Thomasville. A beautiful tract of land had already been purchased on the outside of town. A building would be built, and we were to provide a preacher.



A fact finding trip was planned and a group was put together for the trip. The Shiloh group included James A. Hendrix, Henry Allen, Dennis Allen, and myself. We traveled with two or three brethren from North Carolina in their church van.

We enjoyed the trip, which took most of the day, getting to Thomasville in time to look the town over before dark. If I remember correctly, we located denominational churches as well as a building labeled “Church of Christ,” which we somehow knew to be the home of an “anti” congregation. They earned this description by their opposition to the church’s assistance to orphan homes, church co-operation, eating in the building, and a number of other things. Their movement was strong in the fifties and sixties and caused much trouble in the Lord’s Church. Only a small number left the church at Shiloh to follow the “anti” movement. The “anti” congregations still exist in most states, and one exists in the Green Hill community. They are also referred to as “non-institutional.”

After we settled into our motel, Brother Hendrix made a phone call to the “anti” preacher. Now those of us who knew Brother Hendrix pretty well knew that he could be aggressive in spiritual matters and would not run from a spiritual confrontation. He might even be the one to initiate it. We also knew him to be an outstanding minister, an expert in nature and folklore, and one-half of what was one of the greatest husband and wife teams in the preaching profession.

Getting back to the phone call, Brother Hendrix briefly informed the “anti” preacher of our business in Thomasville, as well as our future plans, knowing that his words were not exactly what the person on the other end wanted to hear. The phone call ended, and we went on with our business. We had carried a few song books, and we sat around the motel room singing for several minutes. After a while, we heard a loud knock on our door. We were in the middle of a song, so we continued to sing as one of our group opened the door. At the door stood a relatively short man, and if I may say so, a little on the “pudgy” side. He wore a small round derby style hat. Under the hat was a round face that was, as we say in the South, “as red as a beet.” While we continued to sing, the face seemed to grow redder and redder.

When the song was finished, we acknowledged his presence, and again told of our plans in Thomasville. I don't remember him saying very much, but I do remember closely his parting words. They were something like, "I can tell you this, if you come down here, you're going to have to fight me, just like you'll have to fight the Baptists and the Methodists." Our reply was something like, "You might as well get ready, because we're coming."

Our plans fell through, I believe because we couldn't find a preacher at that time. Later a congregation was started and a building was erected. The church was listed as the Hillcrest Church of Christ in a 1998 National Directory of Churches of Christ. It was listed with an attendance of 15.

- By Don Curtis

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### "Memories of Shiloh"

"When I was about ten years old, my family began to go to church at Shiloh. We moved to Green Hill in the early part of 1942. At that time the congregation had just built the new rock building and the floors had not been put in it yet.

I can remember going in a wagon to get to church at Shiloh sometimes. I remember Mr. Pink Dial coming to church at Shiloh in a wagon, sometimes, as well. Folks would tie their horses to trees near the building. I also remember that Mr. James Richardson sometimes drove to Shiloh to church in a car that had wooden spoke wheels on it.

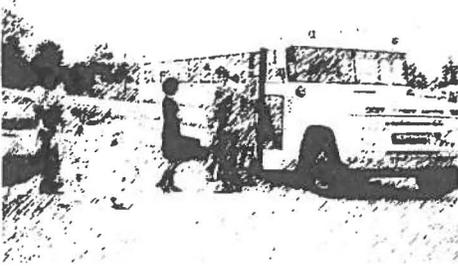
I remember some of the preachers at Shiloh from years gone by. These include Preacher [Harvey] Dodd, Ira North, and Howard Blazer. Also, James A. Hendrix preached as the regular preacher at Shiloh for a time in the 1950's. I remember that he had a red 1953 Dodge truck. Howard Blazer lived in a house near the old Green Hill Masonic building. Howard Blazer conducted the funeral service of my mother, Lou Etta Bogus, on New Year's Day, 1955. Both my parents, Charlie and Lou Etta Bogus, attended church at Shiloh.

I remember some of the folks at Shiloh from long, long ago. Some of the folks I remember include Herman Butler, Vernon Johns, Price McLaughlin, Omega Hall, Lillie Richardson, Augazelle Gist, Charlie & Betty LeFan, Bertha McInnish, Pink Dial, Edgar Gist, and Cleveland & Ethel Butler.

- By Louis Bogus

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## “Homecoming, Joy Bus, and Bible Bowl”



My favorite memory of Shiloh is Homecoming, when we had dinner on the ground after the morning worship. There were long tables lined up under the trees filled with good food. Most people brought a quilt or blanket, and we would eat under the big shade trees. That was like having a picnic and everyone enjoyed it.

I also remember riding the Joy Bus. One Sunday morning (the year was about 1980) Bobby Balentine was driving the Joy Bus. The bus brakes went out when we were coming down a hill. Bobby told everyone to “hang on.” We crossed Highway 64 and landed in the ditch. Luckily, no one was hurt. We were also very lucky the bus didn’t turn over. Another Joy Bus came and picked us up and we made it back to church for most of the service.

In 1979, Aaron McDonald started the Bible Bowl at Shiloh. The first four people in the Bible Bowl were Tracy McDonald, Lana Scott, Kent Holden, and Sherry Johnson. After Aaron left, Dennis Allen took over. On Sunday before the Bible Bowl we would go to someone’s house for lunch and to study for the Bible Bowl. We had a great time together.

- By Sherry Johnson

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## “Memories of the Joy Bus Ministry”

One of my memories of the work we did with the Joy Bus Ministry is of how Jeff and Diane Trousdale started their relationship that eventually led to their marriage. R.C. Clemmons was captain of the team for the Joy Bus on which I worked. One of the girls who was a rider on our bus was Diane Balentine. We noticed, after Diane had been riding our Joy Bus a while, that Jeff Trousdale started riding it too! Eventually Jeff and Diane were married. That is one thing I remember when I look back upon the Joy Bus days. The bus ministry was geared toward children and getting them to come to church, with the hope that their parents would start coming along with them. Some adult community members rode the Joy bus too, as their transportation to church.

- By Sherry Allen

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## “Services to the Nursing Home & Sick/Shut-ins”

For a number of years, Shiloh was responsible for conducting every Sunday services at El Reposo Nursing Home in Green Hill, AL. The men who helped conduct the services were on a rotating basis, and this required them to leave immediately after Shiloh’s services and go to the nursing home for short services there. There was usually someone to preach, someone to lead singing, someone to read scripture and pray, and someone to serve the Lord’s Supper. Shown below is a portion of a Shiloh Bulletin from 1994 that shows the list of men to serve at El Reposo on January 9, 1994.

TO SERVE AT ELREPOSO SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 9, 1994.	
To lead singing	CLAYBURN HINES
To read & pray	RICKY JOHNSON
To serve communion	ALBERT LEE COKER
To speak	DON CURTIS

Shiloh was also involved in taking the Lord’s Supper to the sick and shut-ins. Usually, two men from the congregation helped with this each Sunday. I was a part of this rotation for quite a while. I well remember many of the people we took the Lord’s Supper to on a regular basis. During the time I helped with this service, some of the sick/shut-ins we served included Madgie Hill, Elvie Dial, Percy Clemmons, Velma McMurtrey, Howard and Beulah Behel, Albert Lee Coker, Evelyn Stutts, Agnes Hine, Maureen Chandler, B.D. Chandler, Pauline Pennington, and James Brewer.

- By Brian Smith

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## “Traveling to Church”



One of my earliest memories of Kathryn Tate is of her being a very little girl and riding to church at Shiloh with her grandfather, Mr. Pink Dial and his wife, Fannie. Kathryn was very young at the time, maybe only two or three years old. They rode to church in an *open top car* and Kathryn would be sitting between Mr. Pink and Fannie. People also came to church at Shiloh in wagons. Sometimes, during the services, children would be asleep in the wagons. I don’t remember that we had any hitching rails for the horses or mules; people just tied them out in the woods. There was a big tree out west of today’s (2008) entrance to the church building. Some of the menfolk got in the habit of bringing their wives

to church and then the men would gather under the big tree to sit and whittle, smoke, and talk while their wives were in church services. Finally, one of the preachers called them to come inside and this put an end to the habit of lounging under the tree during services.

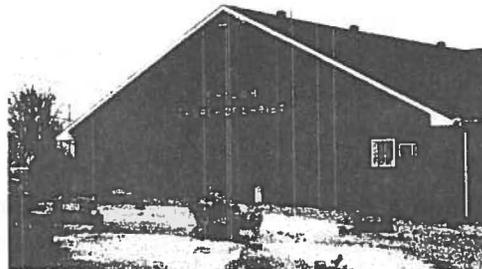
- By Evelyn Freeze

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### “Growing Up At Shiloh”

I have attended Shiloh since I was few weeks old. Growing up, I remember our Bus Ministry. I remember singing church songs on the way to or from church on our bus route. I remember the “candy room” that used to be in the storage room across from the library. The bus riders got to get candy on the bus.

I remember the Homecoming dinners outside behind the fellowship building & the long wooden tables the food was placed on. Who can forget Mrs. Nona’s [Nona Smith] teacakes? She was truly a very giving lady.



I remember our Children’s Bible Hour.

Hal Gist would give us buttons to wear when we quoted certain Bible facts, such as the Books of the Bible or Ten Commandments.

The Shiloh kids that grew up with me can remember Aaron McDonald and the mischief that our parents got into rolling yards, pies in faces, etc. Who said Christians can’t have fun? That was Good Clean Fun!!! I hope our generation can pass on fond church memories to our children!

- By Kristy Allen McCain

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### “Just Another Preacher Change”

It was the summer of 1968. Shiloh was involved in a preacher change, which most churches go through every two or three years. Kelby Smith left Shiloh to begin a long work with a congregation in Florence that later became the Florence Boulevard Church of Christ. The Shiloh elders had hired Charles Jones, who was preaching for the Louisiana Avenue Church in Savannah, Georgia. I’m not sure where Charles grew up, but he had married a girl from Green Hill, so he was glad to come to this area.

There was a labor strike at Reynolds Metals Company locally, so Thomas Wallace and I agreed to go to Savannah with Charles to bring their belongings to their new home.

While we were loading the rental truck at their home in Savannah, a member of the church there was preparing a tow bar with which to pull the Jones' second car behind the rental truck. After loading the truck, we slept on mattresses on the floor. Early the next day, we hooked up the early 60's Studebaker Lark, and we were ready to head for Alabama. We didn't get far before we realized we had a problem. Each time we would begin to roll, the front wheels of the Lark would begin to "shimmy," which means the wheels would jerk in a side to side motion and would get worse as we increased our speed. We had traveled in Thomas's car, and Charles was the truck driver. We soon figured out that if we could hold the steering wheel until the car was moving at about five miles per hour they would not "shimmy" and we could travel until we had to stop again. The steering wheel had to be free to turn as it followed the truck, so we couldn't tie it in a fixed position. Since Thomas was driving his car and Charles was driving the truck, it didn't take long to figure out who was the steering wheel holder.

For every stop sign, red light, or any other incidental stop between Savannah, Georgia, and Green Hill, Alabama, I would stand on the passenger side of the towed car, reach inside, and hold the wheel as it began to roll. Once we reached a certain speed, I could take my hand off the wheel. I then had to run faster than the truck, in order to catch up, get the truck door open and leap in.

As I look back, it would have been easier to just ride in the Studebaker all the way to Green Hill.

On at least one occasion (I guess Charles was working on a new sermon) he took off so fast I couldn't catch the truck until he remembered me.

The three of us knew what we were doing, but I guess everyone else between Savannah and Green Hill was wondering, "Why is that idiot chasing that truck?"

It is a long way from Savannah, Georgia, to Green Hill, Alabama.

- By Don Curtis

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### "Alden Hendrix Leading Singing at Shiloh"

My mother was a sister to Alden Hendrix. She was married to Curtis Newbern until his death in 2004. They were both schoolteachers. They were transferred to Green Hill to teach for the school year 1940 – 1941. They moved into the Teacherage in an apartment across the campus from Rogers School. While teaching at Green Hill they worshipped at Shiloh.

Brother Ira North was scheduled to preach at the Gospel Meeting at Shiloh in the summer of 1940. It was requested that Alden Hendrix lead the singing for the meeting. Alden agreed to lead the singing. He came and stayed with my mother and daddy for this meeting.



The last night of the meeting, Alden put on his last clean shirt. He was outside when it started to rain. He got wet and soiled his shirt. Mother didn't have enough time to wash, dry, and iron his shirt. Alden had no choice except to wear one of my daddy's shirts. Alden was about 6' 5" tall and wore a sleeve length of 36." My daddy was only about 5' 9" tall and wore a shirt size about 15 ½" X 32." Alden rolled up the sleeves and disguised the sleeve length. Somehow he managed a necktie with the small neck size. He made it through the service. Hopefully everyone was there to worship and not to look at Alden's shirt.

In the fall of 1940 Alden started to college at David Lipscomb, on a Basketball Scholarship. His primary interest and course of study was to be a preacher. After graduating from David Lipscomb he received another Basketball Scholarship to go to Pepperdine College near Los Angeles, California.

After graduating from Pepperdine, he returned to North Alabama and taught school, coached, and preached. In the early 1950's he became the pulpit minister at Shiloh. Years later...Alden returned to Shiloh as full time minister.

- By Mabel Hendrix Newbern

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### "Brother Ira North and Other Memories of Shiloh"

I can remember when I was a small child attending church at Shiloh in the old rock building. Ira North held a meeting and he would teach a little folks class. We'd sing and he'd ask us a lot of Bible questions. I can remember he had us learn to say the books of the Bible forward and backward.

I remember the church taking a group trip to Springhill, Tennessee, to visit the children's home there when I was a little girl. My mother, Lou Etta Bogus, went with us. There were a lot of children. I can't remember who drove the church bus on that trip.

Sometimes, we walked to church at Shiloh from our home on the Green Hill to Iron City Road. My mom went to church whether we had to ride or walk.

Some of the preachers I remember from the past at Shiloh include Howard Blazer, Alden Hendrix, Melvin Campbell, Horace Stutts, and Steve Waller.

- By Janie Bogus Coker

### **“Custodian For a Day”**

Brother Melvin Campbell left Shiloh in the fall of 1965, and the elders hired a young preacher by the name of Kelby Smith. Kelby, Martha, and Doug came to Shiloh about September of 1965. Kelby was probably twenty-five years old at the time. He was young and full of energy and enthusiasm. When it came to preaching, he would as we sometimes say, “lay the axe to the root, and let the chips fall where they may!” This was alright because Shiloh has always thrived on hard, sound preaching.

Like most congregations, we had our faults and problems. One problem was our habit of littering the building during each service, with gum and candy wrappers, scrap paper, pencils, toys and any number of other items. Members of the congregation would take turns each week cleaning the building. They did a great job, but we could litter the building as fast as they cleaned it.

Early in his work at Shiloh, Kelby had carried a large cardboard box to the pulpit with him on a Sunday morning. We soon found out the reason for the box. It was early in his lesson, I believe, when he began walking from one side to the other of the raised platform, shaking out the contents of the box as he walked. I guess one could have “heard a pin drop.”

Kelby had gone through the auditorium and classrooms picking up our litter! The “litter” just happened to include a small toy tractor. Legend has it that one family with their children was sitting near the front, and their small son said loudly, “Daddy, that’s my tractor. Daddy that’s my tractor,” to which the dad quickly answered, “Shut up, son, shut up!” Since there may be questions as to whether this conversation happened, we will omit the name of this family. This remains one of the favorite stories of several members of the congregation, and about a year ago, Kelby himself recalled the story as he spoke to the congregation.

I believe the building at Shiloh is cleaner today, in part, because of that sermon! Kelby has done a great work for more than forty years. I’m sure that in every place he has worked, they still attest to the good work of this good family.

Once I heard a brotherhood preacher say, “If we can’t laugh at the brethren, and with the brethren, we’re in a bad shape.” While it is good to “look on the light side,” let us not forget the good work that has been done by the church at Shiloh for many years. These works include good sound teaching, and brothers and sisters in Christ helping each other, as well as those in the community. There has also been a “reaching out,” to other areas, as well as to foreign countries, to preach the gospel to the lost.

Let us pray that the church at Shiloh, as well as other faithful congregations, will do even more, as long as God allows this earth to stand.

- By Don Curtis



“Memories by Evelyn Stewart Clemmons”

We moved to Green Hill about 48 ½ years ago (from 2008.) For a while after we moved to Green Hill, I attended church at Lone Cedar. Then I started attending at Shiloh. I remember several people who were attendants at Shiloh in years past. They included Ed Brewer, Jimmy Brewer, Steve Brewer, Bill Thompson, Rowdy & Bertha McInnish, Jim & Mary Allen, and Henry Lee & Lillian Johns. I recall that Steve Brewer lead singing at Shiloh sometimes. I remember Glenn & Jo Holden when they were dating.

Brother Alden Hendrix preached as the regular preacher at Shiloh in early years. This was maybe in the 1950’s era. At the time he preached there, he lived on Highway 47, at the house where Reeder Allen once lived (the same place where Ricky Parker has a newer house now.) I remember that one of Brother and Sister Hendrix’s children was born while they were attending Shiloh. It impressed me that one Sunday, Sister Hendrix was at church (pregnant) and the very next Sunday she was at church with the new baby. She did not miss a single Sunday service due to the birth of her baby.

I recall Ira North preaching at Shiloh. In 1948, we had a baby that died and Ira North conducted the funeral.

I remember that when Charles Kretzer was preaching at Shiloh, he and his wife, Luthene, lived in the house where Ronnie Goins lives now.

At one time at Shiloh, the church was getting new pews. They took the old pews out of the church and stored them in the basement of the house where Ronnie Goins now lives. Later, these pews were given away to the church members. My husband, Percy, got one of the pews for us and I still have it at this time.

- By Evelyn Stewart Clemmons

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“Teaching at Shiloh”

When I moved to Green Hill, Alabama, in 1964, Ruth Allen (Reeder Allen’s wife) was teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Class at Shiloh. I helped her teach this class for a while. When she quit teaching the class, I taught the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Class myself. I started co-teaching the Sunday Morning Ladies’ Bible Class at Shiloh with Norma Hendrix. Later, I taught the Sunday Morning Ladies’ Class myself.

- By Peggy Swinea

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## “My Memories of Shiloh Church of Christ”

I am proud to say I was raised at Shiloh Church of Christ. My mother took me to church at Shiloh all of my life. I didn't leave Shiloh until I was 25 and married my wife. We decided to live and worship in Florence. We worshiped at Jackson Heights for over 22 years, where I served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for most of those years. We've been at Atlas for the past 5 years.

My earliest memories of Shiloh are when I was about 4 years old. I remember the old auditorium and the wooden pews. Gilbert Kretzer was the first preacher I remember, then Kelby Smith, and Horace Stutts. Steven Waller baptized me in 1971.

There were many men at Shiloh that had a great impact on my life. One in particular was Noel Scott. He was my Jr. High Bible Class teacher and a wonderful teacher. The elders at Shiloh were great men and wonderful examples for me as a young man. My uncle Ernest Curtis, H.L. Butler, and Reeder Allen all seemed to make a special effort to help guide me and encourage me.

My childhood memories of VBS at Shiloh are so vivid, especially the singing. I remember VBS always being so much fun.

My mother loved her “church family” at Shiloh so much that when she died, I knew exactly where to have her funeral and bury her, no other place but Shiloh.

I want to thank all of my “church family” at Shiloh for the love and guidance you've given me through the years and continue to show me and my family. The roots run very deep, and I'll be indebted to the Christians at Shiloh eternally for helping my mother to bring me up “In the LORD” so I can show God's love to others wherever this life may take me.

- Michael K. Curtis

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## “Keeping Time”

Brothers Jake Thompson and Ray Behel always sat together in the old frame building. It was remembered by Evelyn Freeze how well they could sing together. Their voices harmonized beautifully, and their singing was distinctive in the congregation. However, it was quite comical to watch Brother Behel because he would sing and swing his songbook to “keep time.”

- Written by Sally Richardson  
- Remembered by Evelyn Freeze

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## “Memories of Shiloh”

Vicky Liles Williams, Linda Johns Barnett, and Linda Jenkins Davis were special friends who grew up living very close to the Shiloh church building and who attended Shiloh with their families. They have many memories of their growing up days at Shiloh.

Once, when Bro. Steve Waller was preaching at Shiloh, there was a campaign regarding the (alcoholic beverage) Wet/Dry Issue in the area. The three girls mentioned above went with Bro. Waller to distribute fliers regarding the Wet/Dry Issue. Bro. Steve Waller was driving and Vicky Liles was in the front seat, with Linda Johns and Linda Jenkins in the back. They had left the area of Woodlawn Church of Christ in Florence and were driving toward the community of St. Florian nearby when a drunk driver ran a stop sign in a vehicle. This caused Bro. Steve Waller to have a wreck. Vicky Liles hit her head on the windshield and was bleeding. She recalled, with humor, how Linda Johns had lost her glasses and seemed to be more concerned with finding the glasses than she was concerned over Vicky's injuries! Vicky recalled that an ambulance took them to the hospital. As it turned out, no one was seriously injured. They tried to get in touch with Linda Jenkins's parents – Gentry and Bonnie Jenkins. Gentry and Bonnie were in the cotton field working and so they could not be contacted. Vicky doesn't recall who they found to come and pick them up at the hospital.

Vicky recalled that Bro. Steve Waller liked to eat! In the early 1970's, Vicky's father, Bro. Franklin Liles, had some heart complications and while he was recuperating at home, Bro. Steve Waller would walk over to Franklin's home to visit with him. Franklin's wife, Mrs. Helen Liles, made pickles known as “Fourteen Day Pickles.” On one of the occasions when Bro. Steve Waller was visiting Franklin, Helen gave Steve a pint jar of pickles. Steve ate the whole jarful of pickles that day while he sat and visited with Bro. Franklin!

Vicky also told of an incident that happened in the Shiloh Cemetery when she was 2 years old. Vicky and her sister, Lisa, were walking with their mother, Helen Liles, in the cemetery at Shiloh. Vicky climbed up on a tombstone and it fell over on her and broke her right leg. Royce Kretzer and a crew of men were working on a house nearby. Some of the men came to help out when they heard Helen shouting. Vicky spent her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in the hospital with her leg injury.

Some combined memories of Vicky Liles Williams, Linda Johns Barnett, and Linda Jenkins Davis include the following:

Melvin Campbell would hold the little folks class up in the front of the auditorium before services on Sunday nights. At the end of his class he would pass out chewing gum and cough drops to the kids. Horace Stutts wrote stories for puppet shows which were put on at Shiloh for “Children's Hour.” Youth rallies were held at Shiloh on occasion. At the time these took place,

there was no suitable place for meals, so the group came to the Rogers High School lunchroom to eat. Each summer, the church group would usually have some kind of outing. These outings went to places such as David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and the amusement park known as Opryland, located in Nashville, Tennessee. They also had outings to go skating, and they had Vacation Bible School. At Shiloh's annual Homecoming services, the lunch would be outdoors on wooden tables and the people would have to fight off the gnats! Vicky Liles Williams recalled some of the Bible class teachers of her days at Shiloh. These included Beulah LeFan, Ed Brewer, and Franklin Trousdale. She remembered that Linda Jenkins Davis called Beulah LeFan by the name "Beautiful" LeFan.

- Written by Brian Smith  
- As remembered by Vicky Liles Williams,  
Linda Johns Barnett, and Linda Jenkins Davis

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### "Kelby & Martha Smith" 1965 - 1968

In the fall of 1965, under the eldership of Brothers Reeder Allen, Herman Butler, Edgar Gist, and Vernon Johns, Kelby and Martha came to work with the congregation at Shiloh.

Kelby and Martha were a young couple "on fire" for the Lord. They were completely synonymous together. Shiloh got two workers, full of enthusiasm, for the price of one. Kelby was extremely proficient and steadfast in preaching the gospel. Martha was equally adept in teaching and organizing the educational program.

Upon their arrival they realized something was terribly amiss in the educational department. They went to work immediately to improve the classrooms. New visual aids, bulletin boards, equipment rooms and supplies were added. Brother Franklin Trousdale was appointed to be the first Educational Director at Shiloh. Martha was talented teaching younger children. She was appointed the primary department leader.

Kelby preached the gospel without refrain. He was so enthusiastic in the pulpit that he sometimes paced like a "tiger in a cage". One man jokingly said, "We're going to have to take a rope and tie him to the pulpit."

Brother Kelby was not afraid to correct children who misbehaved. During those years there was a group of unruly teenagers who sat on the back pews. On many occasions he stopped his lesson and called them down by name. On one occasion, prior to the service, he gathered all the debris and litter left behind from the previous service and walked to the side of the pulpit and

dramatically dumped it on the floor. A dead silence fell over the congregation. You could have heard a pin drop. Then Brother Franklin Trousdale's son, Daryl, broke the silence and said out loud, "Oh Daddy, there is my little green tractor".

Many years have come and gone since Kelby and Martha labored with the congregation at Shiloh. Many good and wonderful improvements were made during their tenure. Perhaps, one of their best attributes was that they were gutsy and not afraid to teach the truth. Until this day Kelby and Martha think of Shiloh as home, and we lovingly call them family.

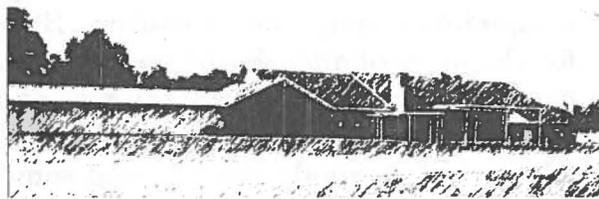
- Written by Sally Richardson

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### "Memories about Brother James Alden Hendrix"

I am sure that anyone who knew Brother Alden Hendrix very well would be able to share one or more interesting stories about him. I suppose some of my memories of him will be well recalled by others, but I wanted to include them here for the sake of future generations. I suppose Brother Hendrix could be called "A Legend in His Own Time," for he was so well known across the Brotherhood. I remember that he was a very tall man and looked as much like John Wayne as anyone I can ever remember. He had a clear, ringing voice and it was always very distinguishable, especially when he did his radio broadcasts through WJOR, the St. Joseph, TN radio station that broadcasted messages for Shiloh. In contrast, his wife, Mrs. Norma Hendrix, was a small woman; he towered above her in height.

Brother Hendrix had two "sayings" that I remember well. When we would have an ice cream supper at Shiloh, he would refer to

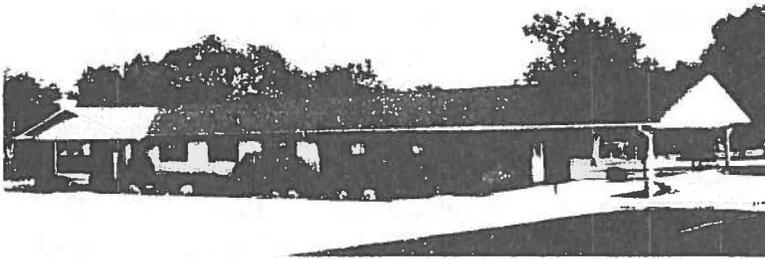


it as an "ice cream tasting." And when he conducted a funeral or referred to the cemetery, he would call the cemetery "the silent city of the dead."

I remember on one occasion when Brother Hendrix was sick. He finished his sermon on a Sunday morning and walked to the foyer, where he always went to shake hands and greet people as they exited after services. He made it to the foyer and the crowd was coming out and Brother Hendrix looked like he was about to faint. He sort of slumped downward a bit, and I remember little Mrs. Hendrix trying to hold him up as he slumped downward. People were very concerned and I remember Kathy Rogers waving her hand in nervous desperation and worry for Brother Hendrix. I do not remember for sure what was wrong at the time and I don't remember what happened afterwards, but the events I have related here are vivid in my memory.

Brother Hendrix was a naturalist and he liked to garden. Mrs. Hendrix was known for making strawberry freezer jam that was a delight to the taste.

When Brother and Sister Hendrix built their own home a short distance from the church, Alan Storie and myself helped them move part of their belongings from the Shiloh preacherage to their new house. Alan Storie, Ronnie Hubbard, and I also helped them put a plywood ceiling in an outbuilding at their new place. I remember that Mrs. Hendrix was very



involved with the work and helped, just like one of us.

Brother Hendrix was known far and wide as "The Preacher," "That Preacher," or "Preacher." I remember

one of the younger preachers commenting, with humor, about a trip he paid to the hospital. While at the hospital, he heard someone ask something like, "Where's The Preacher?" and he genuinely replied something like, "I'm here." The person responded, to his surprise, "No, not you, I mean *The Preacher*." The person was asking for Brother Hendrix.

I also recall a time when several members from Shiloh attended the large Diana Singing, held at Diana, Tennessee. Brother Tom Holland usually is the MC of that event, and I remember Brother Hendrix calling out to Tom and saying, "Tom, we're here."

Brother Hendrix's last Sunday to preach at Shiloh was January 21, 1996. A text he used in his last lesson was II Timothy 1:11-12.

- By Brian Smith

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### "Memories From the Shiloh Youth Group – 2008"

"I remember for Ladies' Day one year, Mrs. Quillen [Sheila Quillen] had us to do a play. It was me, Kaleb Jones, Lily McCain, and some more kids. It was my turn to speak and I had to walk around. I walked to the other side of the stage. When I did, I tripped and fell off the stage."

- Morgan Grigsby, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

"My favorite time was when we had the lock-in. We stayed up all night. We got a few people with shaving cream. Right before we went to bed we went out to the cemetery. That was a fun night."

- Emma Roberson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**“One of the most memorable moments was when we got the auditorium remodeled. We had to stay [for Worship Services] in the fellowship hall for a long time. We were all so excited because the auditorium before remodeling was all that we younger children knew. Now, we have a beautiful church building...so now we can look back and say we were alive during the remodeling.”**

**- Katie Kirk, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“I remember one time at VBS I won a Bible for bringing the most people. I was so embarrassed to go up there and get it that I screamed and cried.”**

**- Danielle Grigsby, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“Shiloh gave Ray and Sherry Wilson a welcome dinner. Every one brought canned goods and non-perishable items. One gift was addressed to Ray. When he opened it, it was a huge pair of underwear. Kathy Rogers was the one who did it.”**

**- Markus Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“Some of my memories of Shiloh include the following:**

- \*When I ate cake after a play because I was the birthday girl. I got it all over my good dress.**
- \*When my little brother took the bread out of the plate and a man was looking for a crumb.**
- \*When some kids went to Songs of Summer, we went to Krystal’s and ate, and we sang on the bus.**
- \*My Bible Bowl team ate after church & I got sick.**
- \*Going to play at McDonald’s Play Place and we played Hide & Seek (even Steven Simpson, our Youth Director.)**
- \*Going Shine (A Youth Thing.)**
- \*Morgan Grigsby and I were on the bus going to the skating rink with the youth and we texted someone. We thought it was Annabelle Golliver but it was another person.**
- \*Going visiting with Mrs. Sally [Richardson].**
- \*Making cards.**
- \*Going to CYC [Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN] and walking to the hotel and we got lost.**
- \*Being out late with church friends.**
- \*Going out to eat with church friends.”**

**- Lily McCain, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“When we were remodeling the church building we had to sit in the fellowship hall the whole time and the power went off back there. We sat in the dark for the whole time.”**

**- Hope Kirk, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“Some of my memories of Shiloh include the following:**

- \*When Henry Allen called me “little Bigham,” and when the powerpoint read Howell *Bigman*.**
- \*When the air vent made the money in the money tray blow into the air.**
- \*When Harrison Allen ran right into the door of the church.**
- \*When thieves broke into the church the first time.**
- \*Our first devotional.**
- \*When we got involved in the Lads to Leaders program and when we first got the powerpoint system.**
- \*When I became a songleader for the church.**
- \*When the mothers in six different families were all pregnant at the same time.**
- \*When the power went off at VBS and the only thing that the high school class could see with were “glow in the dark stars.”**
- \*When dad [Howell Bigham] became the new minister.**
- \*When Katie and Hope Kirk had a Halloween party and we bobbed apples in a toilet.”**

**- Jonathan Bigham, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**“I remember Mrs. Harrison [Carol Harrison] making everyone in the class memorize the Old & New Testaments. It took us a while but we finally did. That really helped me and I’m sure it helped everyone else, too.”**

**- Hope Kirk, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“Some of my memories of Shiloh include the following:**

- \*When I was little, I always thought it was fun to run up & down the sloped floor that led from the classrooms to the fellowship hall.**
- \*One time in VBS, Jessica Crane, Katie Kirk, Hope Kirk, and I went to help with the younger classes. That was lots of fun.**
- \*We had a lock-in at church once. We went outside and played ‘Freeze-tag.’ After that, we walked down the road through the cemetery.**
- \*During VBS, Chance Simpson and Jonathan Bigham put on a puppet play and it was funny.**
- \*Once, our youth director, Russell Shaw, took the youth group to a drive-in movie.**
- \*Some of my Bible class teachers at Shiloh have been Beverly Short, Kelly Gooch, and JoAnna Allen. Steven Simpson was my Bible Bowl teacher.**
- \*Once, during VBS, we were downstairs and the power went off. We had**

to go upstairs and stay.

\*Ted & Beverly Short were always very nice to me and loved to pick at me in a friendly way.

\*My cousin, Jessica Crane, and I helped our granny, Janie Coker, make cards for Shiloh members once.

\*I think its cool going to a church where four generations of my family have attended. I hope someday to raise my kids at Shiloh and maybe they will raise their kids there, too.”

- Ashley Coker, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

“I remember the big crowd and the good food at Shiloh on ‘Friends & Family Day.’ I remember when we had our Wednesday night Bible class as a Bible Bowl Study Group time. I also remember when Russell Shaw took the Shiloh Youth Group to the Ringling Brothers Circus.”

- Jocelyn Golliver, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

“Steven Simpson took the youth skating and Steven said he could walk on his hands. He took off his skates and walked on his hands!! It was so funny!

- Morgan Grigsby, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

“I remember when Lily McCain ran into the door at Krystal’s. I also remember when the lights went off at Bible Bowl.

- Hannah Bigham, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

“When I was in Mrs. Sally’s [Richardson] 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, we spent the night at the church and made cupcakes. The next morning we woke up and went and delivered the cupcakes to widows and the sick. Thank you so much, Mrs. Sally, for teaching us God’s word.”

- Morgan Grigsby, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

“It was not but six years ago when the first Shiloh VBS opened up for me. I was so excited and I could hardly wait. So that morning I got up, went and got Bradley, my cousin, and we were off. As we got there, my mom got us out and we went in. We sat down with our teachers – mom [Courtney Jones], Deanna [Grigsby], and Kelly [Gooch]. When we got to the auditorium we started to sing and we sang my favorite song, *“I’m In The Lord’s Army.”* After that, we went to Games and played a three-legged race. Bradley and I won, too, and we jumped up and down. Then, we went and learned about David and Goliath. So we did and after that, we had pizza. Then we sang and left. The End.”

- Kaleb Jones, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

“One of our special memories of Shiloh is attending CYC (Challenge Youth Conference) in Gatlinburg, Tennessee with the youth group.”

- Whitney Scott, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, and Alex Scott, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**“Some of my memories of Shiloh include:**

**\*My family has been going to Shiloh for five generations. I feel proud to follow in their footsteps.**

**\*As part of the Young Men’s Training Class, I have presented a lesson to the congregation. After these services, the kids would go over to the preacher’s house to shoot basketball.**

**\*Before I ever started attending elementary school, I went to VBS at Shiloh and I got my first clay handprint.**

**\*In about the summer of 2006, several of us attended ‘Songs of Summer’ at UNA’s Christian Student Center with Brian Smith. It was Kyle Bevis, Chris Dixon, Corbin Nabers, and me. After the song service, we walked across the old railroad bridge beside O’Neal Bridge in Florence.**

**\*In the summer of 2008, I helped the Rogers High School FFA raise pumpkins as a fundraiser for the FFA. We raised these on the vacant lot owned by Shiloh beside the Shiloh preacher’s house.**

**\*I remember helping Brian Smith work on researching the history of the Shiloh congregation. We went to the Florence, Alabama, library and looked at newspapers on microfilm. I looked at the screen so long I thought I was going crosseyed!”**

**- Johnny Gist, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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Following are memories and events at Shiloh Church of Christ narrated by Lucille Stutts and written by her son Jack:

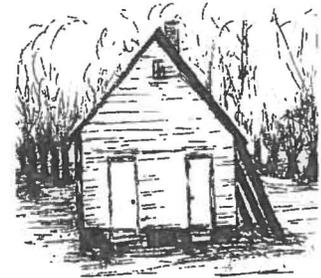
Some of these things were told to me by others, since I was too young to remember. Other things I remember from actually being present.

I was born Oct. 1, 1916, in the Lone Cedar community. I worshipped at Lone Cedar, but on special occasions I would go to Shiloh. In Aug. 1929 there was a Gospel Meeting in progress at Shiloh and I went with several others from Lone Cedar. The preacher was Brother Oscar Romine. During this revival, on Friday night, I along with several others went forward to be baptized. Since there was no baptistery in the building, we could not be baptized this evening. The next afternoon (Saturday) about 6:00 P.M. we gathered at a creek near where Bonnie and Gentry Jenkins lived and were baptized. I was 13 years old. I continued to worship at Lone Cedar for about 10 more years.

On April 27, 1931, I married Gaylon Stutts and we lived in the Lone Cedar community and continued to worship there. On Dec. 4, 1939, we moved to Green Hill. This is the same house where I still live. Shortly after we moved, we placed our membership at Shiloh Church of Christ.

I have been told that Shiloh had its beginning in a shed or outbuilding that was located on the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Pugh House. Mr. and Mrs. House lived near this shed, which was located behind their home. James Richardson (deceased) and Marvoline now own the site where Shiloh Church had its beginning. Marvoline still owns and resides at this house. This house has undergone renovations and additions through the years.

I don't know how many years the church met here, but at some time land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Pugh House and a small frame building was constructed in the vicinity of the current building. I can remember that the building was a small white frame building. The last memories I have of this building were that it was actually propped up with timbers to prevent it from collapsing.



The church met here until after World War II.

Probably in 1945 or 1946 a new building was constructed. It was rock on the outside and I think plaster on the inside walls. Many members at Shiloh donated their time, skills, and talents to help construct this building. There was no such thing as central heat and air conditioning. In summer the windows and doors were open to get ventilation. I remember a large electric fan being used that sat near the pulpit. There were two flues in the building, one on the west side and one on the east side. They were located about half way down the auditorium on each side. In the fall after the weather began to get cold, several men would remove 2 or 3 pews on each side of the auditorium next to the flues and put up wood heaters. In the spring the wood heaters would be removed and the pews were put back in place.

In the mid 1950's, the floor in the auditorium was removed and replaced with a floor that sloped. This slope made it easier for those in the back to see the speaker. A baptistery was installed about this same time.

In the early 1960's a new auditorium was constructed and the old auditorium was converted to classrooms. Other additions and renovations have taken place through the years.

During the early years the church did not have a custodian. The members would do all the cleaning of the building and the grounds on a rotating schedule. Two or three families would clean each week. We would dust the pews, mop and sweep the floors, and clean the windows. About once a year, usually before homecoming, there would be a more extensive cleaning and painting if needed. The grounds and cemetery would also be raked and tidied up.

Each month different women of the church would prepare the communion for Sunday worship. This consisted of washing, starching, and ironing 2 white table cloths. One of these cloths would be placed on the communion



table and the other would cover the communion trays. After services we would bring the trays home and wash the trays and the individual glass containers. Since these small glass cups weren't disposable, it was necessary to use boiling water with disinfectant to sterilize them for reuse. On Saturday afternoon or early Sunday morning the small cups would be filled with grape juice

and placed in the trays. A piece of unleavened bread was placed in the bread trays. Then the trays would be taken to the church building and placed on the Lord's Table for Sunday morning worship.

Virginia Gamble and I shared the responsibility of preparing the communion usually one or two months during the year. One Saturday in February it began snowing about 1:00 P.M. We decided we should prepare the communion early and take it to the church building (fearing that we might not be able to get there early Sunday morning.) We quickly filled the cups and bread trays and left for the church building. Snow was already about 3 or 4 inches deep and falling rapidly. We drove slowly and made it to the church building without incident. We carefully placed the communion on the Lord's Table and made sure everything was in order. We started to leave the parking lot, but the tires on the car would only spin in the snow and ice. There was not enough traction for the car to move. Luckily, there were some young boys and men to push the car enough to get started. We made it home safely.

There were many families in the church that prepared the communion for Sunday worship. There is one couple very dear to me that stands out in my memory above others. Their names are Susie and Duncan Killen. (We called

him Dunk.) When it came time for the Killens to prepare communion, they would bring it to the church building on Sunday morning before worship. I can recall on more than one occasion Susie and Dunk running late. With singing already started, Susie would walk down the aisle carrying the bread trays and 2 white tablecloths. Dunk would follow with the fruit of the vine trays. They would set the trays on the floor or a nearby pew and very carefully unfold the first white tablecloth. With Susie on one end and Dunk on the other end they would place the cloth on the Lord's Table. Next, they would place the communion trays on the tablecloth. Then they would unfold the second white tablecloth and cover the trays. They seemed very much at ease and didn't appear to rush even though the whole congregation was watching. They would make a final check to make sure the top cloth was evenly draped over the trays, before being seated and joining in with the singing.

Many times through the years I can remember several women of the church meeting to quilt and sew for those in need. Also when someone in the community's house burned, we would donate clothes, household items, and food. Then the elders and deacons would deliver these donations.

I can remember sitting with or helping care for members that were sick. On some occasions I would sit all night at the house of a loved one that had gone on to their reward. I can recall attending funerals at Shiloh and being asked to help sing for the funeral.

Now I will reflect on comical things that I remember that happened at Shiloh. There were many funny things, but I will only mention seven.

### Bonnie Stewart / Eula Hill Incident

One fall Sunday morning during preaching, Mrs Bonnie Stewart got hot and began taking off her jacket. Bonnie's sister-in-law, Mrs. Eula Hill, was sitting behind her. Eula, thinking Bonnie was cold, thought Bonnie was trying to pull the jacket tighter around her body. Bonnie would get one side of the jacket off and Eula would put the jacket back around her body. This happened 2 or 3 times, and finally Bonnie stood up and took off her jacket very gracefully and sat down. This caused some commotion and snickering during preaching.

### Cyrus Quillen and the Church Bus

Back in the 1950's many people didn't own an automobile and had no way to get to church for worship. The Elders decided to buy a used bus to transport those who needed transportation. Cyrus Quillen, my brother, had experience driving buses. Before he and Lucille married, he drove the school bus for Green Hill School. He and probably others drove the church bus. One

Sunday morning after worship, Cyrus was in the driver's seat of the bus preparing to leave at the exact moment that I stepped behind the bus directly in the path of the tail pipe. Cyrus started the engine. He had no clue that I was behind the bus. He pressed the accelerator. A black cloud of smoke and tiny bits of motor oil sprayed my leg and the tail of my skirt. Luckily, we were leaving worship instead of going to worship.

### Homecoming and Dinner on the Ground

Every homecoming we would have worship at 10:00 A.M. Everyone would bring food to eat after worship starting about 12:00. There was a long row of wooden tables on the west side of the building used for serving the food. I was among the last getting my food out to the tables. By this time all the space on the tables was taken. Several of us spread our tablecloths on the ground. We placed our food on the tablecloth. We actually had "Dinner on the Ground." Someone, not watching their step, came by and stepped on my white coconut cake. Henry Allen was standing by and saw what happened. He said, "This won't happen again. There will be more tables built before next year's Homecoming."

### Nettie Hale's Hat

We had just finished singing the invitation song and were sitting down. Mr. Jim Hale and Mrs. Nettie Hale, a couple who always sat in front of me, were sitting down after singing. Mr. Jim was a tall gentleman about 6' 3" and Mrs. Nettie was much shorter, probably about 5' 4." Somehow Mr. Jim's elbow accidentally hit the brim of Mrs. Nettie's hat and knocked it off. It landed on the pew in front of them. The people in front of the Hales didn't know the hat was on their pew. Mrs. Nettie was scrambling quickly to get her hat before someone sat on it. Mr. Jim, with his long arms, reached over the pew, picked up her hat and put it back on Mrs. Nettie's head. Apparently, Mr. Jim didn't know the front from the back of the hat. He put the hat on backwards. Several people in the vicinity saw what happened and were laughing. This was embarrassing and humiliating to Mrs. Nettie. She scolded Jim and then laughed along with the others.

### Bro. Melvin Campbell and the Corn Patch

Melvin Campbell preached at Shiloh in the 1950's. He lived on a farm and raised corn, cotton, and other crops. One Sunday morning during the sermon he was preaching that God is in

charge of the weather, rain, sunshine, etc., and that it rains on the just and the unjust alike. Brother Campbell had a large corn crop planted. The corn was up about 8" tall. It began raining, raining off and on every day for about 10 days. Brother Campbell couldn't plow the corn because of the wet ground. The grass began to grow. In a few days the grass had taken over the corn. Brother Campbell was short in stature and had a high pitched voice. He was out looking at the cornfield that was obviously unsalvageable. He saw a tree stump nearby. He stepped up on the tree stump and stated out loud, "The corn is low, the grass is high. By the will of God, I lay it by." This was his illustration of God being in control of everything.

### Brother Campbell and the Immodestly Dressed Woman

Brother Melvin Campbell preached about how we should dress to be pleasing to God and set a good example for others. He also stated that we should influence others by the way we dressed. A few days earlier, Brother Campbell had seen a woman wearing a bathing suit. In his sermon he said, "That woman had on such a small amount of clothes, I could stuff all the clothes she had on in the barrel of my shotgun." Brother Campbell got his point across by this illustration.

### Brother Vernon Johns and His White Shirt

Brother Vernon Johns was one of the Elders at Shiloh. He always sat on the front seat. Every Sunday morning he would wear a white shirt that was heavily starched and a tie. In the summer he would not wear a coat due to hot weather. It was very hot this Sunday morning. The back of his shirt was wet from his shoulders to his belt. He was called on to lead prayer. It was customary for the one leading prayer to get on his knees. Mr. Johns leaned forward to get on his knees and his snowy white shirt was stuck to the back of the seat. Evidently the heat and sweat had activated the varnish on the pew. It was a bit tacky. (The pews may have been freshly varnished.) Everything was very quiet as we were preparing to pray. As Brother Johns leaned forward you could hear a crackling or crunching sound as his shirt came unglued from the pew. When he got unstuck, the pretty white shirt had a yellowish orange color where the varnish had stuck to his shirt. I doubt if he ever wore the shirt to church again.

-We wish to thank Mrs. Lucille Stutts for her great contribution of information and stories to this historical research effort. The information she has shared and the stories she has recollected have added great interest and detail to this church history. She has helped to "bring Shiloh to life" in this written work.

# Shiloh Mission Work...

## Echoes from the past...

### **Shiloh Sends Full Time Missionary...(Written by Don Curtis)**

The year was probably 1966, when the leadership at Shiloh, along with the minister, Kelby Smith, began planning to put a full time missionary in a mission spot somewhere in the southeast.

The church had contributed to mission work in past years, but this would be the first full-time missionary.

Arvel Curtis, who was working at Reynolds Metals and preaching part-time for the Kilburn congregation, agreed to leave both works and go into the mission field. The state of South Carolina was selected as the place for the mission work. The Curtis family would go to Florence, South Carolina, to live for a while, giving them an opportunity to search for the ideal place to start a congregation of the Lord's church. The minister at Florence, South Carolina, (Gregg Ave.) at the time, was Harvey Dodd, a former minister at Shiloh.

Arvel, Thelma, Steve, and Roger Curtis moved to Florence, South Carolina, in the summer of 1967. After about six months, Dillon, South Carolina, the county seat of Dillon County, was chosen. So, the Curtis family moved to the city of Dillon, about thirty miles away.

A small group began to meet in the home of David Bellamy. After a short time, the church moved to a former marriage chapel/drugstore building located in the city.

Soon a suitable property was selected on Highway 301, and the church at Shiloh provided the funds to purchase the property. A bond issue was prepared and construction began on a new building. A majority of the bonds were sold, with members at Shiloh buying many of them.

When bond sales began to slow, Shiloh purchased the remaining bonds. The building cost approximately fifty-three thousand dollars. It has a 250 seat auditorium, six classrooms, office, and restrooms. It rests on a beautiful lot just south of town. The Dillon Church of Christ was the first congregation of the Lord's Church in Dillon County.

The church at Dillon moved into the new facility in October of 1968. An open house was held in November 1968, and several from Shiloh attended.

In the first seventeen months of its existence, the church grew from twelve members to twenty-nine members. The number grew to about fifty to sixty by 1970.

There are no charter members remaining today. Some moved away; some have gone to their reward.

The Arvel Curtis family left Dillon in 1970 to begin a work in Tarrant, Alabama, and Gilbert and Jean Behel moved to Dillon to continue the work there.

Shiloh discontinued support of this work in the mid 1970's and the church struggled for several years. Shiloh and Lone Cedar combined efforts and once again began to support the church at Dillon about 1980.

Several members from Shiloh visited Dillon in the 1960's, but a larger number made the trip in the 1980's. Shiloh and Lone Cedar took turns conducting a Vacation Bible School each year for a while.

My family travelled to Dillon in 1983 and returned in 1984 to spend about five weeks in a motor home on the church property. The attendance was probably in the twenties at this time. We made many trips to visit Dillon between 1983 and 2000.

The church at Shiloh should feel proud to have been a part of that work for many years.

The church at Dillon became self-supporting about 2000. The church has never had elders, and the attendance at this time (2008) is about thirty-five to forty-five.

- Written by Don Curtis

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## *Other Mission Efforts Supported by Shiloh Church of Christ*

*Shiloh Church of Christ has been involved in various mission work efforts over the years. One of the early mission efforts of Shiloh is noted on the church financial records as "Colored Work" done at the African-American congregation located between Green Hill, Alabama and Centerhill, Alabama. A small group of individuals met in the Green Hill "Colored School" for worship services and Shiloh Church of Christ helped to pay for a preacher to work at this congregation (74). Notes from a meeting at Shiloh read as follows:*

*"... Two colored families in the community need the gospel preached unto them. The negro school is to be investigated as a meeting place & Bro. Harris will preach to them each Sunday afternoon at (three? - spelling here is unclear) o'clock. Agreed this be done & the church here pay Bro. Harris \$10.00 each week if permission of the building can (be? - spelling unclear) obtained. Bro. Blazer will make arrangements with Bro. Harris for the services. . . (39)."*

*Shiloh has also supported the Northside Congregation at Center Star, Alabama, both monetarily and by sending men to preach for them. Two men who have went from Shiloh to preach on occasion for the Northside Congregation are Malcolm Glover and Alan Storie (74-B).*

*A Shiloh Church of Christ Financial Report for February 1994 lists several mission efforts which the Shiloh Congregation was supporting. The financial report included the following (75):*

<i>Radio &amp; T.V. Programs</i>	<i>\$1162.50</i>
<i>Dillon Church of Christ</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Malcolm Glover</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Glenn Robb</i>	<i>260.00</i>
<i>Bill Ramsay</i>	<i>120.00</i>
<i>Joseph Wornale</i>	<i>125.00</i>
<i>Albert Charette</i>	<i>125.00</i>
<i>Jules Cseszkos'</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Rena Vaser</i>	<i>150.00</i>

*At the time of this writing (2008) Shiloh is supporting mission work done by Brother Wayne Barrier. He works with the Double Springs Church of Christ to carry the gospel to many places in the world. This mission work is focused mostly in Asia and the target area has long been southern Asia. Their methods of spreading the gospel include radio and literature programs and campaign evangelism. Brother Wayne Barrier comes to Shiloh periodically to provide updates on this work (76). The excerpt below comes from a Shiloh bulletin dated August 28, 2005 and mentions a visit to Shiloh by Wayne (76-B):*

**We enjoyed hearing the mission report from brother Wayne Barrier last Sunday evening. What a privilege we have as a congregation to support such a marvelous missionary as Wayne Barrier. We appreciate him and Janet for all that they do in teaching the lost.**

# *Echoes From The Past...* *Preaching at Shiloh...*

Many have preached at Shiloh over the course of its history. Many have been preachers who “came” to Shiloh to preach, while many have been “raised” at Shiloh and went on to preach at this congregation and other places, as well. The following list of preachers contains names of men who have preached at Shiloh on at least one occasion. Some of these men preached many times at Shiloh, some of them were assistant preachers at Shiloh, and some are men who were members at Shiloh who preached on occasion for the congregation (77):

**William M. Behel**  
**Robert Lee Richardson**  
**Gene Crunk**  
**Charles Burns**  
**C.C. Burns**  
**Oscar Romine**  
**Ira North**  
**Phillip Hines**  
**Gilbert Gibbs**  
**Robert Clemmons**  
**James Rogers**  
**James Peck**  
**Cyrus Quillen**  
**Tab Hill**  
**Hugh Fulford**  
**Percy Wright**  
**Winfred Clark**  
**Douglas Rogers**  
**Corey Brewer**  
**Joel Butler**  
**Don Curtis**  
**Greg Dial**  
**Tim Grigsby**  
**Steve Shelton**  
**Thomas Wallace**

**A.D. Behel**  
**Brother White**  
**Oscar Ray Peden**  
**Stanley Brewer**  
**Leon Burns**  
**Brother Stanfield**  
**Brother Fredrick**  
**Millard Gibbs**  
**Jess Wilcoxson**  
**Tom Pewitt**  
**Gentry Stults**  
**Charles Holt**  
**Gilbert Kretzer**  
**Robert Fulmer**  
**Belton Burgess**  
**John Cox**  
**James Paul Nobles**  
**Alan Storie**  
**Malcolm Glover**  
**Ricky Johnson**  
**Arvel Curtis**  
**Ronnie Faires**  
**Wayne Kilpatrick**  
**Wesley Ayers**  
**Daniel Rogers**



**IRA NORTH**  
1922-1984

## Ira North Is Gone

*"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*  
(Revelation 14:12, 13.)

Recently, Ira North left the land of the dying and went to the land of the living. I knew his parents before I knew him. I knew his uncles Mark, Marshall and Luke. The North family has long been significant in the kingdom of God.

I have asked the Chairman of the Board of The World Evangelist, Sellers Crain, to write a story on brother Ira North. This is to be in our March 1984 issue. Brother Crain preaches for the Old Hickory Church of Christ which is one of the closest congregations to Madison where Ira North preached about 30 years.

I did not attend the funeral service for brother North at Madison, but several of us at International Bible College attended the service for him at Ethridge, Tennessee in a beautiful meeting house of the saints there.

Brother North's three sons conducted the Ethridge service in a beautiful and touching manner.

Brother North's body was buried in the family plot in a cemetery just behind the church building at Ethridge. I recall Ira's hearing me preach at Ethridge one Sunday during a series of meetings about 35 years ago. I preached about the new birth. I recall his very engaging remarks about a point I made which was new to me. He was a very generous person.

Our sympathy is hereby extended to brother North's family and all his family.

— The Editor

Above: From The World Evangelist,  
Florence, AL, Feb. 1984, Volume 12, Issue 7,  
Page 3, Basil Overton – Editor (77-C).



**Ira Luttis North**  
1922-1984

Above: From The World Evangelist,  
Florence, AL, March 1984, Volume 12, Issue 9,  
Page 1, Basil Overton – Editor (77-D).

Ira L. North, 231 North Military Street, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., September 1: "I have recently conducted the following meetings: Midway, which resulted in five baptisms and one restoration; Flatwoods and Greenwood, both near Lawrenceburg, with three baptized at each place and one restoration; Shiloh, Ala., with eleven baptisms and seventeen restorations; Shiloh, Tenn., near McEwen, my last meeting for the summer, with two baptized. I am now in Abilene, Texas, to attend Abilene Christian College."

Above: From the Gospel Advocate, Nashville, TN, Sept. 18, 1941, Volume LXXXIII, Issue 38, Page 906, B.C. Goodpasture – Editor (77-E).

Shown below are two preachers who preached at Shiloh as full time preachers over the years, Howard Blazer and Gene Overton.



HOWARD A. BLAZER, SR.



GENE OVERTON

Above Photo of Howard Blazer: From The World Evangelist, Florence, AL, Aug. 1981, Volume 10, Issue 1, Page 1, Basil Overton – Editor (77-F).

Above Photo of Gene Overton: From The World Evangelist, Florence, AL, Jan. 1982, Volume 10, Issue 6, Page 24, Basil Overton, Editor (77-G).

## James Aldon Hendrix 1922 - 2002

A faithful soldier of Christ has completed his work on earth and entered into his rest. James Aldon Hendrix was born May 17, 1922. He died March 4, 2002. He was born and reared in Appleton, a community in Lawrence County, Tennessee. He was the son of James D. and Ethel Mae Stennitt Hendrix. Aldon had five sisters and one brother. From his early years he was determined to be a preacher. While attending Appleton Elementary school at the age of eight or nine, he would stand on a stump in the school yard and preach to the boys and girls what he had heard from T. C. King, J. T. Harris or Claud Thomas on Sunday. Many of his friends called him



JAMES ALDON HENDRIX

“Preacher” from that day until his death.

Aldon graduated from Loretto, Tennessee High School in 1943 and entered David Lipscomb College that fall. After completing two years at David Lipscomb, he was married to Norma Perry on August 9, 1944. On September 12 of that year he and Norma moved to

Los Angeles, California where he began classes at George Pepperdine College and received his degree there in 1946. Aldon and Norma have four daughters.

Not only was Aldon determined to preach from his youth, but he was a great athlete. He was outstanding as a basketball player in high school, at David Lipscomb and at George Pepperdine.

Aldon began part time preaching in 1942 at Appleton Church of Christ and then began full time work with the church in Lexington, Alabama in 1946, just after he graduated from college. For several years he preached and taught school also. He taught school and coached basketball at

Rogersville, Lexington and Mars Hill Bible School in Alabama. His full time preaching work was with the Lexington, Shiloh, Atlas, Mt. Zion and Woodlawn Churches of Christ in Lauderdale County, Alabama, the Minerva Drive Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and with the St. Joseph Church of Christ in St. Joseph, Tennessee. He has conducted meetings in many states, and we have no way of knowing how many funerals he has conducted. Aldon loved people and they loved him and he was called on to conduct funerals up to not long before he died.

Aldon loved the Lord and was a faithful Christian. He loved the church and he loved to preach. His preaching work covered a span of 60 years. He was sound in the faith and stood firmly for the truth. He had a melodious voice and was a talented singer. He loved his fami-

ly and he loved to work in his garden. He loved to hunt and fish. He truly lived a well-rounded and balanced life.

After brother Hendrix retired from full time preaching work, he continued to conduct meetings and teach Bible classes until his life ended suddenly on March 4, 2002. His funeral was conducted at the Shiloh Church of Christ building on March 7, at which four of his grandson's and I eulogized his life.

Aldon's motto was, “I am ready,” to preach the gospel. He was ready to die for the Lord whom he loved. The guiding principles by which he lived were: think right, live right, talk right, walk right and die right. I am convinced that he lived these principles faithfully.

--Gilbert Kretzer,

Evangelist

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This article taken from The World Evangelist,  
Florence, AL, October 2002, Volume 31, Issue 3, Page 7,  
Basil Overton – Editor (77-H).

# Melvin Monroe Campbell 1912 - 2002

Melvin Campbell was a well known gospel preacher in North Alabama and Southern Tennessee. He was born near Hohenwald, TN on October 5, 1912 to John and Tabitha Webb Campbell. In 1926 his father moved his family to Lauderdale County, AL. He first lived in Anderson, but soon moved to the Pleasant Valley Community. Here Melvin met and married Arlene Yancey October 13, 1934. In their 56 years together, they had four children, Jim, Mary Frances, Johnny and David.



MELVIN CAMPBELL

Since brother Campbell's father was also a gospel preacher, he was exposed early in life to the scriptures. In the course of his 90 years he studied and meditated on the scriptures and was widely known for his knowledge of the Bible. He especially loved the book of James. His desire to share his hope with others and with encouragement from his wife, he was prompted to preach.

Melvin preached his first sermon at North Carolina Church of Christ near Killen, AL. on November 19, 1934. From that time until he became disabled 56 years later, he preached in three states. Including his preaching regularly for congregations and his preaching in series of gospel meetings, he preached in 118 congregations. He served as full time minister at the churches of Christ at Atlas, Shiloh, Stutts Road, Lone Cedar, Oakland, Center Hill and Elgin all near Florence AL.

Almost without exception, the churches where he preached grew both spiritually and numerically.

In addition to his work in the pulpit, Melvin was willing to discuss the Bible with anyone, at any time, on a one on one basis. He was widely known as "The Little Preacher Man." It would be of great interest if an accurate record had been kept of the many people he baptized and the many funerals and weddings he conducted. It would be a fair estimate that he conducted more funerals and weddings than any other preacher in the area where he lived.

Brother Campbell started his preaching in the middle of the Great Depression, so getting to and from his appointments was a problem. It was several years later before he owned a car, so he would walk the 3 1/2 miles from his home to the highway to catch the bus to go to preach. He was often paid 50 cents, or less. To

make ends meet, he also farmed. He practiced his sermons and quoting scriptures while following a pair of mules.

Melvin's accomplishments would have been more difficult had it not been for his faithful wife who supported him every step of the way. In the summer while he was away in gospel meetings, sister Campbell stayed behind and worked the farm. She cared for the four children, the crops, animals, garden, etc. In later years she went with him wherever he went. She preceded him in death on March 23, 1990. Melvin never fully recovered from her death and his health declined. In December 1995 he entered the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home near Killen, AL., where he died July 2, 2002.

Melvin's grandson, Derek

Hancock, assisted James Bridges in conducting his funeral. Among the many interesting memories of his granddaddy, Derek mentioned the following: "It is no small task to try to eulogize someone who has meant so much to me. And not just to me but to thousands of others. As I thought of the memories I have of him, I kept coming back to one word that seemed to sum it all up. Character. One word that has different meanings depending upon the context in which you use it. You can say that an individual was possessed of a great deal of character, or you can say that the individual was a character. Both meanings applied very well to my Granddaddy." To all those who knew Melvin Campbell that seems to summarize his illustrious life.

-Almon Watson

Melvin's brother-in-law

This article taken from The World Evangelist, Florence, AL, November 2002, Volume 31, Issue 4, Page 13, Basil Overton - Editor (77-1).

## Forty Years Of Gospel Preaching

Recently, Melvin Campbell of Killen, Alabama completed forty years of gospel preaching. He was honored on November 18 at International Bible College. Charles Coil, president of IBC presided at the program. The following made short speeches concerning brother Campbell: Gilbert Kretzer, Ralph Snell, Ralph Keeton and Robert Willis. All these spoke well of brother Campbell and his loyalty to Christ.

Brother Campbell was born October 5, 1912 near Hohenwald, Tenn. He moved with his parents to Anderson, Ala. not far from Florence on March 17, 1925. In July of that year he was baptized into Christ. On November 19, 1933 at North Carolina Church of Christ near Florence, Ala. he preached his first gospel sermon.

Brother Campbell married Arlene Yancey October 13, 1934. They have three sons and one daughter. They also have eight grandchildren.

During the years 1947, 1948, 1956, and 1957, brother Campbell attended Mars Hill Bible School. He now works as a bus driver for Mars Hill Bible School. He also preaches at Center Hill Church and serves as an elder there with five other elders.

Brother Campbell preaches in many gospel meetings; he has conducted meetings in some places as many as six times. He has performed more than 200 weddings, and conducted approximately three hundred funerals. He has preached for forty-three congregations in Lauderdale County where he has lived for forty-eight years. He has preached for thirteen churches in Colbert County, Ala.; four in Franklin County, Ala.; and six in other places in Ala. He has



Melvin Campbell, 1973.

preached for thirty-five congregations in Tennessee, and one in Mississippi. He has done regular preaching work at the following places, all in Lauderdale County: Shiloh Lone Cedar, Oakland, Stutts Road, Atlas, and at Center Hill where he has been for six years.

I was in Kentucky preaching when brother Campbell was honored. I wanted to do something for this man who has served the Lord faithfully and preached the gospel forty years, so I wrote the following poem for him which brother Coil read during the program in which brother Campbell was honored.

This article taken from  
**The World Evangelist**,  
Florence, AL, Dec. 1973,  
Volume 2, Issue 5, Page 9,  
Basil Overton - Editor (77-J).



**Winfred Clark**

The preaching in this series will be done by Winfred Clark of Athens, Alabama.

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In The Greenhill, Alabama Area

**AUGUST 10-15, 1986**

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10:00 A.M. — Communion and Preaching

7:30 P.M. — Evening Service

Monday through Friday 7:30 P.M.

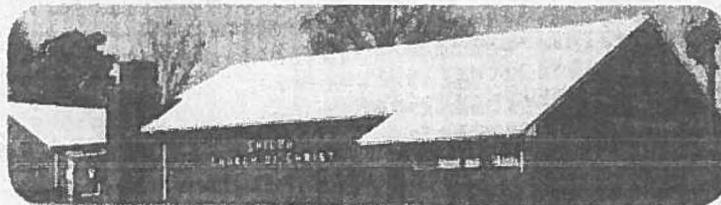
The regular preachers at Shiloh are James A. Hendrix and Doug Rogers.



**JAMES A. HENDRIX**



**DOUG ROGERS**



The meeting place of Shiloh Church of Christ.

The Elders of the congregation are: Paul Coker, Travis Allen, Doug Rogers and James A. Hendrix.

**Please Attend This Series And Bring Others!**

Above: From The World Evangelist, Florence, AL, Aug. 1986, Volume 15, Issue 1, Page 20, Basil Overton — Editor (77-K).

**“Regular” or Full Time Preachers at Shiloh:**

**Harvey Dodd – Approximately mid to late 1940’s till approx. early 1950’s (77-B).**

**James A. Hendrix – 1<sup>st</sup> Term at Shiloh was in approx. 1950’s.**

**Howard Blazer - (Treasurer’s Book reports Blazer paid in December 1953. Pymt. for moving him is listed in December 1953 report.) \* Business meeting notes from Shiloh, Oct. 29, 1953, report, “Brother Blazer to begin work with us December first, 1953.”**

**Melvin Campbell – 1<sup>st</sup> Term. Melvin was at Shiloh in 1957 for sure.**

**Charles Kretzer - 1958 – 1961 for sure.**

**James Burns – 1963**

**Melvin Campbell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term. This term ended in September 1965.**

**Kelby Smith - Began Approx. September 1965**

**Charles Jones – Began Approx. Summer 1968**

**Neal Roberts – Began Working Sept. 14, 1969\***

**Stephen Waller – Began Approx. August 1970\***

**Marlin Graves – Began Monday August 20, 1973\***

**Horace Stutts**

**Larry Brinkley - 1973 – 1976?**

**Gene Overton – 1977 - 1978**

**James A. Hendrix – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term was approx. 1978 - 1996**

**Jason Moon – 1996 - Approx. 1999 (Jason’s 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Sermon at Shiloh was preached January 28, 1996\*\*)**

**Ray Wilson – Approx. 1999 to Approx. 2002**

**Howell Bigham – 2002 – Present (Howell’s 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday to preach at Shiloh was the first Sunday in September, 2002+)**

\* Based on Shiloh Financial Records

\*\* Based on personal notes recorded by Brian Smith

+ Based on personal notes by Howell Bigham

## The Shiloh Preacher Training School

The following list of gospel preachers says much about the people of the Shiloh congregation. These men trained at Shiloh and went on to be full-time preachers at other congregations. They represent a period of some fifty years or more, thus signaling a long-term commitment to training young men to preach. Sometimes listening to a preacher's first few sermons can take patience and tolerance. Thank you for listening!!

**Corey Brewer  
Arvel Curtis  
Greg Dial  
Malcolm Glover**

**Cyrus Quillen (Deceased)  
Douglas Rogers (Deceased)  
Horace Stutts  
Thomas Wallace**

*\*\*The above information was provided by Don Curtis (78).*

**Notes from Shiloh meetings report on various training classes held at the congregation (39):**

*"...Starting training progress back Wed. night. Bro. Cyrus to be first to speak.  
Bro. Dalton Hill sec..."* - Feb. 12, 1956

*"... Agreed: To begin a training class next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Bro.  
Horace Stutts and Bro. Duncan Stewart to make a ten minute talk..."*  
- Exact Date Unknown



**Above: A group of Shiloh's young men involved with the Training Class**  
Photo made approx. late 2007/early 2008 (78-B)

## Gospel Meetings At Shiloh

1929 ++, 1930 (78-C), 1931 (78-D) - O.P. Romine

1932- H.T. Stanfield (78-E)

1954- Lindsey Allen (78-F)

1961- Bradford \*

1962- Stults \*

1966- Duncan \*

1968- Garland Elkins \*

1969- Skip Stewart \*

1970- Bobby Duncan \*

1971- Horace Stutts\*

1973- W.A. Curtis \*

1977- Haskell Sparks \*

1978- David Sain \*

1979- Gary Puryear \*

1980- Haskell Sparks \*

1981- Leon Cole \*

1982- Gentry Stutts \*

1983- W.T. Allison \*

1984- Gary Puryear \*

1987- Roy Arnold +

1988- Leon Cole +

1989- Jimmy Vest +

1990- Kelby Smith +

1991- Phillip Hines +

1992- Steve Shelton +

1993- Charles Kretzer (August 8-12<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

1994- Phillip Hines (August 14-19<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

1995- Danny Pettus (August 13-18<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

1996- Ronnie Ray (August 11-15<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

1997- Derrell Davis +

1998- Miles Stutts +

1999- Bobby Duncan +

2000- Phillip Hines +

2001- Ronnie Ray +

2002- Derrell Davis +

2003- Doug Smith +

2004- Kelby Smith +

2005- David Hester +

2006- Phillip Hines (August 13-17<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

2007- Stan Dean (August 12-16<sup>th</sup>) \*\*

2008- Ronnie Ray (August 10-14<sup>th</sup>)\*\*

\* Based on Shiloh Financial Report Records

\*\* Based on notes kept by Brian Smith in regard to Shiloh, various years

+ Based on notes kept by Travis Allen in regard to Shiloh, various years

++ Based on written recollections of Lucille Quillen Stutts



# *Elders of Shiloh*

Following is a list of the men who have devoted their time and devotion, dedication and judgment, labor and love to lead the congregation of Shiloh over the years:

Herman Butler

Douglas Rogers

Jake Thompson

Duncan Stewart

Vernon J. Johns

Travis Allen

Duncan "Dunk" Killen

Paul Coker

Edgar Gist

Henry Allen

Reeder Allen

Don Curtis

Franklin Liles

Leon Hines

Ernest Curtis

Danny Jenkins

James Alden Hendrix

*1 Timothy 3:1 – This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop,  
he desireth a good work,*

# Shiloh Bus Ministry

In the early to mid 1970's, Shiloh was involved in an extensive bus ministry program. Horace Stutts was the mastermind of this program and did an excellent job with it. At one time, Shiloh was running four buses. The buses were painted and had the words "Joy Bus" painted on them. When interviewed in 2008, members of Shiloh still used the term "Joy Bus" when referring to the bus ministry. During this time, the attendance at Shiloh was regularly running at about 470 to 480 people. The bus ministry worked in the following manner: Each bus had its own route. Every Saturday, the participants in the bus ministry met at the church at about 8 o'clock A.M. They would have a song or two and then a prayer. Then, they would leave out to run the routes of the buses. They would knock on doors & meet the people who lived along the various routes. The routes eventually ran southward into the city of Florence, Alabama, and eastward to Lexington, Alabama. Communities that were "worked" as part of the routes included the Sweetgum Community, Green's Chapel Community, Mary's Chapel Community, and the Brush Creek area near Killen, Alabama. On Sundays, the buses would run the routes and pick up people who wished to come to church (82).

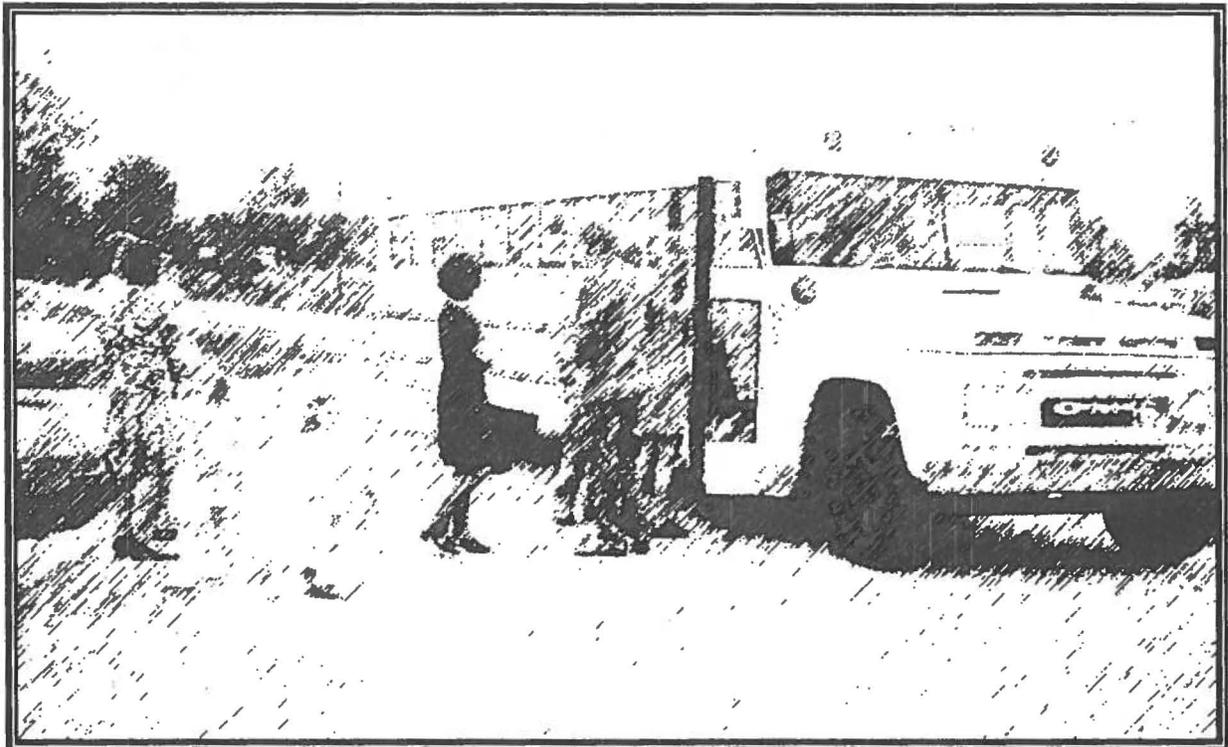
A page from a Shiloh financial ledger shows the following expenses, labeled "Bus Ministry." (The year was unidentified, but pages matched the same pages for when Brother Stephen Waller was listed in the financial ledger, so it may possibly be assumed that it was during the same time period as Waller's work at Shiloh - approx. 1970 - 1973.) (43)

		Bus Ministry			
Jan.	1964 Ford	2295.00	Oct	Parts and repairs	164.71
	1958 Chevy	550.00		Supplies	12.27
	Tag for Bus	7.25		Min F. Liles	9.67
	Exp. Going after Chevy	100.00		Flats and umbrellas	15.88
	Exp. on Buses	47.22	Nov	Gas	59.95
Jul.	Tag	4.00		Supplies	18.82
	Bus Parts & Paints	81.41		Tags	27.50
	Fire Extinguisher	21.21	Dec	Oil	17.28
Aug.	First Aid Kits	7.00		Tires	229.98
	Circulars & Door Hangers	63.07		Gas	160.09
Sept	Gas	50.77	Jul	Tires	99.00
	Covering Bus Seats	36.00		Bulbs	2.00
	Parts	100.22			
	Door Hangers	68.90			
Oct	Gas	27.58			
					4274.84

**Below is a list of those who worked in the Shiloh Bus Ministry:**

**Dennis & Sherry Allen  
Travis & Joanna Allen  
Henry & Minerva Allen  
Judy Allen Kirk  
Maureen Allen  
Joe & Mary Collier  
Delmer & Joyce Cody  
Trish Coker  
Doris Coker  
Ted & Beverly Short  
Glenn & Justine Gooch  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Elizabeth Wallace  
Bonnie Jenkins**

**Kathy Rogers  
Delton & Carolyn Wallace  
Billy & Sally Richardson  
Horace & Louise Stutts  
Marlin & Jewel Graves  
Clayburn & Marguerite Hines  
Larry & Melinda Brinkley  
Aaron & Virginia McDonald  
Bobby & Janice Balentine  
Derance Smith  
Sonny Holden  
Glenn & Pat Hannah  
R.C. & Jeannette Clemmons**



**Shiloh Church of Christ "Joy Bus" No. 3 (a GMC)  
"Going Out" to "Bring Them In"**

“The Bus Ministry”  
Written By Sally Richardson

In September 1973 the church at Shiloh embarked on the greatest missionary journey in its history... a missionary journey that lasted almost a decade. It was known by some as the bus ministry and by others simply as the “Joy Buses”. Under the Eldership of Brothers Franklin Liles and Reeder Allen, the program was masterminded and directed by Brother Horace Stutts.

On July 1, 1973, Brother Horace wrote in the church bulletin that he was pleased the elders had decided to purchase two buses to help carry out our program of work in preaching the gospel to “every creature”. “We hope to have them painted and rolling in the very near future. We plan to begin a Bus Ministry Class very soon to teach us how to have a “successful” bus ministry. We hope you will make your plans to enter the class and really get involved in “soul saving”. Shiloh has a bright future ahead of her....Can He depend on you to help in this great work?”

“There is work for all to do in getting them painted and ready to roll. We will be needing sanding, scraping, and painting done. We hope you are as anxious as we are to get involved.”

“Our deacons made a good selection in the bus purchase and they will make an announcement of a date to work on them in the very near future.” (Deacons were H.L. Butler, Clayburn Hines, Elmer Dial, R.C. Clemmons.)

Written by Horace Stutts

On December 1, 1973, Brother Horace wrote another article for the church bulletin.

Bus Ministry News!!!

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE BUS MINISTRY AT SHILOH?

“Attendance has increased, contribution has increased, more dedicated members, more benevolent work being done, more souls are being saved.”

	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Wednesday
Bus #1	30	20	29
Bus #2	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
Total	46	46	55

“After two and one-half months of bus evangelism, the attendance record for the Wednesday evening service has increased to approximately 280, which exceeds our average attendance record for the Sunday morning service two and one-half months ago.”

“Aside from the fact the contribution is up, many members and especially the bus workers have made small contributions from time to time toward the purchase of supplies used on the buses.”

## “The Bus Ministry” (Continued)

Written By Sally Richardson

“More members at Shiloh are involved in the Lord’s work than ever before. Forty people came Wednesday night to assist on the buses. We are confident that even more people will become involved in the bus ministry as it progresses.”

“Much good has come from benevolent work which arose from the bus ministry. More homes are contacted through this program than ever before. Just this past week we had the opportunity to help a family whose home burned. If we had not known their children through the bus ministry, we probably would not have known about this tragedy.”

“Most important more souls are being saved. Sandra Gist, Joseph Vandiver, John McLaughlin were recently baptized.”

Horace Stutts

The bus ministry was brilliantly planned and well thought out. Each bus had a captain, bus driver, a secretary to greet the children, and usually two teachers. Dennis and Travis Allen were in charge of maintenance on the buses.

Every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. workers met at the building for a brief devotion and motivational meeting followed by prayer. Brother Stutts often used the following scriptures from Luke 14:16-23: *(16)Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: (17)And sent his servant at supper to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. (18)And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. (19)And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. (20)And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. (21)So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. (22)And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. (23)And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Reminiscing, some of us wonder how we were able to dedicate so many hours of our week on the Joy Buses. We had a very full schedule. We spent Saturdays from 8:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. knocking doors, working the route to remind the ones who were already coming that we would pick them up the next day. On Sunday morning we departed the church building by at least 8:00 a.m. to allow enough time to make the route. Sunday afternoon we returned the riders home. Sometimes it was 2:00 p.m. by the time we got home, only to repeat the trip on Sunday evening. For the Wednesday evening service we followed the same schedule. Some of the workers were middle-aged. Some who rode were elderly, but most of the workers were young families who had small children.

## “The Bus Ministry” (Continued)

Written By Sally Richardson

During the bus ministry era our Joy Buses were “rolling educational classrooms.” Bible lessons were taught on the buses and at worship services. The children got a double dose of being taught because they had a lesson waiting for them at the worship services. They learned all the wonderful stories of the Old and New Testaments.

We had very few, if any, discipline problems. During those years the church didn't have to entertain. We didn't have picnics, parties, bowling trips, or meals out. They were just eager to ride the Joy Buses and learn the Bible in a fun way.

The children were well behaved and reverent during church service. The front pews on the right hand side of the auditorium were reserved as a place for the entire bus ministry to sit.

After all four buses were running routes, we traveled from Florence to Loretto and from Lexington to Iron City. If we heard of someone who needed a ride, we just extended our route, and no one was left behind. After all four buses were rolling, the attendance increased tremendously. The buses were bringing in well over 100 people and the worship attendance sometimes reached almost 600.

Brother Marlin Graves was the preacher for a few years during the start of the bus ministry. He and his wife, Jewel, and their children, were very much a part of the program. Marlin made a banner and put it up in the front of the building that read “THINK 700”. During a business meeting one brother spoke up and asked, “What will we do with 700 people at Shiloh?” Brother Reeder Allen quickly replied, “We'll just have to have two services.” The goal was certainly not unreachable due to the fact that we had the bus ministry and many people were involved in the “Visitation Program” that was reaching many souls and bringing them back to Christ.

Brother Aaron McDonald and his wife, Virginia, along with their two sons, Tracy and Lonnie, came to work as the assistant minister in November 1977. Brother Gene Overton was the pulpit minister.

Aaron and his family quickly got involved in the bus ministry program. He drove Bus #3 for some time. After many trips driving the Joy Bus, he lost some of his zeal and became weary. Then one day a little boy changed his mind. The little boy started to get off the bus and then turned and said, “I love you bus driver.” Brother Aaron was so touched that he forgot about how tired he was.

Brother Aaron taught the Children's Bible Hour, which started at the beginning of the bus ministry era.

“The Bus Ministry” (Continued)

Written By Sally Richardson

In May 1979 they left the Shiloh congregation to work with a congregation in Mississippi. Friendships and memories were made that would last a lifetime. Brother Aaron recently stated that the years at Shiloh were the most memorable of his life.

Many souls were added to the church during the bus ministry era. All the children who rode the Joy Buses are now grown. Some of them now have grandchildren. Some of them have passed to eternity. Some are faithful members of the Lord’s church.

In 1981 the bus ministry ended but not until everyone who wanted to ride was either grown or the elderly were unable. We had gone the streets and lanes, the highways and hedges - the house was filled. It all started in 1973 and ended in 1981. The faithful few who originally started working on Bus #1 endured to the end and closed another chapter in the history of Shiloh Church of Christ.

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**“Trish Coker”**

*Roll the gospel chariot along...roll the gospel chariot along.....and you won't be left behind.* I can almost hear the singing. The Joy Bus loaded with children...the windows open...dust boiling inside. Trish Coker sitting on the back seat, arms in motion, rolling the gospel chariot along.

Trish was a bundle of joy filled with love for the children who rode the Joy Buses. She was on board every trip. She boarded first and departed last. She never got tired of the double routes three times a week.

An inspiration to the workers and all the children, Trish was always the spirit of Bus #3. Without her enthusiasm, many may have been “left behind”.

Researched & written by Sally Richardson  
Information provided by: Horace Stutts, Jo Anna Allen,  
Trish Coker, Justine Gooch, Henry Allen, Bill Richardson,  
Aaron McDonald

“The Bus Ministry” (Continued)  
Written By Sally Richardson

**“Close Calls”**

During the nine year time span the Joy buses ran, God blessed us with many safe trips. However, there were close calls that we sometimes laugh about.

**“Power Outage”**

One dark Wednesday evening we were running the route in the Peppertown community. We drove into the yard to pick the children up. There was virtually no place to turn the bus. After backing the bus into an electrical guide wire, it jerked the power lines down, causing an outage all down the road. Upon returning, the electricity department was there restoring power. I’m sure they all sang *This Little Light Of Mine*.

**“How Close Am I?”**

During one of our Saturday morning excursions of knocking doors, we pulled into the driveway of the Henry Lee Bradley home and walked out into a thick grove of trees to a mobile home. The mother was eager for her children to ride the Joy Bus. However, she had one stipulation. She did not want them to stand on the roadside to be picked up. One of the ladies assured her we would be glad to drive to the door to pick them up. Sunday morning came, and Billy drove the bus into the scope of trees. Backing the bus out was where the problem began. Henry and Delton got off the bus to survey the situation. Billy asked, “How close am I?” Henry replied, “You’ve got about three inches on each side!” Billy eased backward and forward for a while and then Delton said, “The only thing I know to do is get a chainsaw and cut down a tree!” After about thirty minutes of sweating and maneuvering, we finally were on our way again. All the trees were left standing.

**“Last Bus Ride”**

A young black boy named Colis rode the Joy Bus for several weeks. He seemed to be enjoying the program until one night the bus experienced a mechanical problem with the electrical system.

We were traveling north on Brush Creek Road and came to a place with a deep ravine on the left and a chert pit on the right. The lights suddenly went off, and the bus came to an abrupt bumpy stop. It was pitch dark. Colis seemed to be terribly upset and frightened. We tried to persuade him to ride again but he would have no part of it. Years later, Colis Campbell played football for Auburn University.

**“Puppy Love”**

In 1974 Shiloh’s bus ministry and visitation programs were doing extremely well. A fellowship meal for both groups was planned. The problem was we didn’t have a fellowship hall. Someone arranged for the fellowship meal to be at the Rogers School lunchroom. All four visitation groups and bus workers attended. It really seemed odd but there was a jukebox in the end of the lunchroom. Immediately, all the teens gathered

## **“The Bus Ministry” (Continued)**

Written by Sally Richardson

around it. Someone asked brother Reeder to give thanks for the food. About the time he started praying, the jukebox blurted out playing Donnie Osmond’s *Puppy Love*. Several parents were in a mad scramble to find the off switch. It seemed like an eternity before they realized it didn’t have an off switch. *Puppy Love* continued to play while brother Reeder prayed. Finally someone pulled the jukebox away from the wall and unplugged it. Brother Reeder’s face was blood red and not one kid admitted to playing *Puppy Love*.

### **“Da Da”**

#### **Pronounced Day Day**

One early Saturday morning we were knocking doors in the Bailey Springs community. There were several black families living in the area. After talking with the parents, at least five families decided to let their children ride. When we arrived on Sunday morning, the children were eagerly awaiting the Joy Bus. They were all beautifully and immaculately dressed. However, one little girl caught everyone’s attention. Her name was Da Da.

Da Da was about three years old and was adorable. Most of the young children on the bus had never seen a black child. They were mesmerized by Da Da. They would gently touch her hair and skin.

Recently I asked several former bus workers what they remembered most about the black children. The number one answer was how nice they dressed, how polite they were, and how well behaved they were, but it seemed everyone remembered the beautiful little girl named Da Da.

### **“Pass The Jug”**

Mrs. Gertie Thompson was a faithful rider of Bus #3 for several years. On several sweltering hot summer days she provided an icy jug of lemonade to quench the thirst of the bus workers. They didn’t have cups so they just simply “passed the jug.” All the workers said she made the best lemonade they had ever tasted.

Mrs. Gertie Thompson helped in other ways too. She gave monetary donations to Justine for the purchase of visual aids and teaching material on the bus. Sometimes she treated the bus workers to ice cream.

Mrs. Gertie, for many years, was an active member of the church at Shiloh. She did much work for the church here. However, to bus workers on Bus #3 she will always be remembered as stepping up into the bus with an icy jug of lemonade and someone would say, “Pass The Jug.”

Echoes From The Past...

## Ladies' Inspiration Day At Shiloh

Through the years, so many ladies have put forth so much time, effort, and prayer in planning, decorating, and providing opportunities for growth for Christian ladies in the Green Hill community and surrounding areas. Jo Anna Allen and Candi Moon requested permission from the Elders – Henry Allen, Travis Allen, Don Curtis, and Leon Hines, to plan a special day just for ladies. The Elders were very supportive of an event to encourage Christian ladies in the Shiloh community.

The first Shiloh Ladies' Inspiration Day took place on Saturday, October 10, 1998. Martha Smith, a previous minister's wife, agreed to be the speaker. The theme was Isaiah 58:11 – *"Watering Your Garden."*

The first Ladies' Inspiration Day was such a great success that the ladies of Shiloh immediately began planning for the second one. It was held on Saturday, October 9, 1999, with Judi Dean speaking. *"God's Portrait of a Mother,"* from I Timothy 1:5, was the theme.

With continued success and dedication from so many hard working ladies, Saturday, October 14, 2000, would be the third Ladies' Inspiration Day. The current preacher's wife at the time was the speaker. Sherrie Wilson spoke from Ecclesiastes 9:10 with *"What Thy Hands Find To Do."*

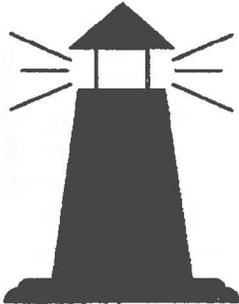
The ladies of Shiloh had established an annual tradition of inspiration and encouragement for many Christian ladies. The following years would prove to be no exception.

- 4<sup>th</sup> October 13, 2001 – Galations 5:22 *"Harvesting the Fruit of the Spirit"*  
Speaker: Cathy Powell, Jackson, Tennessee
- 5<sup>th</sup> October 12, 2002 – Isaiah 64:8 *"Beautiful Pottery"*  
Speaker: Sheila Butts, Columbia, Tennessee
- 6<sup>th</sup> October 11, 2003 – John 3:16 & John 5:23 *"Honoring God's Greatest Gift"*  
Speaker: Cynthia Guy, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 9, 2004 - Luke 2:52 *"Mixing It All Together"*  
Speaker: Sonja Jarett, Florence, Alabama
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 8, 2005 - Matthew 5:16 *"A Saving Light"*  
Speaker: Rosemary McKnight, Henderson, Tennessee
- 9<sup>th</sup> October 14, 2006 - Hebrews 12:1 *"Let The Game Begin"*  
Speaker: Judy Abrams, Muscle Shoals, Alabama

10<sup>th</sup> 2007 - James 1:6 "*Gone With The Wind*"  
Speaker: Martha Smith. For this special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shiloh's Ladies' Inspiration Day, Martha Smith returned to speak. The young wives and mothers took on planning this wonderful day.

11<sup>th</sup> October 11, 2008 – Romans "*Mission Possible*"  
Speaker: Janet Barrier

\*\*Information in regard to Shiloh Ladies' Inspiration Day provided by Jo Anna Allen, Sheila Quillen, Judy Kirk & Kristy McCain.



**Shiloh Church of Christ  
Eighth Annual  
Ladies' Inspiration Day  
"A Saving Light"  
Matthew 5:16  
Speaker:  
Rosemary McKnight  
Henderson Church of Christ  
October 8th, 2005  
9:00-12:30  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
  
(256) 757-2456**

Above: Announcement in regard to the 2005 Ladies' Inspiration Day at Shiloh (82-B).

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# ECHOES FROM THE PAST... WOMEN'S WORK AT SHILOH...

**The women of the Shiloh congregation have long been active in the work of the congregation in various ways. Shiloh's women have been involved in Christian works to help their fellow Christians, friends, and neighbors.**

**The following information, provided by Janie Bogus Coker, helps to portray some of the activities of the women of Shiloh over the years:**

*"...The ladies of Shiloh have prepared food for the sick and shut-ins. We have also helped out in sitting with the sick. For example, I recall that the women worked in shifts to sit with Mrs. Beatrice Brewer when she was sick. I helped with that particular work. The women also had a Wednesday Morning Bible Class at Shiloh for a number of years. I attended this class for several years. For some time, Mrs. Norma Hendrix taught the class. After that, the ladies took turns teaching the class. It was great! (82-C)."*

**Further information on the works of women at Shiloh is provided by Peggy Swinea:**

*"...My family and I moved to Green Hill, Alabama, in 1964. At that time, Brother Melvin Campbell was preaching at Shiloh. There was a Wednesday morning Ladies' Class at that time and Brother Campbell taught the class. In later years, Norma Hendrix did the teaching. Then, the ladies took turn-about in teaching the class. I taught the class sometimes. Jo Anna Allen also taught the class sometimes. When I started attending the Wednesday morning Ladies' Class, there was a large crowd of ladies who attended the class. On the first Wednesday of every month, the ladies would meet at the two local nursing homes (El Reposo and Lauderdale Christian Nursing Homes) and have a short class with some of the residents of the homes. This would be in place of our class at the church building for that particular day.*

*Some of the work that women have done over the years included helping to sit with the sick. I also recall that the women went to sit with Mrs. Inez Hollis when her husband was sick at home. Sometimes, several of the ladies would go and sit with her for moral support during her husband's illness.*

*The ladies have helped to work in the fields, maybe hoeing cotton or corn for someone who was in need.*

*The women at Shiloh used to meet and make quilts. We'd quilt at the church and then we'd give the quilts to people who might need them.*

*The ladies at Shiloh have been involved in various projects to help the Children's Home over the years.*

*The Shiloh women have made Thanksgiving baskets for the sick and shut-ins during Thanksgiving time...(82-D)."*

# Echoes From The Past...

## Shiloh's Annual Homecoming

The official date for Shiloh's annual Homecoming services is the first Sunday in June of each year. This day is usually accompanied by a guest speaker for the services (typically a speaker who has preached or worked at Shiloh in the past) and a lunch and singing after morning services. The day is usually well-attended, with many friends, family, and old acquaintances gathering together to worship and fellowship.

At one time, the annual Shiloh Homecoming was on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. In 1965, while putting up outdoor picnic tables for the Homecoming lunch (which was to be the next day) Brother Elmer Dial made the comment that he would not be able to attend Homecoming activities at Shiloh the next day because the Annual Commencement Sunday exercises were to be held at Rogers High School on the next day, as well. Brother Vernon Johns, an Elder at Shiloh, remarked that there had been scheduling conflicts in the past with Shiloh Homecoming and the Rogers High School Commencement exercises. Brother Johns suggested changing the Shiloh Homecoming date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Beginning in 1966, the change went into effect and the new date for Shiloh's Homecoming became the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (82-E).

In the earlier years, the Homecoming lunch, or "Dinner on the Grounds," was served outdoors, behind the north/northwest corner of the church building. There were large oak trees there, and picnic tables were erected for the lunch. After the Homecoming lunch each year, the tables were taken down and stored until the next year. The pieces of the tables were numbered so that they could be more easily put back together on the next occasion.

For a time, in the 1990's, the Shiloh Homecoming lunch was held in the Green Hill Senior Citizens Building, a short distance away from the church building. Later, the Homecoming lunch was moved back to the church grounds. This was after a new and more spacious fellowship hall was built adjoining the church building (83).

**Various records revealed a few of the men who have preached at the annual Homecoming services over the years:**

1980	Gilbert Gibbs +
1981	Howard Blazer +
1982	Melvin Campbell +
1983	Marlin Graves +
1984	Arvel Curtis ++
1985	Cyrus Quillen ++
1986	Thomas Wallace ++
1987	Sam Canerday ++
1988	Reeder Allen ++
1989	Horace Stutts ++
1990	Aaron McDonald ++
1991	Doug Rogers ++
1992	Gilbert Kretzer ++
1993	James A. Hendrix ++
1995	Thomas Wallace ++
1996	Miles Stutts ++
1997	Kelby Smith ++
1998	Jason Moon ++
2000	Tom Holland ++
2001	Ray Wilson ++
2002	Jason Moon ++
2003	Howell Bigham ++
2004	Greg Dial*
2006	Jason Moon (Attendance = 529) **
2007	Aaron McDonald**
2008	Greg Dial (Attendance =600)**

- (+) Information provided by Shiloh's Financial Ledger(s)  
(++) Information provided by Travis Allen, Personal Notes  
(\* ) Shiloh Homecoming Advertisement, 2004  
(\*\*) Information provided by Brian Smith, Personal Notes

A 2004 Shiloh Bulletin Notice  
Announcing the  
Annual Homecoming Services  
With Greg Dial as the Speaker (84):

*Homecoming 2004!*  
*Shiloh Church of Christ*  
*Sunday, June 6*

**Speaker:**  
**Greg Dial**  
Youth Minister  
Center Hill Church of Christ



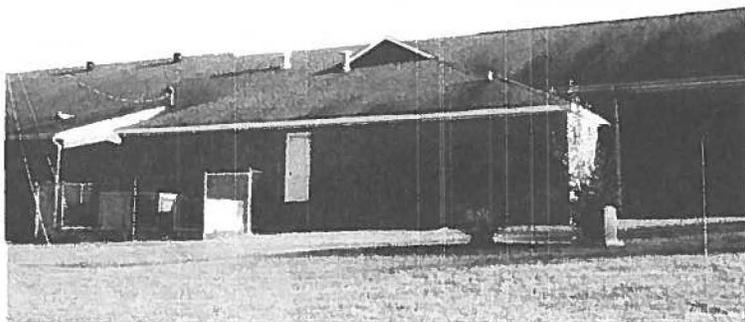
- Everyone Invited
- Enjoy A Delicious Meal
- Hear the Gospel Preached
- Renew Old Friendships and Make New Ones

**Schedule for the Day**  
Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.  
A.M. Worship...9:45 a.m.  
Meal(Fellowship Hall)  
Singing.....1:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship...2:00 p.m.

An excerpt from a General Business Meeting at Shiloh on Sun. Oct. 7, 1979, records the following in regard to the annual Homecoming Service (39):

*"It was agreed to bring previous preachers at Shiloh to speak on Homecoming day each year, in chronological order as far as possible."*

Photo at right shows the north side of the Shiloh Church building in 2008. The outline of the roof of the old rock building can still be seen (near center of photo.) Also, the approximate shape of some of the classrooms built onto the rear of the old rock building is still evident in this photo.



# *Echoes From The Past...*

## *Baptisms at Shiloh...*

Many, many baptisms have taken place at Shiloh during the course of the congregation's history. The following list of Shiloh baptisms has been compiled from dates and notes that have been submitted during the course of this historical research. The list is in no way intended to be a complete list of ALL the baptisms at Shiloh over the years. Apologies are extended for any baptismal dates/names left out.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Baptized By</b>
Oliver Hine	Aug. 4, 1953	Jenkins Hole	Gentry Stults
Lois Marie Hine	Aug. 4, 1953	Jenkins Hole	Gentry Stults
Delton Wallace, Sr.		New Auditorium	
Helen Wallace		New Auditorium	
Eunice Wallace		New Auditorium	
Dwight Wallace		New Auditorium	
Kathryn Tate		Jenkins Hole	
Kathy Rogers Hunt		New Auditorium	
Carl Hunt		New Auditorium	
Louella Springer Butler	1966		
Heather Allen Phillips		Shiloh Building	
Travis Allen	Nov. 7, 1966	Shiloh	
Martin Holloway		New Auditorium	
Marcelle Holloway		New Auditorium	
Patsy McClanahan Oliver	Aug. 1976	Shiloh Bldg.	
Tyler Oliver	June 13, 2007	Shiloh Bldg.	
Fred Allen		Shiloh Bldg.	
Ricky Johnson			
Sherry Johnson			
Jonathan Johnson	Sept. 7, 1999	Shiloh	
Markus Johnson	June 21, 2006	Shiloh New Bldg.	Howell Bigham
Jimmy Phillips	Aug. 10, 1980	Shiloh	
Jessica Conard	June 18, 2006		
Marguerite Hannah Hines	1957	Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
Doris Stutts Brown Bergob	1938	Jenkins Hole	Leon Burns
Knoxie Jane Stutts Goad	1946	Jenkins Hole	John D. Cox

(Note by Knoxie Goad – Bro. John D. Cox was holding a meeting at Shiloh when she was baptized.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baptized By</u>
Evelyn House Stutts	1920	Jenkins Hole	Bro. Coffman
James Haywood Stutts	1957	Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
(James H. Stutts, when baptized, had lung cancer and was very frail. He was baptized while sitting in a chair by Alden Hendrix & Melvin Campbell, with help of James H.'s son-in-law, Parker Brown.)			
Mary Jane Brown Chandler Hutchins		New Bldg.	Melvin Campbell
Cheryl Jean Brown Hearn		New Bldg.	Melvin Campbell
Maggie Jenkins Kilpatrick	March 10, 1964	Jenkins Hole	
Tammacca Kilpatrick Herston		Jenkins Hole	
Tonya Kilpatrick Turpen		Jenkins Hole	
Greg Turpen	August 18, 2002	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Jean Burbank	Dec. 1, 2002	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Jack Stutts		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
April Allen Gwin	1979	Shiloh Bldg.	
John Gwin	1991	Shiloh Bldg.	
Cam Allen		Shiloh Bldg.	
Tammie Allen	1990	Shiloh Bldg.	
Marjorie Robertson		Elsewhere	
Wylodean Hines		Jenkins Hole	
Stacey Richardson Shaw		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Gentry Tanner Shaw	June 11, 2006	Shiloh New Bldg.	Danny Jenkins
Jo Chandler Holden			
Glen Holden		Shiloh	
Kent Holden	Jan. 1975	Shiloh Bldg.	Horace Stutts
Keri Myrick Allen	Feb. 1998	Shiloh New Bldg.	Jason Moon
Heath Allen	Feb. 1998	Shiloh New Bldg.	Jason Moon
Clayburn Hines	1953		
Wayne Hines			
Sue Darby	1958		
Faye Hill	1958		
Eula Pearl Johns Green		Jenkins Hole	
Horace Stutts	July 13, 1947	Jenkins Hole	
Myra Gray	1958		
Marvoline Hannah Myrick			
Jayne Hines Dial			
Otha Jaynes			
Anita Johnson McCluskey	1957		
Lucille Johns Quillen	1935	Jenkins Hole	
Lucille Quillen Stutts	1929	Jenkins Hole	
Allison Quillen Hines		Shiloh	Cyrus Quillen
Jared Hines		Shiloh	James A. Hendrix
Jim Wallace		Shiloh	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baptized By</u>
Tina Jenkins Stults		Shiloh Bldg.	Henry Allen
Edgar Jenkins		Shiloh Bldg.	
Regina Jenkins		Shiloh Bldg.	
Sarah Jenkins Fulks		Shiloh Bldg.	James A. Hendrix
Kellyn Jenkins		Shiloh Bldg.	Jason Moon
Lucille Gladney			
Marcie Rogers			
Bruce Freeze	1930's	Jenkins Hole	Bro. White
Evelyn Gist Freeze		Jenkins Hole	
Johnnie Ruth Gist Dixon	Early 1960's	Shiloh New Bldg.	Chs. Kretzer
Dorothy Sue Fowler Gist		Jenkins Hole	John D. Cox
Doyle Dixon	Late 1960's	Shiloh Bldg.	
Wilburn "Tom" Gist	August 15, 2003	Shiloh Bldg.	Howell Bigham
Amanda DesRuisseaux Davis		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Bob Gooch		Shiloh New Bldg.	Doug Rogers
Kelly Short Gooch	1980	Shiloh New Bldg.	Doug Rogers
Justine Myrick Gooch		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
H.L. Butler	1961	Shiloh New Bldg.	Chs. Kretzer
Shirley Butler	1961	Shiloh New Bldg.	Chs. Kretzer
Mike DesRuisseaux	June 1998	Leon Hines's Swimming Pool	
Pam Matthews DesRuisseaux	Oct. 1973	Shiloh Bldg.	
Ginny Curtis	Aug. 1967	Shiloh	
Don Curtis	1955	At Lexington Church of Christ	
Michele Curtis	1979		
Leon Hines		Shiloh Bldg.	
Shirley Liles Hines		Shiloh Bldg.	
Greg Dial	1980	Shiloh Bldg.	
Janice Canerday Gist	1960	Old Bldg.	
Boyd Gist	1980	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Tammi Gist Cannon		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Terri Gist		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Mike Gray	1974	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Darlene Bradley	1976	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Barry Bradley		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Jeff Harrison	1981	Shiloh New Bldg.	James A. Hendrix
Bonnie Johns Rogers Waddell			
Kristin Curtis Storie	Aug. 19, 1984	Shiloh New Bldg.	James A. Hendrix
Natashia Jenkins Ledlow		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Alan Storie	May 1992	Shiloh New Bldg.	Jas. A. Hendrix
Gentry W. Jenkins, Sr.	March 10, 1964	Jenkins Hole	Melvin Campbell
Mary E. (Sally) Jenkins Richardson	March 10, 1964	" "	" "
Gentry W. Jenkins, Jr.		Shiloh New Bldg.	James A. Hendrix
Pat Hannah		Shiloh New Bldg.	Burns
Glenn Hannah		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	Ira North
Troy White		Shiloh New Bldg.	Jason Moon

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Baptized By</b>
Vergie Gist McClanahan	Sept. 17, 1961	Shiloh New Bldg.	Charles Kretzer
Herman McClanahan	Dec. 20, 1961	Shiloh New Bldg.	“ “
Joel Butler		Shiloh New Bldg.	Charles Jones
Carol Matthews Harrison	August 12, 1974		
Jay Harrison			
Lee Harrison	December 17, 2004		
Jackie Chandler		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Amy Butler Roberson		Shiloh New Bldg.	Doug Rogers
Fulton Matthews		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
Dorothy Matthews		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
Steven Simpson		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Carla Hunt Simpson		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Chance Simpson	April 25, 2005	Shiloh New Bldg.	Howell Bigham
Heather Balentine Hankins		Shiloh New Bldg.	Jas. Paul Nobles
Jason Hankins		Shiloh New Bldg.	Jason Moon
Linda Jenkins Davis		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Chapel Davis		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Louise Hannah Smith		Jenkins Hole	Bro. Beck
Helen Hannah Olive		Jenkins Hole	
Erika Stejskal McCollum		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Donyelle Burbank Pelfrey			James A. Hendrix
Charlene LeFan Purser		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Justin Purser		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Carolyn LeFan Wallace		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Delton Wallace, Jr.		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Reed LeFan		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Sheree Wallace		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Horace L. Pigg	June 29, 2005		
Ted Short		Shiloh New Bldg.	
Beverly Short		Shiloh Rock Bldg.	
Teddy Richey		Shiloh New Bldg.	James A. Hendrix
Kathy Brewer Richey		Shiloh New Bldg.	Kelby Smith
Anthony Purser	July 7, 1999	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Leslie Purser	July 17, 1999	Shiloh New Bldg.	
Billy Richardson		Shiloh Bldg.	
Peggy LeFan Richardson			
Kristy Allen McCain	June 16, 1982	Shiloh New Bldg.	Doug Rogers
Luke McCain	July 16, 2006	Shiloh New Bldg.	Howell Bigham
Vicky Liles Williams		Shiloh New Bldg.	Marlin Graves
Lois Thigpen	August 19, 1999		
Janie Bogus Coker	Summer 1955	Baptized during a meeting at Shiloh but was taken to Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ to use the baptistery there to be baptized.	
Danny Jenkins		Shiloh Bldg.	Marlin Graves
Deborah Gist Phillips	July 1969	Shiloh New Bldg.	Chs. Kretzer
Latasha Phillips Behel	June 1992	Maywood Camp	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Baptized By</b>
<b>LaKeisha Phillips Crocker</b>	<b>June 1996</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Jason Moon</b>
<b>Callie Matthews</b>	<b>August 29, 2007</b>	<b>Shiloh Bldg.</b>	<b>Howell Bigham</b>
<b>David Matthews</b>	<b>April 6, 1975</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	
<b>Fred Allen</b>			
<b>Bill Canerday</b>		<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	
<b>Joan Chandler Canerday</b>		<b>Shiloh Rock Bldg.</b>	
<b>Barry Canerday</b>		<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	
<b>Robert Rogers</b>	<b>May 17, 1991</b>	<b>Elsewhere</b>	<b>Bro. Hendrix</b>
<b>Thomas Wallace</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Shiloh Rock Bldg.</b>	<b>Chas. Kretzer</b>
<b>JoAnn Wallace</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Shiloh Rock Bldg.</b>	<b>Chas. Kretzer</b>
<b>Doug Rogers</b>			<b>Chas. Kretzer</b>
<b>Marcie Rogers</b>			<b>Chas. Kretzer</b>
<b>Ronnie Rogers</b>			<b>Chas. Kretzer</b>
<b>Leah Rogers Heupel</b>			
<b>Greg Dial</b>	<b>May 1980</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Jas. A. Hendrix</b>
<b>Tammie Dixon Dial</b>			<b>Jas. A. Hendrix</b>
<b>Debbie Gist Nabers</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Brinkley</b>
<b>Sandra Gist Myrick</b>			<b>Horace Stutts</b>
<b>Regina Myrick</b>			<b>Greg Dial</b>
<b>Kaleb Jones</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Howell Bigham</b>
<b>Morgan Grigsby</b>	<b>November 12, 2008</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Howell Bigham</b>
<b>George Swinea</b>	<b>August 6, 1968</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	
<b>Brenda Swinea Stejskal</b>			
<b>Kathy Swinea Quillen</b>			
<b>Bobby Swinea</b>			
<b>Jessica Behel</b>	<b>July 21, 1999</b>		
<b>Ralph Thigpen</b>	<b>August 17, 1999</b>		
<b>Kristin Milender</b>	<b>May 28, 2000</b>		
<b>Blake Curtis</b>	<b>February 11, 2001</b>		
<b>Allison Curtis</b>	<b>February 11, 2001</b>		
<b>Jessica Jones</b>	<b>April 1, 2001</b>		
<b>Matthew Thigpen</b>	<b>June 19, 2001</b>		
<b>Magan Short</b>	<b>April 13, 2002</b>		
<b>Chuck Nabers</b>	<b>January 4, 2003</b>		
<b>Jamey Walden</b>	<b>December 7, 2003</b>		
<b>Nick Papanicolo</b>	<b>March 11, 2004</b>		
<b>Chris Young</b>	<b>June 22, 2004</b>		
<b>Jonathan Bigham</b>	<b>December 12, 2004</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Howell Bigham</b>
<b>Alex Scott</b>	<b>December 15, 2004</b>	<b>Shiloh New Bldg.</b>	<b>Howell Bigham</b>
<b>Katie Kirk</b>	<b>May 18, 2005</b>		
<b>Hope Kirk</b>	<b>May 18, 2005</b>		
<b>Kristy Smith Thompson</b>	<b>May 25, 2005</b>		
<b>Kassi Trousdale</b>	<b>May 29, 2005</b>		
<b>Kendra Balentine</b>	<b>June 28, 2005</b>		
<b>Jeremy Rhodes</b>	<b>July 27, 2005</b>		

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Baptized By</u></b>
<b>Ashley Trousdale</b>	<b>August 23, 2005</b>		
<b>Harold Hughes</b>	<b>June 10, 2007</b>		
<b>Darby Gooch</b>	<b>November 2007</b>		
<b>Jessica Crane</b>	<b>June 22, 2008</b>		
<b>Hayley Matthews</b>	<b>June 25, 2008</b>		

# “Jenkins Baptizing Hole”

Written by Sally Richardson

One mile west of the church building at Shiloh a creek called “Cowpen” peacefully meandered along. The Jenkins Baptizing Hole was so named because Wiley and Chappel Jenkins owned the property and their two-room log home was located nearby. An ancient sycamore tree stood near the bank above the baptizing hole with its branches spread, as a canopy, shading the chilly waters below. A large spring (the main tributary of Cowpen) located a few feet above the baptizing hole disrupted the calmness of the creek as the spring rushed in and they merged together. The cold spring water cooled the creek about fifteen degrees. It also deepened the creek considerably. Grass and weeds were trodden into a smooth dirt surface. It was along the banks of Cowpen Creek many gathered to be baptized and where others who attended sang beautiful hymns as they watched their friends and loved ones being baptized. If sins had turned the water black, Cowpen Creek would have flowed with black water from 1905-1955. There was a continual flow of people seeking to have their sins washed away.

When brother William Behel held a series of gospel meetings in September 1905, approximately sixty people were baptized. His records dated from 1905-1914 listed almost one hundred people he had baptized. Many of those were our ancestors at Shiloh.

Over the years, as the congregation at Shiloh began to grow, such noted gospel preachers as Oscar Romine, Ira North, A.D. Behel, Howard Blazer, Melvin Campbell, Gentry Stults, John Cox, Harvey Dodd, and others used the Jenkins Baptizing Hole for baptizing. In 1929 Oscar Romine baptized about twenty-one people. Ira North baptized fifty people in the summer of 1942.

Not having a baptistery in the church building posed a disadvantage for immediate baptism. The usual protocol was to be baptized the following day after responding to the invitation.

Many who were baptized attended neighboring congregations and did not continue to worship at Shiloh. Some were baptized and never attended another worship service. Some didn't always grasp the “living faithful until death” scripture.

Women in the immediate vicinity assisted those being baptized. They provided them a place to dress. Those women were Chappel Jenkins, Oma Gooch, and Lillian Johns.

Today the property around the Jenkins Baptizing Hole is owned by Danny Jenkins, an Elder at Shiloh. He baptized Tammacca Kilpatrick Herston in August 1994. She was the last person baptized there.

Time has changed the course of Cowpen Creek. The stream is not nearly as large and the water has eroded the banks. The canopy of trees and large sycamore tree no longer stand. Only a trace of a bygone era remains. Just one mile to the east stands the

## “Jenkins Baptizing Hole” (Continued)

Written by Sally Richardson

church building at Shiloh. The baptistery is surrounded by beautiful stained glass; clothing and towels are nearby. Gone are the days of waiting until the next day to be baptized. However grand the baptistery and how convenient it has become, the numbers of those baptized in the baptistery is pale in comparison to those baptized in the Jenkins Baptizing Hole thus far.

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### The Difference Between Daylight and Dark

I have many fond memories, and some not so fond, of the Jenkins Baptizing Hole. Growing up as a child we spent many days swimming in Cowpen Creek. Kids from all around hit the swimming hole on hot summer days. However, some of my memories are like daylight and dark.

One sunny March day in 1954 a group of young girls planned an all day excursion down by the baptizing hole. With a little persuasion, I waded out into the baptizing hole to show them how deep it was. The water was chin deep and was icy cold. Not wanting to miss the hike through the woods, I wore my wet clothing all day. The next day I awoke with a high temperature and throbbing pains in my chest. My stay in the hospital with pneumonia was not nearly as much fun as showing off in the creek had been.

One cold March night in 1964 with the temperature below eighteen degrees, brothers Melvin Campbell, Arvel Curtis, and Doug Rogers had just completed showing us The Jule Miller filmstrips. My father, Gentry Jenkins, my sister, Maggie Jenkins, and myself had decided to be baptized. My father, at that time, was not convinced the baptistery at church was scriptural. Brothers Rogers and Curtis tried to persuade him it made no difference. Brother Campbell quickly explained, if he was uncertain or had doubts, his baptism would be worthless. On March 10, 1964, at 9:30 p.m., we were baptized in the Jenkins Baptizing Hole by brother Melvin Campbell. When we arose from the water, ice formed on our clothing and bodies. We were quickly wrapped in blankets and rushed up the path to the house.

At the time I didn't think about my bout with pneumonia ten years before. None of us developed a sore throat, bad cold, or pneumonia. The differences between those two events were like daylight and dark, however. I consider them now as like right and wrong.

**On the next page is an artist's rendering of the Jenkins Baptizing Hole. Artwork by Sally Richardson.**



## Jenkins Hole Baptisms

Compiled by Sally Richardson

In about 1943 this article appeared in The Gospel Advocate. It was written by brother Ira North. Ira L. North, 231 North Military Street, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.: "On July 23<sup>rd</sup> I closed a meeting with the church at Shiloh, Al. Fifty-two responded to the gospel invitation; thirty-one were baptized. The brethren at Shiloh have a nice new rock building. I will begin at Greenwood, in Giles County, August 26."

The article above is evidence of the responses to the gospel invitation during meetings held in the summer at Shiloh. I have researched extensively to compile a list of all those who were baptized in The Jenkins Hole. Several people who were baptized recalled being baptized with groups of as many as fifty people but could not remember names. Some of the elderly could not recall the name of the preacher who baptized them. I have submitted a list of those I have found below. These baptisms are in addition to all those brother William Behel did in the early part of the century.

Louise Robertson Stutts	September 17, 1940	C.T. Burns
Horace Stutts	July 13, 1947	Ira North
Edith Gist Peden		Ira North
Geneva Quillen Gist		Ira North
Louise Butler Tate		
Irene Butler Watkins		
Agnes Burks Hine		
Oliver Hine	August 4, 1953	Gentry Stults
Lois Marie Hine	August 4, 1953	Gentry Stults
Augazelle Richardson Gist		
Eula Mae Gist Hannah	1942	Ira North
Martha Jane House		William Behel
Minnie Richardson		
Henry L. Gray	1942	
Lizzie Burbank		William Behel
Lena Cross Johnson		William Behel
Hulda House Johns		William Behel
Leva House Thompson		William Behel
Hazel Johns Behel		
Evelyn House Stutts	1920	Coffman
Pauline Chandler Curtis		William Behel
Beatrice Gist Brewer	1930	
Bashie Butler Johns	1930	
Oma Gooch	July 30, 1930	Oscar Romine
Verna Jenkins Olive		
Ruth Johns Butler	1942	Ira North
Elizabeth Slaughter Johnson	1931	
Virginia Gamble		
Hazel Richardson Rogers	1942	Ira North

## Jenkins Hole Baptisms (Cont'd.)

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Kathryn Chandler Tate		Ira North
Dorris Stutts Brown Bergob	1938	Leon Burns
Knoxie Stutts Goad	1946	John D. Cox
Joyce Johns		
Shirley Canerday Davis		
Josephine Robertson Canerday		
Opal Robertson Medley		
Waylon Johns		Ira North
Marcus Johns		
Elvin Johns		C.T. Burns
Opal Hannah Johns	1940	C.T. Burns
Maggie Jenkins Kilpatrick	March 10, 1964	Melvin Campbell
Gentry Jenkins, Sr.	March 10, 1964	Melvin Campbell
Mary E. (Sally) Richardson	March 10, 1964	Melvin Campbell
Tammacca Herston		Danny Jenkins
Tonya Kilpatrick Turpen		James A. Hendrix
Wylodean LeFan Hines		
Eula LeFan		
Clayburn Hines	1953	Howard Blazer
Lucille Johns Quillen	1935	
Lucille Quillen Stutts	1929	Oscar Romine
Evelyn Gist Freeze	1942	Ira North
Bruce Freeze	1930's	White
Bonnie Johns Rogers Waddell		Ira North
Ila Mae Liles Terrell	1942	Ira North
Vera Mae Richardson Butler		Ira North
Audrey Gray Riley		Ira North
Annie Mae Bradley Clemons		Ira North
Jack Richardson		Ira North
Stella Mae Littrell Richardson		Ira North
Dorothy Richardson Pettus		Ira North
Helen Hannah Olive		
Louise Hannah Smith		Beck
Otha Jaynes		
W.L. Baggett		
Margaret Richardson Clemons		
Verna Jenkins Olive		
Fannie Mae Jenkins Rose		
Edgar Jenkins		
Eula Pearl Johns Green		
Jimmy Stewart		
Edgar Gist		Harvey Dodd
Duncan Stewart		

## Jenkins Hole Baptisms (Cont'd.)

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George LeFan		
Dorothy Liles Brewer		Ira North
Oscar Johnson		
Lucille Gist Gladney		
Martha Johns Campbell		
Peggy Thompson English Clemmons		
Sylvia Bretherick		
Virginia Richardson Springer	1951	Royce Kretzer
Evelyn Richardson Dickerson Gist		
Jackie Butler		
Elgenia Brewer Covington		
Bonnie Richardson Murks		
Mary Ruth Brewer		

As you can imagine, this short list is only a fragment of those who were baptized in the Jenkins Baptizing Hole. I apologize for being unable to list the hundreds who were baptized, but am thankful that God keeps better records than mankind.

Written by: Sally Richardson

# Weddings At Shiloh...

## Echoes From The Past...

The following is a list of weddings held in the building at Shiloh. This list is not intended to be a complete list of all the weddings held at Shiloh. This list includes names and dates that were submitted during the course of this historical research. Apologies are extended for any names/dates left out.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ceremony by:</u>
Glen & Jo Holden	June 2, 1961	Charles Kretzer
R.L. & Virginia Behel	August 4, 1961	Charles Kretzer
Noel & Kathryn Scott	September 9, 1961	Charles Kretzer
Clayburn & Marguerite Hines	April 22, 1962	
Joe & Kay Burks	September 10, 1965	
Don & Ginny Curtis	September 10, 1965	Charles Kretzer
Leon & Shirley Hines	November 6, 1965	Horace Stutts
Delton & Carolyn Wallace	April 2, 1966	Melvin Campbell
Ted & Beverly Short	February 16, 1967	
Billy & Mary E. (Sally) Richardson	April 4, 1969	Melvin Campbell
Bobby & Sue Darby	January 1971	
Carl & Kathy Hunt	June 12, 1971	
Mike & Pam DesRuisseaux	July 6, 1973	Bob Jones
Milton & Jean Hearn	November 2, 1973	
Jimmy & Debbie Phillips	February 14, 1975	Horace Stutts
Danny & Donna Jenkins	January 19, 1979	Horace Stutts
Freddie & Linda Davis	November 9, 1979	Horace Stutts
Jeff & Carol Harrison	July 29, 1983	Horace Stutts
Barry & Darlene Bradley	August 29, 1987	
Cam & Tammie Allen	April 27, 1990	James A. Hendrix
John & April Gwin	September 8, 1990	
Russell & Stacey Shaw	May 25, 1991	James Paul Nobles
Greg & Tammie Dial	June 7, 1991	James A. Hendrix
Mark & Kristy McCain	December 11, 1992	James Paul Nobles
Bobby & Amy Roberson	May 29, 1993	Charles Kretzer
Bengie & Anna Hines	September 11, 1993	Thomas Wallace
Alan & Kristin Storie	February 17, 1995	James A. Hendrix
Stephen & Heather Phillips, Quentin & Heidi Hendrix (Double Wedding)	August 4, 1995	James A. Hendrix
Jason & Heather Hankins	September 2, 1995	James Paul Nobles
Bob & Kelly Gooch	February 10, 1996	Eddie Gooch
Ryan & Callie Matthews	May 30, 1998	Glen Richardson
Heath & Keri Allen	June 6, 1998	Jason Moon
Matt & Erika McCollum	September 4, 1999	Miles Stutts
Jared & Allison Hines	March 22, 2002	Ray Wilson/Cyrus Quillen

# *Weddings At Shiloh (Cont'd.)*

<b>Kevin &amp; Amanda Davis</b>	<b>May 24, 2002</b>	<b>Ray Wilson</b>
<b>Clint &amp; Suzanne Blankenship</b>	<b>August 20, 2005</b>	<b>Bruce Blankenship</b>
<b>Jerry &amp; Bonnie Dison</b>	<b>March 10, 1963</b>	<b>Charles Kretzer</b>
<b>Jay &amp; Brenda Stejskal</b>	<b>June 2, 1973</b>	<b>Horace Stutts</b>
<b>Nathan &amp; Sarah Fulks</b>	<b>June 22, 2001</b>	<b>Ray Wilson</b>
<b>Daryl &amp; Latasha Behel</b>	<b>June 2, 2001</b>	<b>Brad Adcock</b>
<b>Matt &amp; LaKeisha Crocker</b>	<b>June 11, 2005</b>	<b>Darrell Powell</b>
<b>Jamie &amp; Ragan Burks</b>	<b>Dec. 20, 1997</b>	<b>Don Williams</b>
<b>Charles &amp; Debbie Nabers</b>	<b>Sept. 7, 1979</b>	<b>Haskell Sparks</b>

# Echoes From The Past...

## Activities at Shiloh...

The members of Shiloh have been involved in many activities over the years. Some have become activities that are regular, while some have been short term. Some of these activities include:

Bible Bowl

Singing Schools

Area Rotational Singings

Friends & Family Day

Little Bit of Sunshine Program

Holding Services at Local Nursing Homes

Young Men's Training Class

Visitation Teams/Programs

Hosting Titus Camp Speakers

Annual Vacation Bible School

Youth Devotionals

Below are some excerpts from Shiloh Bulletins regarding some of these activities:

As I type these notes, we are about to start the final day of our V.B.S.! What a great V.B.S. we have been enjoying! The attendance has been excellent throughout the week. The teachers and helpers have done a superb job in instructing the kids about some remarkable stories from God's Word. Thank you teachers for your hard work! Our V.B.S. has ran smoothly because of organization and everyone doing their part. Those who have worked in the fellowship hall providing refreshments have done an amazing job. We thank you! Brother Stephen Phillips always does a terrific job in heading up our V.B.S. He begins early in the year with preparation and organization. He leads the children in singing. He makes sure that the teachers have the supplies that they need in their rooms. He does a thousand and one things to ensure that V. B.S. is going to be successful! Thank you Stephen for your hard work!

Notes by Howell Bigham, Shiloh Bulletin, June 20, 2004

Thanks to all V.B.S. teachers, helpers, and workers who helped to make this year's V.B.S. a success. It takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to make a V.B.S. run smoothly.

Thanks again,  
Stephen Phillips  
V.B.S. numbers  
Monday-171  
Tuesday-212  
Wednesday-190  
Thursday-186  
Friday-200

*Average  
attendance  
was 192!*

Shiloh Bulletin, June 20, 2004, VBS Report

Our young boy's class will meet today at 6:30 p.m. instead of the normal time of 5 p.m. Last week, Jonathan Bigham, Lee Harrison, Luke McCain, and Chance Simpson were present to give their lessons. Parents, we are working hard toward the 5th Sunday evening worship service. Please encourage your son to get involved in these classes.

Notes by Howell Bigham, August 8, 2004, Shiloh Bulletin

**Bible Bowl**—Shiloh is scheduled to host the Bible Bowl for the month of September. The date is September 8th and the time will be 6:30 p.m.

August 17, 2008, Shiloh Bulletin

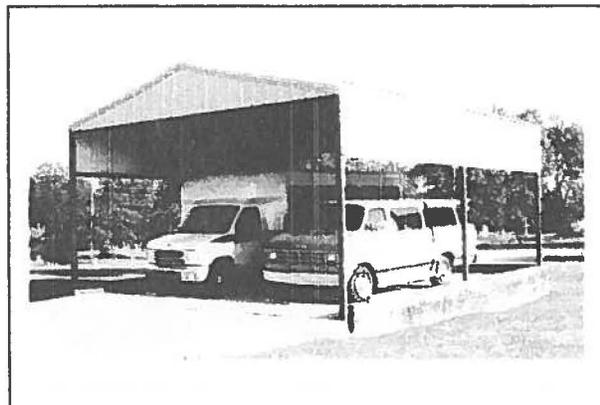
**Bible Bowl Team**—will meet tonight following worship for study and fellowship. Parents, please bring fingerfoods and stay.

**Bible Bowl** tomorrow evening at Lone Cedar starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Trunk & Treat and Soup Supper**—scheduled for Sunday night, October 26th following our evening services. Visitation group 1 is responsible for setting up and cleaning after the meal. You do not have to be a member of any visitation group to help out with any events that the church has scheduled.

October 12, 2008, Shiloh Bulletin

At left is shown a 2008 photo of the Shiloh church bus and van, parked in the shed that is built beside the Shiloh preacher's house.



Below: A flyer distributed at Shiloh in Fall 2008 regarding one of the congregation's newest programs - the "Lads to Leaders Program." This flyer lists members of Shiloh who signed up to help (for Shiloh's first time to be involved in the program) with various areas of the Lads to Leaders Program (85):

## Lads to Leaders 2008-2009

**"...all that you command us we will do, and  
wherever you send us we will go."**

**(Joshua 1:16)**

### Who's In Charge?

Good Samaritan: Kelly Gooch  
Amy Roberson

Speech (boy): Alan Storie  
Howell Bigham

Speech (girls): Jackie Bigham

Bible Reading: Stephen Phillips  
Heather Phillips

Song Leading (boys): Jared Hines

Songs of Praise (girls): Sheila Quillen  
Kristin Storie

Know the Books: Heath Allen  
Brian Jones

Art Says It:

Banner:

Scrapbook: Anna Hines

Centurion of Scripture: Kristy McCain

Director: Jared Hines

This is not just a youth program. It is a congregational program. Using the Bible standard of the old teaching the young, adult mentors assist the youth in training in various areas such as scripture memorization, bible reading, speech preparation and presentation, and song leading.

**This gets the entire congregation involved and brings about a spirit of unity. Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes also provides an avenue through which young people can be motivated to become responsible Christian leaders in the home, church, school and community. Start preparing your young people today to become great leaders! Important!!! If you are interested in helping out with Lads to Leaders in any way but not sure exactly what you want to do, please contact Jared Hines or if you see a specific area that you would like to be a part of, simply get in touch with the coordinator for that particular event.**



# The Shiloh Bulletin...

## Echoes From The Past...

Shiloh Church of Christ publishes a weekly bulletin known as "The Shiloh Salute." It is published for the purpose of providing information about church activities and church members. The bulletin also often contains scriptural messages. It also includes a column by the preacher. Over the years, the "look" of the Shiloh bulletin has changed. Information listed in Shiloh bulletins reveals much about the congregation's history. Shown below are various bulletin fronts from over the years:

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### Shiloh

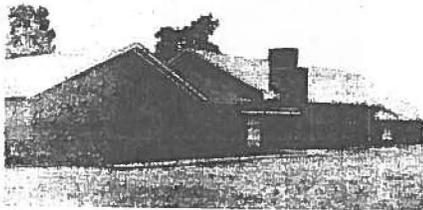
## SALUTE

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**ELDERS**  
REEDER ALLEN  
HERMAN BUTLER  
EDGAR GIST  
VERNON JOHNS

**DEACONS**  
MARCUS JOHNS  
FRANKLIN LILLES  
DUNCAN STEWART  
ELMER DIAL  
ERNEST CURTIS

**EVANGELIST**  
MELVIN CAMPBELL  
Route 1 Box 381  
Florence, Ala.  
Phone: 764-4725



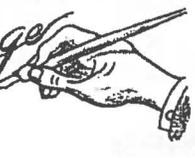
**Shiloh Church of Christ**  
ROUTE 1 - FLORENCE, ALA.  
PHONE: 766-1940

**Schedule Of Services**

**SUNDAY:** WOLV RADIO ..... 7:48 A.M.  
BIBLE CLASSES ..... 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP ..... 10:50 A.M.  
EVENING WORSHIP ..... 6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
LADIES' CLASS ..... 10:00 A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY ..... OCT. - MARCH 7:00 P.M.  
APR. - SEPT. 7:30 P.M.

Above: Shiloh Bulletin – Date Unknown, but the evangelist listed is Melvin Campbell, which dates this to approximate early-mid 1960's.

*A Message for You* 

**SHILOH  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

ROUTE FIVE BOX 463  
FLORENCE AL 35630  
757-2456

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY:**  
 BIBLE CLASSES..... 9:00 A.M.  
 MORNING WORSHIP..... 9:40 P.M.  
 EVENING WORSHIP..... 6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 LADIES CLASS..... 9:30 A.M.  
 BIBLE STUDY..... 7:00 P.M.

<b>ELDERS:</b> TRAVIS ALLEN PAUL COKER JAMES A. HENDRIX	<b>DEACONS</b> DENNIS ALLEN CLAYTON HINES JAMES RICHARDSON NOEL SCOTT DUNCAN STEWART	<b>MINISTERS</b> JAMES A. HENDRIX 757-2456 ASST. JAMES PAUL NOBLES 757-9908
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At left:  
Shiloh Bulletin,  
July 25, 1993

June 8, 2008 Volume 7, No. 23

## The Shiloh Salute

*"Salute one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you."*  
Romans 16:16

Join us for Vacation Bible School  
and Be a Member of

**God's All-Star Team**

**June 9-13**  
9:30am-11:30am  
Ages: 3 years old - 6th grade

*Come Join Us for Singing, Games, Snacks  
And Most Importantly...*

**God's Word**

*V.B.S. Topics Include:*

- \* Samson, and his strength
- \* Elijah out running Abab's chariot
- \* Marching around the walls of Jericho
- \* Philip running to the Eunuch's chariot to teach him the Gospel
- \* Mary Magdalene running to the disciples to tell them about the empty tomb

For More Info, Call 757-2456

**Shiloh Church of Christ**  
2805 Co. Rd. 344 Florence, AL 35834 • 757-2456  
Howell Bigham, Minister  
Steven Simpson, Youth Minister

**When We Assemble**

- Sunday
  - Bible School 9:00 a.m.
  - Morning Worship 9:40 a.m.
  - Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday
  - Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



*Our Elders have challenged us to be Daily Bible Readers and to study our lessons each week. Have YOU accepted the challenge?*

*Daily Bible Readers for the anniversary class the week of June 1, 2008... NC*

*Those who have studied their Bible lessons in the anniversary class... NC*

At left:  
Shiloh Bulletin,  
June 8, 2008

This bulletin announces  
Vacation Bible School  
at Shiloh for Summer of  
2008.

# Shiloh Cemetery

Just as the buildings at Shiloh have grown in various increments over the years, so has the cemetery that is adjacent to the church. During the days of the original frame building, a few graves were placed somewhat to the north of this structure. Eventually, Shiloh acquired land to start a new cemetery. Most of the graves that were situated north of the old frame building were moved into the new cemetery located east of the building (86).

**Notes from a June 4, 1955, meeting at Shiloh mention the following:**

*"...Talked about staking of cemetery. Also talked about a road through cemetery but thought that it would take up too much room...(39)."*

**Notes from a July 8, 1955, meeting at Shiloh mention the following:**

*"...Agreed: Bro's Dalton Hill, James Richardson, Franklin Liles, & Horace Stutts to be on the cemetery committee, & to get it staked off & numbered...(39)."*

**An affidavit given by Edgar Gist on June 29, 1960, reveals some of the history of the Shiloh Cemetery:**

*"...A number of years ago graves were located to the rear of the frame Church and people were buried in the same, but this one acre tract is not now used for such purposes...(87)."*

**In an interview with Howard L. Butler on Sept. 6, 2007, he related the following in regard to the Shiloh Cemetery history:**

*"Approximately five graves were moved from behind the old frame building. Hulda Johns and two of her children were among those whose graves were moved. Also the grave of a Mr. Stansberry, husband of Mittie House Stansberry, was moved (88)."*

Over the years, more land was added to this new cemetery – much of it having been donated for use as a cemetery by James and Marvoline Richardson and their children. On different occasions over the years, James and Marvoline Richardson have donated portions of their farm to the Shiloh Cemetery. Their farm was once that same farm owned by Pugh and Jane House, who gave the original tract for the first Shiloh church building (89). Shelby McMurtrey Hannah recalled that she and her husband, Floyd "Buster" Hannah, once made a crop on part of the land that later became Shiloh Cemetery in approximately the late 1930's or early 1940's (89-B). The cemetery has grown substantially over the years as more land has been acquired and more people have been buried there.

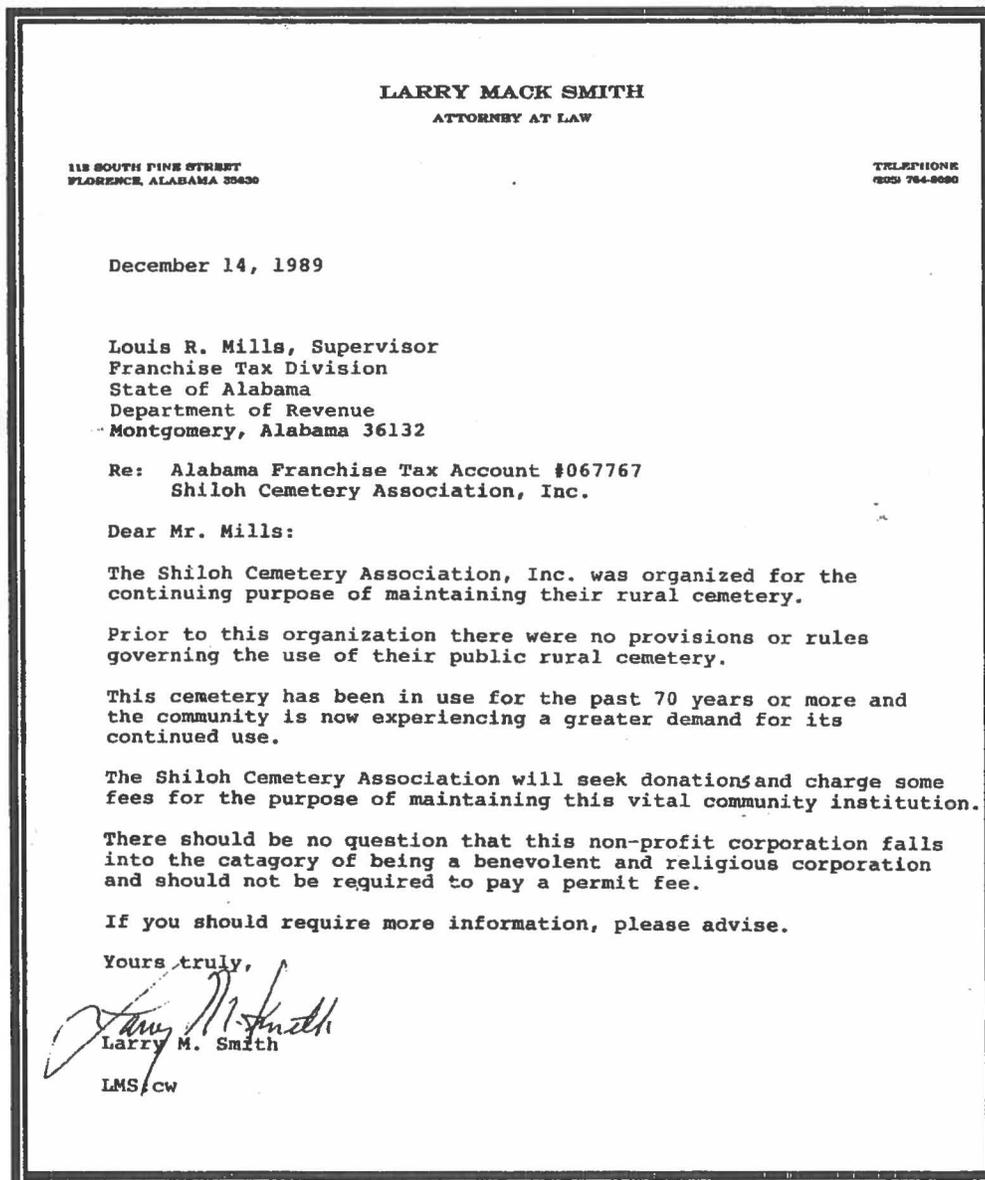
**Leon Hannah related the following about the Shiloh cemetery:**

*"...The Shiloh cemetery where Dad [Hershel Hannah] is buried was about ¼ mile from where we lived. For many years the graves were dug by hand and Dad was always there to help. Mr. Porter Canerday was always there, and with time the graves started being dug by a backhoe, which had to be paid. When Mr. Porter Canerday died, Dad and others recommended they dig his grave by hand...(89-C)."*

**Proceedings were begun to install a Board of Directors and to incorporate the Shiloh Cemetery in December 1989. The main purpose for this action was to**

establish a trust fund to provide interest income to maintain the cemetery grounds. The goal, at that time, was to fully establish the fund for the purpose of providing perpetual care and maintenance for the cemetery. The first Board of Directors consisted of: Howard L. Butler, Don Curtis, Dennis Allen, Jimmy Phillips, Henry Allen, James Richardson, and Henry Paul Coker (90).

The road going through the cemetery was first paved in 2008 (91).



Above is a letter in regard to the Shiloh Cemetery Association stating the purpose of the association (92).

**By-Laws  
Shiloh Cemetery Association, Inc.**

1. **Terms for Board Members – Staggered terms. Two members every year. (1991 – Two terms expire, 1992 – two other terms expire).**
2. **The nominated person will be appointed by remaining board members.**
3. **All money collected will be placed in such a manner that the principal will stay in place and interest or funds derived from principal will be spent solely in upkeep of cemetery.**
4. **After September 5, 1993, all plots marked off will require a fee of \$250.00 per plot, with a limit of three plots. The exception: fee will be waived if father, mother, spouse, son, or daughter is already buried in the cemetery.**
5. **All grave plots marked off must see Shiloh Cemetery Association before markers are set.**
6. **Markers will be set at ground level.**
7. **Grave plots with permanent borders or fences (the graves inside the fence) will be the responsibility of the family.**
8. **Graves sunk in will be the responsibility of the family to fill.**
9. **All mounded graves or graves covered with flowers will be the responsibility of the family.**
10. **The Shiloh Cemetery Association will not be responsible for any vandalism, theft, or any accidents occurring in Shiloh Cemetery.**
11. **A yearly fee of \$2.00 per plot will be assessed on unused plots to cover maintenance costs.**

--Board of Directors  
Shiloh Cemetery

## *Sincere Thanks to You...*

*A sincere thanks is extended to James and Marvoline Richardson and their family for their continued donations of land to the Shiloh Cemetery. Their lasting contributions to this cemetery and to our community are greatly appreciated and have benefited us all...*

# The Shiloh Preacher's House

As early as 1956, the Elders at Shiloh were considering the acquisition of a house by the congregation for use as a dwelling for the Shiloh preacher. Notes from men's meetings at Shiloh reveal events in this time period (39):

*"...Bro. Allen [Reeder Allen] agreed to give one acre of land to Church for Preacher's home..."* - Mar. 11, 1956

*"...Agreed to start making plans for building preachers house..."*  
- July 6, 1956

*"...Agreed for Elders to contact Bro. Reeder Allen to get deed and abstract for 1 acre of land..."*  
- July 6, 1956

*"...Agreed to see Mr. Chandler about buying an acre to build a preacher's home. Bill Thompson, Cyrus Quillen, and V.J. Johns agreed to see him..."*  
- Sept. 7, 1956

*"...Brother Chandler contacted about land across from church. Canceled..."*  
- Nov. 2, 1956

*"...Agreed to wait about land to see if possible to obtain land closer than Bro. Allen's..."*  
- Nov. 2, 1956

For a time in the 1950's, Shiloh rented a house from Edgar Gist to be used as a dwelling for Howard Blazer, who was the preacher for Shiloh at the time. This house was located on Highway 47, just behind the old Green Hill Masonic Lodge building. Howard Blazer lived in this house for the entire time he worked at Shiloh (93-B).

Over the years, Shiloh Church of Christ has owned two different houses that have been used as a home for the congregation's preacher.

The first house that was purchased was located somewhat east to northeast of the church building and is today located at the northeast end of the Shiloh Cemetery. It was purchased by the church from Howard C. and Juanell Fowler (94).

Minutes from a meeting at Shiloh on May 3, 1957 report:

*"...Present: Bill Thompson, Vernon Johns, Ben Freeze, Cyrus Quillen, R.L. McGinnish, Jim Allen, Edgar Gist. Agreed: By everyone present for Bro. Vernon Johns, Herman Butler, & Edgar Gist to sign mortgage for property purchased from Howard C. Fowler for Shiloh Church [of] Christ...(39)."*

The church later sold this house to Jimmy and Carolyn Clemmons. During the time the church owned this house, it was used by the preacher of the congregation as his dwelling. The preachers of Shiloh who lived in this house include Charles Kretzer, Melvin Campbell, Burns, and Kelby Smith (94-B). After the church sold it, the house was enlarged and remodeled to attain its current size/design (95).

At the time of this writing (2008), the church at Shiloh owns a large house directly south of the church building. This house has been used as the dwelling for various preachers at Shiloh. The house was originally built by Royce Kretzer, who lived in it himself for a short while. He then sold the house to Charlie Chaney (96). The Shiloh Church of Christ bought the house from Charlie Chaney and Lavern Chaney. The church purchased this house on March 25, 1968 (97). Since the church purchased the house it has been enlarged once. (See notes from Shiloh General Business Meeting of March 20, 1980, shown earlier in this history.)

Henry Allen, in an interview on October 9, 2008, related the following about a well that was dug for this house:

*"...I watched Brother Vernon Johns as he 'witched' the location for the well that was to be dug for the preacher's house. It is located in the front yard of the current preacher's house, near the east corner. It is a drilled well. This well supplied the water needs for the preacher's house until it was connected to the public water supply. The well is still there today, but not in use...(98)."*

The first of Shiloh's preachers to live in this house was Kelby Smith (99). The last Shiloh preacher to live in the house (at the time of this writing - 2008) was Howell Bigham. Howell and his family moved out of the Shiloh preacher's house in August 2007 into a home of their own (100). From that time until this date, no regular preacher has lived in the Shiloh preacher's house.



Above: Photo of the Shiloh Preacher's House, 2008



THE LADIES  
OF  
SHILOH'S  
PAST

Researched and Compiled by:

Sally Richardson



## Acknowledgements

There are so many who need to be thanked for the information they submitted on "The Ladies of Shiloh's Past." I am especially thankful for Cyrus Quillen, Lucille Quillen, Henry Allen, Bruce Freeze, Evelyn Freeze, Lucille Stutts and Dorris Bergob for their knowledge and ability to remember people, events and the church at Shiloh in its earlier days. I am grateful to the Elders on their decision to compile such a book of records for the Shiloh Church of Christ History before our sources of information are completely deleted. Most of all I am thankful to God. He has made all things possible.

Those providing information are listed below:

Henry Allen, Joanna Allen, Minerva Allen, Ruby Allen, Sherry Allen, Debbie Baines, Hazel Behel, Dorris Bergob, Louis Bogus, Dorothy Brewer, Gail Brewer, Rebecca Brown, Linda Burbank, H.L. Butler, Joel Butler, Shirley Butler, Josephine Canerday, Sam Canerday, Jeannette Clemmons, Janie Coker, Don Curtis, Mike Curtis, Linda Davis, Donnie Dial, Bonnie Dison, Katy Ellis, Pauline Foust, Bruce Freeze, Evelyn Freeze, Phillip Gamble, Hal Gist, Janice Gist, Larry Gist, Louise Gist, Sue Goins, Lucille Gladney, Glenn Gooch, Justine Gooch, Eula Pearl Green, Bessie Hamner, Glenn Hannah, Velma Hemmen, Clayburn Hines, Marguerite Hines, Shirley Hines, Wylodean Hines, Cathy Hunt, Opal Johns, Sherry Johnson, Charles Kretzer, Vergie McClanahan, Avis Killen McGee, Anita McCluskey, Verna Olive, Augazelle Owen, Helen Parker, Debbie Phillips, Oma Phillips, Charlene Purser, Cyrus Quillen, Lucille Quillen, Marvoline Richardson, Marcie Rogers, Eula Mae Robertson, Beverly Short, Jimmy Stewart, Horace Stutts, Lucille Stutts, Peggy Swinea, Marsha (Tate) ? , Kathleen Thigpen, Carolyn Wallace, Thomas Wallace, Evelyn Wallace (Murks), Gail Watkins, Nell White, Marvoline Young.

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## INTRODUCTION

*While the way gets rough as we climb the rising slope, As long as we have courage, love, faith and hope, We can go on undaunted in the blessed reassurance That God will help us and give us new endurance.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

THE WOMEN OF SHILOH'S PAST played an active role in the survival of the young church at Shiloh. Through their courage, dedication, faith and strength they overcame many obstacles along life's way. The road must have seemed rough as they journeyed up the rising slope.

During the early part of the twentieth century, the church was a "new concept" in this area. Women embraced it with open arms. Perhaps, it was an outlet or a break from the grueling farm life and gave them something to look forward to.....heaven. With their faith, patience, and determination these women helped to make Shiloh the congregation it is today.

As today, the church then was not without sin. All were God's children and sometimes fell short of His command. They were aware that God was a loving and forgiving God and all they had to do was ask His forgiveness.

Some women were faced with heart wrenching experiences - tragedies in losing their young children and infants to normal childhood illnesses. Some husbands deserted their wives during the most vulnerable times of their lives, leaving them with several children with no way to provide for themselves. Infidelity and alcoholism were common trials women had to endure.

The most valuable trait Shiloh's women possessed was their influence on others, especially their families. Living a Christian life day in and day out proved effective time and time again. Influence brought more husbands to Christ. By the early forties, the church at Shiloh had more families worshipping together. Some men who were influenced by their wives later became Elders, deacons, and teachers in the church and remained faithful Christians and converted many others. "THE WOMEN OF SHILOH'S PAST" knew God would bless them with reassurance and give them new endurance.

Researched and written by Sally Richardson

**“Ollie”**  
**Nancy Olivia Canerday Wallace**  
**Wife of Spinks Wallace**  
**1848 - 1944**

Ollie Wallace was baptized by Brother William Behel on July 15, 1913. She was a devout Christian lady with a kind and Christian heart. She is best remembered for her modest dress.

Although she was sixty-five years old when she was baptized, she spent many years worshipping in the old frame building.

Winter and summer Ollie wore a floor length black dress, buttoned at the neck, long sleeves, and a short embroidered cape to top it off. She would never have dreamed of showing her ankles.

After losing a child, she deeded a parcel of land to become a family cemetery. Today it is known as the Canerday Cemetery. Many members of the early church at Shiloh are buried there. Several were baptized in the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Brother William Behel.

Many of her grandchildren, even to the fifth generation, worship at Shiloh. They are the Jenkins family and the Gooch family.

**Martha Jane (Williams) House**  
**October 13, 1865 - December 25, 1946**  
**Wife of Pugh House**

Martha Jane was born to Nathaniel and Mahulda (Earnest) Williams on October 13, 1865, in Lauderdale County.

Pugh and Martha Jane became husband and wife January 9, 1883. Eleven children were born to the House family: Etta, Nattie L., Mary Mittie, Lyddie, Deedie, Ralston H., Pearl, Mattie Lee, Hulda, Leva, and Evelyn.

The House family operated a large farm that is now the Marvoline Richardson farm. The existing home place is where the House family was raised. The House family repeated their generosity time after time toward establishing the congregation at Shiloh. First, they offered the use of their goat barn as a place to worship. Second, they gave the land for a new building. Finally, they supported the church by being faithful in attendance.

When the church was at it's weakest, Martha Jane was concerned about starting services again.

Martha Jane was a dedicated Christian woman. She raised all her children up to know God and be faithful to Him. She was always involved in all aspects of the worship. She and her husband, Pugh, were prominent people in the community of Green Hill.

The descendants of Pugh and Martha Jane House are well represented today in the church at Shiloh and in many other congregations near and far.

**Nancy Elizabeth Canerday**  
**"Lizzie"**  
**1868 - 1943**

Lizzie Canerday, grandmother of Wylodean Hines, was born about 1868. She was baptized by Brother William Behel on September 16, 1905. She probably was among those who worshipped in the old goat barn.

She was faced with many hardships. She had three sons who were mentally handicapped. When she was fifty-three her daughter, Fannie LeFan, died, leaving three small children to raise.

Wylodean related the story about her practice of midwifery. She delivered many babies during that era to support herself and family. She charged a five dollar fee, but several people never paid her.

It was a must that all her children and grandchildren attend the worship services. The Canerday homestead was located near the present location of the late Jessie and Dovie Hines home on Stutts Road. They walked a wagon trail road leading to the Wool Factory Road, which at that time was located behind the Wiley and Chappel Jenkins' home. At this point, they walked east about three-fourths of a mile to the old frame building.

Lizzie was truly one of the diligent and early pioneers of the church at Shiloh. Many descendants carry on the work today that she started over one hundred years ago.

**Cynthia and Evelyn Wallace**

Cynthia was born in 1884 and died in 1962. Evelyn, her daughter, was born to Cynthia and Evette Wallace. Her date of birth is not known. Evelyn died in 1977.

They attended in the rock building and later in the new building. Cynthia and Evelyn rode with Chester and Lenice Quillen.

**Chappel Elizabeth Wallace Jenkins**  
**November 8 1884 - December 15, 1967**  
**Wife of Wiley Jenkins**

Chappel was born November 8, 1884, to Spinks and Nancy Olivia (Canerday) Wallace. She lived her entire life in the Shiloh community. She was baptized August 9, 1906, by William Behel. She attended services in the old goat barn. Six children were born to the Jenkins family, Ezzie, Edgar, Fannie, Oma, Verna, and Gentry.

Chappel is best remembered for all the people she assisted in getting dressed for baptism in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole." That era ranged from 1911-1940.

Chappel was a faithful Christian until her death and lived to see all her children baptized.

**Josie (Canerday) Gist**  
**March 3, 1885 - March 19, 1966**  
**Wife of Price Gist**

Josie probably attended a series of gospel meetings held in the old goat barn by brother William Behel. His records list her as being baptized September 20, 1905.

She was the daughter of James Henry and Emma Rebecca (Wright) Canerday. The Canerday home place was located near the present site of Tommy and Joyce Young's home. The Canerday family operated a cider press close by.

At the time of her death, she was living on Gist Town Road.

Josie and Price had two children, Edgar and Beatrice. Edgar served as an elder of the congregation at Shiloh. Beatrice was a faithful servant until her death in 1966.

**Eula Minerva Chandler Kelly Wallace**  
**February 8, 1888 - October 26, 1969**  
**Wife of John Kelly and Andrew Jackson Wallace**

Eula was born to Robert L. Chandler and Sarah A. Douglas in 1912. It is not known at what time Eula became a member of the church at Shiloh. It is believed she was baptized in the early 1900s.

She married John Kelly March 16, 1912. They lived in the Waylon Springs, Tennessee, community until his death. Together they had one child. Nona, their daughter, was born September 8, 1915.

After moving back to Lauderdale County, Eula married Andrew Jackson Wallace of the Green Hill community. They had one son, Delton Wallace Sr., born November 11, 1921.

Eula was a faithful member of the Shiloh Church. She made her home living with her children for several years. On October 26, 1969, Eula passed on to meet her reward.

**Emma Williams Butler**  
**February 15, 1890 - October 4, 1982**  
**Wife of Herman Butler**

*Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed; The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Emma was born to George Williams and Georgia Ann (Chriss) Williams. They were from the North Carolina community. Emma's mother was an immigrant from Holland.

Brother William Behel baptized Emma in Jenkins Creek October 6, 1907. Emma was seventeen at the time. In 1912, she married Herman Butler of the Green Hill community. Her parents warned her about married life. They said she would end up with a house full of kids. They were right. Their children were Lonus, Louise, George, Johnnie, Otis, Lera, Roy, Irene, and Howard.

Herman was appointed an elder of the church at Shiloh when it was in its infancy. Emma was busy raising her large family and doing whatever she could do in the community.

It was said she was a good neighbor and did many good deeds. She gained experience and knowledge raising her children and nursing them through childhood illness, illnesses that were often fatal.

In 1945, I developed whooping cough (Pertussis). Being only three months old, I was in a very serious and critical situation. It was to my advantage that Emma was visiting in the Jenkins home when I had an attack. She slipped her finger down my throat and unclogged the breathing passage, which saved my life.

Heartaches and tragedies were not amiss in the Butler home. On October 6, 1942, their son, Johnnie, was called away to serve his country. He came home December 2, 1945, with a disabling wound from war. On May 18, 1944, the Butlers lost their sixteen year old son, Roy Oscar, in a drowning accident.

Someone stated that Emma was a nervous type person. Perhaps the toils of life had taken their toll on her mentality. Often, as children, we saw Emma as an aged lady, sitting on the banks of Cowpen Creek fishing for Perch. The quiet calmness of the water no doubt gave her an outlet to meditate and ponder on the hope God had given her.

**Ida Lee Freeze**  
**December 2, 1890 - November 6, 1972**  
**Wife of Caleb Benjamin Freeze**

*All I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother.* Abraham Lincoln

When asked what he would like to have written about his mother, Bruce Freeze replied, "She was a good woman, a good mother, and without her we would have been scattered all over the face of the earth."

Lee was born to John A. Killen and Lula Jane (Butler) Killen on December 2, 1890. She was one of five children.

On January 16, 1916, Lee married Caleb Benjamin Freeze. The Freeze family raised their children on various farms in the Green Hill community. Their children were Virginia Lou, John Henry, Leona, Bruce, Clinton, Francis, and Kenneth. The Freeze family worked hard during the Great Depression. Bruce said he didn't understand the phrase "I can't find work, and I can't eat." He said at the Freeze home, there was plenty of work and there was plenty to eat.

The Freeze family worshipped in the old frame building, the rock building, and the new building. They all were influential in the history of Shiloh.

It is not known when or by whom Lee was baptized. She remained a faithful member of the church at Shiloh her entire life.

Lee had a dry sense of humor. She had returned to service after being hospitalized. One of the brethren at Shiloh, apologetically, told her he had intended to visit her while sick. She replied, "You know the path to hell is full of good intentions." It took him a while to grasp what she had just said, but it soaked in.

Bruce Freeze is the last of Lee's children who now attends the church at Shiloh. We can only imagine her personality and good sense of humor, if those traits were passed on to her son.

What mother would not want to be remembered as a good woman, a good mother and one who unified her family.

**Lula McInnish Gray**  
**January 26, 1892 - August 16, 1947**  
**Wife of Meadows Gray**

*As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted," says the Lord. - Isaiah 66:13*

Lula was born in Halpins (Randolph), Alabama, in 1892. Her parents were Gilbert and "Appy" Lavona McInnish. The 1900 Census listed them living in Randolph County, and the 1910 Census listed the McInnish family living in Green Hill. There were nine children born to the McInnish family, Nahoma, Annie, Rowdy, Lula, A.D., Pascal, Ethel, Katie, and Macon.

In the years passed, we were privileged to have had several of the McInnish family worship with us at Shiloh. Rowdy and Bertha McInnish were faithful members for many years. More recently, R.L. McInnish was a member. Rowdy was a brother to Lula.

Lula married Meadows Gray in about 1912. They lived on Cowpen Road for the duration of their lives. Eight children were born to them: Henry Lee, Helen, Marvoline, Elizabeth and Beatrice (twins), Sonny, Marjorie, and Macon Earl.

Henry Lee, Lula's son, was killed while working in Memphis. The tragedy was not over before Macon Earl was called away to fight in World War II. He was baptized in "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" before going to war. She had her share of worry and sorrow as a mother.

Sue Goins, Lula's granddaughter, remembered walking from the Gray farm on Cowpen Road to Shiloh with her grandmother. Marvoline Richardson, her daughter, also recalled her walking. She attended services in the old frame building and the rock building.

At age fifty-five, Lula passed away in 1947.

God has promised to comfort his children. Surely Lula will be comforted because she was one of His children.

**Clarinda "Lizzie" Elizabeth Burbank**  
**March 27, 1892 - April 5, 1986**  
**Wife of Hobart**

*I do not fear tomorrow! No thought of grief or sorrow can blind me to the way my feet must go! I understand that someone holds my hand, My Lord is taking care of me I know. - Gayle Oler*

Lizzie was born to Jimmy and Mary (Roberson) Hill on March 27, 1892. She lived in the Green Hill area her entire life.

It is believed Lizzie was baptized by brother William Behel on August 10, 1906, while he was holding a series of gospel meetings at Shiloh. She was probably baptized in the Jenkins Baptizing Hole, as most others at that time.

In about 1918, she married Hobart Burbank. Lizzie was the mother of eight children: Tessie, Elizabeth, James, Blanche, stillborn baby boy, eighteen month old boy who died from colitis, Helen, and Marcie. She was a loving mother and wife.

Lizzie attended Shiloh all her life. The way she lived speaks today through her children and grandchildren. All her children were faithful members of the church and many of her grandchildren are faithful and worship at various local congregations.

God took care of Lizzie through all the sorrows of her life. She survived all her children except two. Lizzie died April 5, 1986, at the age of ninety-four.

**Ethel Richardson**  
**August 18, 1892 - September 20, 1938**  
**Mother of Augazelle (Richardson) Gist**

*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.* Galatians 6:9

Ethel was born August 18, 1892, to James R. and Jennie Richardson. She was the oldest of five children.

As previously written, she was instrumental in carrying on the worship in many ways. She was a true pioneer in the history of Shiloh. If it had not been for Ethel during the 1920's when the church was its weakest, the church at Shiloh probably would not have been successful.

One of her many talents was the ability to pitch songs. At that time most men did not attend church services. In the old frame building different classes would group together and would be taught in the same room. Ethel taught one of those classes.

Ethel owned a small merchantile and fertilizer store on Cowpen Road. The old store building stands today across from the present day Country Market. When Ethel died in 1938, her brother, Lambert, took over the business.

Dorris Bergob remarked about how kind she treated everyone and how hard she worked as everyone of that era did.

**Minnie Lee Abernathy Richardson**  
**March 10, 1895 - January 23, 1955**  
**Wife of Thomas Richardson**

*O land of rest for thee I sigh! When will the moment come, When I shall lay my armor by, And dwell in peace at home? We'll work til Jesus comes, we'll work til Jesus comes, And we'll be gathered home.*

Minnie was born to William Ed and Delia (Clemmons) Abernathy on March 10, 1895, in Green Hill, Lauderdale County. Minnie's siblings were Fred, Albert, Tamsie, Willie, and Lessie.

Circa 1915, Minnie married Thomas Richardson of the Green Hill community. They had two children, James Thomas and Clara Lee.

Minnie was one of the faithful members of the early church at Shiloh. She walked and carried both children. At that time, they lived in the general location of the present day H.L. Butler home.

She was a wonderful neighbor and did much to assist others in the community. In 1955, Minnie passed away at the age of sixty. Her work was completed.

**Ida Belle Brewer Gist**  
**August 27, 1895 – April 5, 1984**  
**Wife of Clyde Gist**

*Brightly beams our Father's mercy From His lighthouse evermore, But to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore. Let the lower lights be burning, Send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting struggling seaman, you may rescue you may save.*

Ida was born to William Riley "Rial" and Sarah Pernice {Stidham} Brewer. She was born and raised in Hackleburg, Alabama. The Brewer family later moved to Waterloo, Alabama. Ida's siblings were: Wiley O., Henry W., Etta, Ada, Oscar Bryan, Lennie Evelyn, and Marjorie. It was while living in Waterloo Ida was baptized into Christ.

While growing up in Waterloo, Ida held a very important and unique job. She lit and cared for the lanterns that showed river craft the safe course to travel into the port. During the early twentieth century, Waterloo was a very busy river port. Ida had to stand on a horse and light the lanterns along the riverbank.

It was on one occasion a boat arrived into the port and a young man asked Ida if there was anything going on in town. Ida's answer was the town was having a pie supper at the school on Saturday night. The young man came to the pie supper, and after much bidding he bought the pie Ida had made. His friends had run the bid up but he had bought the pie and won the prize. Clyde Gist and Ida were married December 23, 1913.

Clyde and Ida moved several times. They bought a farm located near the present day site of the Calvin Balentine home located just north of the old frame church building at Shiloh. Ida quickly became involved in the work of the church. She taught the "card class" in the one-room building.

The Gist family had several children who called Shiloh home. They were Alfred, Elmer, Hoadley, D.C., Julian, Evelyn, and June. Some of their descendants still attend today.

Ida worshipped at the Poplar Street Church of Christ after moving to Florence. She was one of the early pioneer women who helped to make Shiloh what it is today by her faith and perseverance.

**Lena (Cross) Johnson**  
**October 17, 1895 - June 16, 1970**  
**Mother of Oscar Johnson**

*Above the bright blue, the beautiful blue, Jesus is waiting for me and for you; heaven is there not far from our sight, beautiful city of light.*

Lena was the daughter of Jasper and Margaret Cross. She was born October 17, 1895. The Jasper Cross homestead was located about one mile west of Shiloh Church. The Cross family had six children. The children were Alvin, Ben, Newt, Nettie, Lena, and Susie.

She was briefly married to Edward Johnson. He deserted her shortly after their marriage. She continued living with her parents. They had one son, Oscar.

After her daughter-in-law, Ruby, died from a massive heart attack in 1950, she became the caretaker of Anita, her grandchild.

Lena was one of the faithful who walked to church all her life. She stayed faithful to God although she faced many heartaches and hardships during her journey.

**Chapel (Wallace) Liles**  
**April 30, 1896 - February 16, 1949**  
**Wife of Walter A. Liles**

*A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. Ecclesiastes 7:1*

Chapel was born to Andrew Jackson Wallace and Mattie (Gist) Wallace on April 30, 1896.

It is believed Chapel attended the church at Shiloh the majority of her life. Brother William Behel's records stated he baptized her July 14, 1914.

She married Walter A. Liles in about 1915. Seven children were born to the Liles' family. One child died shortly after being born. Her daughter, Dorothy Brewer, told the tragic fate of one of her siblings. A neighbor and Chapel were quilting at the Liles' home. The neighbor had placed a needle in the bodice of her dress. When she picked Chapel's child up and placed him against her chest, the needle pierced the infant's heart killing him immediately. Her other children were Franklin, Dean, B.T., Ida Mae, and Dorothy.

During the Great Depression the Liles' family had a difficult time surviving. Their father was not home. Franklin, at the age of sixteen, went to work to provide for Chapel and the younger children.

Chapel and her children worshipped in the old frame building and later the rock building. They either walked or rode in a wagon to services. Sometimes they sat outside in the wagon and listened to the preaching. In later years they rode a bus driven by Cyrus Quillen and Tom Pewitt. Dorothy Brewer recalls how hot it was inside the building. She said everyone used a paper fan, but their clothes would still be drenched with sweat.

About 1946 Chapel was diagnosed with cancer. She fought the disease courageously until her death in 1949. She was only 53 years old but left a legacy to carry on her memory. Her son, Franklin, served well as an elder for many years. Dorothy Brewer is a faithful member of this congregation. Several of Chapel's grandchildren and other descendants carry on her work today.

**Lillian Hester Hannah Gist**  
**August 9, 1896 - February 3, 1970**  
**Wife of Lee Boyd Gist**

Hester was born to John and Syntha Cauhorn Hannah on August 9, 1896. Her siblings were Hershel, Olbert, Raymond, Wilburn, Floyd, Bessie, Myrtle, Mildred, Herbert, John, William, and Houston. Hester's affiliation with the church at Shiloh ran deep. Her mother, Syntha, and her father's sister, Pearl, had been baptized in September 1905 by brother William Behel. In all probability they had attended a series of gospel meetings held in the old goat barn. Hester was raised in the two-story house near the intersection of Highway 43 and Gist Town Road. The house still stands today.

Lee Boyd Gist and Hester were married December 9, 1917. They made their home on Gist Town Road. Hester and Lee had seven children - Mable, Edith, Lincoln, Wilburn (Tom), two infants, (one died at birth and Willie Etoy died from diphtheria as an infant) and Vergie.

During the early 1960's brother Doug Rogers showed the Jule Miller filmstrips to Hester and Lee and they were both baptized on the same night. They were baptized in the baptistery at Shiloh.

Hester was a faithful member of the church until her death in 1970.

**Mary Parilee (Hill) Allen**  
**February 27, 1897 - October 9, 1980**  
**Wife of James "Jim" Allen**

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, O Lord, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8*

Mary was born to John Quincy and Julia Elizabeth (Richardson) Hill on February 27, 1897. She was the seventh of thirteen children. The 1910 census listed the Hill family living in the Atlas Community. Brother William Behel baptized John Hill April 30, 1906. Mary attended Shiloh all her life. She recalled, as a child, walking to worship in the old goat barn.

November 14, 1914, Mary married James "Jim" Allen. They had seven children: Clara Evangeline, Granville, Reeder, Broadus, Waymon, Henry, and Fred.

Mary was always concerned about the whereabouts of her children. One night after attending a service in the old frame building, Mary realized Granville was missing. After searching to no avail, she became hysterical and began screaming. Granville raised up from one of the pews. He had fallen asleep.

During World War II, Mary had four sons serving in active duty. Broadus and Reeder were in the Army, and Granville in the Marines, while Waymon served in the Navy. Day and night she lived in agonizing fear. Henry and Fred were still youngsters at home. Henry remembered his mother coming into their room to check on them at all hours of the night. She kept a vigilant watch on the two at home and put her prayers and trust in God to bring the other sons home.

Through all the anxieties and tribulations of bringing up her children, God blessed her through all adversities and kept her children safe and well.

The Allen family moved various times but always walked or rode in a wagon to Shiloh. They attended in the frame building, rock building, and the new building.

Mary was a Christian woman, and influenced so many others by her example. She especially influenced those closest to her, her family. The life she lived is reflected in them. Reeder served well as an elder at Shiloh for many years. Henry is presently an elder and has worked with this congregation on many projects and building improvements. Granville taught and preached for many years. Fred is a faithful member of the Shiloh congregation.

On October 9, 1980, God called Mary home. She had lived almost eighty-three years serving God. Mary was one of the few who had trusted God through so many decades and always had lifted her soul up to Him.

**Annie Snow (Dickerson) Richardson**  
**November 16, 1898 - December 8, 1992**

**Wife of Edgar Louis Richardson**

*"Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; a mother's secret hope outlives them all."* Oliver Wendell Holmes

Annie Snow was born to John and Sarah Elizabeth (Cross) Dickerson on November 19, 1898, at Wolf Creek, Tennessee. Her siblings were Harvey, Jesse, Jimmy, Etheridge, Lula, Pearl, Mattie Belle, and Sue.

It is believed Annie Snow was baptized at Wolf Creek. The church met in the school building there for several years. The church services were like the young church at Shiloh, they had preaching only once a month and Sunday school each week.

February 19, 1916, she married Edgar Richardson of the Wolf Creek community. They lived at various places until Edgar's father, Syd, gave them the home place on Gist Town Road and County Road 339 in about 1927. The old home place still stands today.

The Richardsons' first three children were stillborn or died shortly after birth. Their other children were Ruby, Gladys, Lenice, Hazel, Dorothy, Grady, E.L., Bonnie, Coy, and Billy.

Homecomings, meetings, and other events or special occasions were looked forward to for a month in advance by Annie Snow. It was recalled she brought so much food she had to pack it in a wash tub. She often called it the "Big Day" or dinner on the ground.

In the early fifties, Annie Snow and the children who were still home rode to church services with her daughter, Hazel. It was not until the mid-fifties the Richardsons attended regularly.

Annie Snow had a cheerful heart and gave of what she had, although during that era it was hard for everyone to provide for themselves.

Her neighbor, Beatrice Brewer, was bedridden for about four years. Annie Snow helped some during the daytime caring for her.

She labored most of her life in the cotton fields. She was a hard worker and helped provide for her family.

During the early seventies, Edgar became bedridden. She was his primary caregiver until his death in 1974. After his death, she lived with her children until becoming a resident of Mitchell Hollingsworth Nursing Facility.

She was a good mother, wife, grandmother, and neighbor. She did all she could with the means she had. Several of her children and grandchildren grew up to be faithful Christians at Shiloh.

**Reba Rebecca (Hine) Johns**  
**October 20, 1900 - February 24, 1997**

**Wife of Vernon Johns**

*Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.* Proverbs 31:29

Reba Hine Johns was born October 20, 1900, to Charlie and Sula Hine of the Richardson Chapel community. On November 25, 1917, Reba married Vernon Johns.

At that time neither of them knew the inspiring roles they would play in the young, struggling congregation at Shiloh.

Notes from the history Herman Butler wrote placed them in the early 1920's time frame, as being members of the congregation at Shiloh. His article stated, "The Johns family rode in a wagon for about six miles."

Their children, Effie, Lucille, and Elvin, were born during the early years of their marriage while they lived at Wolf Creek. Later they moved just north of the state line on Cowpen Road. Marcus was born there. In 1928, the Johns family moved south on Cowpen Road. It was in a charming white house their family was made complete by the births of Cledith, Waylon, and Joyce. The house still stands today and is remembered as the Johns home place.

Reba had a kind and humble demeanor. She loved God, her family, all people, and everything beautiful.

She was an avid gardener and an outside person. She grew an abundance of beautiful flowers and eagerly shared them with others. Each week she gathered flowers from her garden to make two bouquets for the front of the old frame building and later for the rock building.

Much work went into the preparation of the Lord's Supper. Opal Johns, Reba's daughter-in-law, described how Reba baked the unleavened bread. She would take it from the oven before it was completely done, then with a knife score it into small squares. Scoring made the bread break evenly. The final step was putting it back into the oven to finish baking until crisp. The "fruit of the vine" was homegrown grape juice. It was served from two cups, one for each side of the building. Each week two white linen cloths were tediously washed, starched, and ironed. Before church service, the table for the Lord's Supper was set up in a reverent manner. The draping of the tablecloths was done almost ceremoniously. Reba spent many Saturdays preparing for the communion.

Reba and the women of Shiloh were diligent about cleaning the building. Opal Johns recalled walking with Reba to the old frame building, where they met Leva Thompson to wash windows.

Of the many virtues of Reba, perhaps the best was her ability to influence others simply by her life and the example she set for others in the church and community. Carolyn LeFan Wallace, a long time neighbor of the Johns family, recalled how her mother, Beulah, accredited Reba in influencing her into being converted from a denominational background.

By no means was Reba's life without adversity. All four of her sons served in the armed forces. Three of them were overseas during war time. Her faith and dependence on God carried her through those troublesome times.

Her husband Vernon's tenure as an elder lasted almost five decades. She served him and God faithfully.

Reba's life on earth ended February 20, 1997. She left behind a wonderful family and many friends who were blessed to have known one of the most virtuous women in the history of the church at Shiloh.

**Martha (Johns) Canerday**  
**October 26, 1900 - November 24, 1991**  
**Wife of Meadows Canerday**

*When my way groweth drear, precious Lord linger near, When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand precious Lord, Lead me home.*

Martha was born to Enoch and Anna (Richardson) Johns October 26, 1900. She was born at Wolf Creek, Tennessee. Martha was the third of seven children. Her siblings were Jessie, Vernon, Henry Lee, Woodrow, Sallie Mae, and Letha.

It is not known at what time Martha was baptized. Martha's heritage goes back to the very beginning of the church at Shiloh. Her father, Enoch Johns, was baptized September 24, 1905, by brother William Behel. He was very instrumental in the construction of the old frame building. Helen Parker, his granddaughter, commented that he hauled many loads of lumber for the building. As a child, Martha probably attended in the old goat building, later at Wolf Creek, and then during her married life at Shiloh. Her children, Sam and Helen, grew up at Shiloh. Martha and Meadows faithfully attended the church at Shiloh for as long as they were able.

The Canerdays were good hard working people. They were good neighbors and always shared what they had with others.

Martha was insistent that Sam go to school. She often took his place at the plow in order for him to continue his education.

Martha and Meadows' children grew up to be faithful members of the Lord's church. Sam has been a gospel preacher for many years in Montgomery. Helen faithfully attends services in Florence.

**Hulda (House) Johns**  
**Wife of Jessie Johns**  
**February 2, 1902 - November 2, 1936**

It has been said, "It matters not how long you live, but how you live." Hulda Johns, in her short life, etched her memory in the pages of the history of Shiloh.

Hulda was born February 2, 1902, to Pugh and Martha Jane House. Just three years after her birth her parents deeded two acres for a church building. The generosity of Hulda's parents, undoubtedly, was a guiding light for Hulda to Christ. Hulda attended worship in the old goat barn and was privileged to hear the first sermon preached by William Behel on April 23, 1906, in the new frame building.

1917 was a monumental year for Hulda. She married Jessie Johns in June and on August 15, she made the most important decision of her life. She was buried with her Lord in baptism. The baptism probably took place in Jenkins creek, and it is believed she was baptized by brother William Behel.

Eight children were born to Hulda and Jessie. Her life was filled with joy but overshadowed by sorrow. Their first daughter, Ruth, was born in 1918, followed by a son, Ethredge, in 1921. Hulda gave birth to Hollis in 1923. Leona was born in 1925. In 1927, Hollis stepped on a nail and developed tetanus (lock jaw). He died at the age of five. Eula Pearl was born in 1930. In 1934, Hulda gave birth to twin sons. Junior

survived but his twin brother died shortly after birth. Rayford was born in 1936 and lived only 9 months. He died from colitis.

Hulda died with pneumonia November 2, 1936, shortly after giving birth to her son, Rayford. It seems her death was untimely, being a young mother who was needed so much at home.

Hulda's funeral was held in the old frame building. Brother William Behel officiated and she was buried behind the old building. Years later, her remains were exhumed and interred on the east side of the present day auditorium.

Perhaps her obituary described her life best. "She was a faithful servant until death."

**At right: The obituary of Hulda Johns, taken from page 10 of the December 4, 1936, issue of The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama (1).**

#### IN MEMORY

On Sunday night, Nov. 22, 1936, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Jessie Johns and claimed for its victim the darling wife and mother, Mrs. Huldy Johns.

God only knows how hard it was for the sorrowing husband and children to give her up. We realize that there will be no tender mother's care to guide the little feet, but, weep not dear loved ones, for she is not dead, but only at rest in the arms of Jesus, and if we will live faithful to his commandments, we will meet her again in that great land, where there will be no tear-stained faces, no heart-breaks, nor sad farewells, but where all is joy, peace and love.

She was born February 2, 1902, being 34 years, 9 months and 20 days old. She was married to Mr. Jessie Johns, June the 25th, 1917. To this union was born eight children, two of which preceded her to the grave. She is survived by a husband, three daughters, Ruth, Leona, and Eula Perl and three sons, Ethridge, Junior and Rayford. She also leaves two brothers, Mr. Boston House of Green Hill.

Bill Thompson, Mr. [unclear] bury, Mrs. Haywood Statts and Mrs. Mattie Guest, all of Green Hill, and Mrs. Deedie Wheeler, of Florida, and a host of friends and relatives.

May the hearts of the family be comforted with the fact that the foot-stool on which we are now standing is not to be compared with the greatness of heaven.

A profusion of flowers was the offering of many who loved and honored the memory of this good woman.

She became a member of the Church of Christ, August 15th, 1917, at Shiloh, and lived a faithful member until the end.

Funeral services and interment were held at Shiloh Monday afternoon, conducted by W. M. Behel with Belw and Davis in charge.

**Susie (Stewart) Killen**  
**May 20, 1902 - November 16, 1975**  
**Wife of Duncan Killen**

*As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10*

Susie and Duncan Killen moved their family to Green Hill in about 1938. They began worshipping at Shiloh. They lived in an old two story house located where the present day Silas Taylor home place exists. Later they moved into the rock house Louella Butler years later would call home.

During their early tenure, Shiloh experienced a growth in attendance and membership. It is believed this sudden growth was due to the automobile becoming more prevalent enabling more people to attend, the availability of preachers was more frequent, and more people had moved into this area.

Susie was a much beloved dedicated teacher and hard worker. She was one who left a lasting impression in the hearts of all whose lives she touched by her unselfish acts of kindness.

Her daughter, Avis (Killen) McGee, revealed how life was in the Killen home during those years. She told of a gospel meeting held by brother A.D. Behel at Shiloh. Brother Behel stayed the entire week at the Killen home. While doing the laundry, Susie blackened some of brother Behel's white shirts with the old cast iron pressing iron. It upset Susie so much she cried. She immediately rewashed the shirts, starched and ironed them again until she thought they were perfect.

Ira North stayed with the Killens on many occasions before and after he married. Avis told of a time he brought his wife and baby. She said she and her sister whispered about the baby's diapers. Avis described them as being long and narrow. She said, "See, they're not stuck up. They're just as poor as we are. They use flour sack diapers too." (At that time most people in this area didn't know what Curity diapers were.)

Susie prepared many meals and dishes for others. Avis said she always tried to make a dish she was carrying to someone special and went to extremes to make it look appealing.

Susie had a way of making others feel special. It mattered not to her whether they were rich or poor, young or old.

Today many people 65-70 years old look back and remember her teaching them in the old rock building in a small classroom called, "The Card Class."

Shelby (Davis) Trousdale was taught by Susie in class at Shiloh. Shelby was from a denominational background. She once said Susie had influenced her by the way she lived to become a Christian.

Susie seized the opportunity, used the talents God blessed her with, and did good to all people, especially to those at Shiloh. The Killen family left Shiloh in 1948. They had spent ten years laboring at Shiloh making it a larger and stronger congregation.

**Gertie Thompson**  
**March 31, 1903 - June 18, 2002**  
**Wife of Dewey Thompson**

*Inscription on Tomb*

THESE HANDS HAVE RAISED A FAMILY  
THESE HANDS HAVE RAISED A HOME  
THESE HANDS HAVE WON HEARTS OF LOVED ONES  
AND WITH THEM THEY WERE NEVER ALONE.  
SO WHEN IT'S TIME TO JUDGE LORD  
AND BEFORE THY THRONE THEY STAND  
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THESE HARDWORKING HANDS.

Gertie was born March 31, 1903, in Lauderdale County, Green Hill, Alabama. Her parents were Charlie Price and Lucindy (Robinson) Gray. Gertie had four siblings, Elvie, Audrey, Lenice, Margrett, and Ethel.

On April 27, 1924, G. H. Thigpen, Justice of the Peace, married Gertie and Dewey Thompson of the Green Hill community. They had nine children, Louise, Russell, Thomas, Robert Louie, Peggy, Harold Dean, Donald, Faye, and Sue.

Louise, her daughter, related how ambitious she was. She did not work in the fields but stayed home and cooked three large meals a day. She washed clothes and did all the cleaning. She did not allow the children to be slothful. They had to be up by daylight.

Up until 1947, Gertie and the children had been attending Lone Cedar. Dewey asked her if he would go to church, would she go to Shiloh with him. In 1947, the Thompsons started worshipping at Shiloh. Dewey wanted to respond to the invitation so badly he would grip the back of the pews. When Kelby Smith came to Shiloh, Dewey was restored. Kelby went to his home and told him he didn't have to walk down the aisle.

Not only were the Thompsons faithful workers in the church, they were good to the community. Very few people had telephones in this area. They would leave their doors unlocked at night for anyone to come into the house to use the telephone. Jimmy Stewart told about going into the Thompson home at 1:00 in the morning to call a doctor.

Gertie was always faithful in attendance. After her children were all grown, she rode the church bus. In her later years, Norma Hendrix drove her to every service, including ladies' class.

Gertie was one of those who had traveled by wagon many times. One night she and Louise were worshipping at Shiloh. Gertie's dementia had worsened. Louise said she told her out loud she was really worried about the horses. Louise tried to quiet her, but she really got agitated from worrying about the horses. Finally Louise told her she had tied them to the trees.

Gertie lived to be ninety-nine years of age. Ninety-one of those years she lived at home. God blessed her with many good years. Gertie had hard working hands, but she also had a heart and soul of gold.

**Clara Barbie Dial Chandler**  
**September 24, 1904 - April 8, 1989**  
**Wife of Arthur L. Chandler**

*When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blest? When shall I see the  
Father's face, And in His bosom rest? I am bound for the promised land...I am bound  
for the promised land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised  
land.*

Barbie was born to William Pink and Ethel Lurene (Camper) Dial in 1904. In 1906, Ethel passed away leaving two small daughters, Monella and Barbie. Barbie's father, William Pink, later married Nancy Thompson and they had three more children who survived, Herschel, Elmer, and Eula Dial. Four of their children died in infancy. His wife, Nancy, died in childbirth in 1918. William Pink's third wife was Fannie Kilpatrick Carson Dial. They had no children.

On November 20, 1921, Barbie and Arthur Chandler were married. Their children were Norman, Kathryn, Lois, James, and Jackie.

In about 1948, Arthur became disabled to work and was hospitalized for a long period of time before he died in 1968. Jackie related the story of how hard his mother had to work during those years. He said they had four or five cows and they sold milk to the public, ground corn into meal, in addition to having a farm.

Jackie recalls attending the worship services with his parents. They rode in a wagon and brought water and a bale of hay along for the mules to eat. During the late forties Barbie rode the church bus to services. It probably was driven by Tom Pewitt or Horace Stutts.

Barbie brought all her children up to worship God. She was a hard working, faithful Christian woman who faced many adversaries along life's path. She was born and raised in the Green Hill community and attended the church at Shiloh until she was unable to attend. Today she has many descendants at Shiloh who carry on her work. The Chandler and Dial families have always been an asset to this congregation and have added to its longevity.

**Lue Etta Bogus**  
**(Wife of Charlie Bogus)**  
**May 28, 1905 - December 30, 1954**

Etta was born May 28, 1905, to parents of a denominational background. Although she passed from this life some 54 years ago, she is still an inspiration to her children and to all whose lives she touched.

At an early age, she started reading and studying the Bible. She self-educated herself to know her religious background was erroneous. Etta was baptized and started worshipping with the Kilburn congregation.

During the Great Depression, she, along with her husband and children, experienced many hardships and difficulties, as most people of that era did. Etta's faith and generosity never wavered. Many times she showed kindness and hospitality to strangers passing through the Kilburn area. Living on a main highway to Florence, it was common to see vagabonds during the Depression looking for work and food. Although

food was scarce and she had many mouths to feed, she always managed to share food with strangers and often provided them a place to sleep.

In 1942, Etta and her husband, Charlie, built a house in Green Hill. It was the house the late Wilburn and Edith Peden lived in. She was extremely proud of her new house. There she prepared meals for Ira North and many other preachers.

Etta was a devout member of the Shiloh congregation from 1942 until her death in 1954. Once she wrote in her Bible that Reba Johns was a dear friend. Eula Mae (Gist) Hannah related to Etta's daughter, Janie, how her mother had influenced her to become a Christian by the example she set.

The home was Etta's classroom. The Bible was the course of study. She was a disciplinarian. Her rule was, "If you run, I'll get you at dark." After dark all was well because each child was taught to kneel beside his or her bed and pray.

Sometime later the Bogus family moved to Wolf Creek, which was several miles from Shiloh. Etta's faith again didn't waver. She walked the distance. Janie talked about how scared the children were when they walked past Cohorn Cemetery at night.

Etta had been plagued with gallstone attacks for years. On December 30, 1954, God took His faithful servant home. She died from hepatitis.

Although she is no longer on earth, her legacy lives on at Shiloh in the inspiration she instilled in others during her journey through life.

**Leva (House) Thompson**  
**May 13, 1906 - June 8, 1987**  
**Wife of R.T. (Bill) Thompson**

*For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous, you surround them with your favor as with a shield. Psalm 5:12*

Leva was the daughter of Pugh and Martha Jane (Williams) House. She was born May 13, 1906. She attended services at Shiloh from birth until about 1960. It is not known when she was baptized or by whom. It is likely she was baptized by brother Behel or possibly brother Oscar Romine.

About 1926, she married Bill Thompson. Bill and Leva worked hard during their time at Shiloh. Leva taught class, helped lead singing, prepared communion, cleaned the building, did benevolent work, and anything she could possibly do. Leva and Bill had two sons, Billy Ray and Freddy.

In 1947, Leva, Virginia Gamble, and her young son, Phillip, had an accident south of St. Florian. Leva lost control of the car, causing it to hit an embankment. Phillip recalled Leva having only two little scratches, but it did extreme damage to her eyesight. From that day she was legally blind.

The Thompsons worshipped at Shiloh until the early 1960's. They moved to Florence and spent the duration of their lives there.

Leva left Shiloh having lived through the early years when the frame building was new, the years the young congregation struggled, and into the years it began to thrive and grow.

Bill and Leva Thompson are a legacy at Shiloh. They did so much to make improvements to the building and labored to insure the future of the church at Shiloh.

**Willie Mae (Wilburn) Hannah**

**May 14, 1907 - June 29, 2006**

**Wife of Hershel E. Hannah**

*With my steps growing slow, stand by me, toils of life bend me low, set me free;  
Feed me manna and love, Give me strength from above, Be Thou near all the Way, Stand  
by me.*

Willie Mae was born to William Riley and Louisa Isabelle (Quillen) Wilburn on May 14, 1907. It is believed they lived in the Wolf Creek community. Tragedy had struck the Wilburn family two months before Willie Mae's birth. Her father was cutting wood when a limb fell and killed him. He died March 13, 1907.

On August 5, 1923, Willie Mae married Hershel E. Hannah. They lived on various farms "sharecropping" until they bought the present day Hannah home place in 1944. It is located just north of Shiloh on County Road 34.

Ten children were born to the Hannahs. Their children were Opal, Louie, Edwin (died 1993), Joyce Ann (twin of Edwin, died in 1934), Jimmy Ray (died March 9, 1944, from heart leakage), Leon, Marguerite, Dennis (newborn died December 1944), Marvoline, and Travis.

It is not known where Willie Mae was baptized. She probably attended the church at Wolf Creek as a child.

Willie Mae was a very knowledgeable person. She studied the Bible daily and often quoted scriptures. If you were a historian, she could entertain you all day by telling stories of long ago.

She was quite comical. Once after having major surgery, the surgeon came into her room. Before he could tell her how the surgery went, she asked, "Well, how are you after all that whittling?"

Willie Mae saw many historical events during her ninety-nine years on earth. Although she saw many changes, she seemed to lean toward the old way of doing things.

God was surely with Willie Mae all the way. Through the hardships of her childhood, through the sorrow of losing her children, as death grew near, God stood by Willie Mae.

**Georgia Lillian (Canerday) Johns**

**January 22, 1908 - May 3, 1980**

**Wife of Henry Lee Johns**

*And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even  
as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32*

Lillian was born to John Curtis and Mattie (Wright) Canerday January 22, 1908. She married Henry Lee Johns August 26, 1923. Five children were born to the Johns family, Hazel, H.L., Jr, Martha Ann, Bonnie, and Jeannette. According to their daughter, Hazel Behel, they lived in various locations before buying the Jasper Cross farm in 1940. The farm was located about three-fourths of a mile west of Shiloh. During their early marriage they lived at Wolf Creek and worshipped there. Hazel remembered riding in a wagon to gospel meetings held at Shiloh. It is believed Lillian was baptized at a young age.

Of all the Christian virtues Lillian possessed, her generosity and willingness to share, perhaps, were her best traits.

Lillian was a hard worker on the farm and as a Christian. She helped clean the building, quilt, prepare food, visit, and everything she could possibly do to help. She was a wonderful cook and prepared many meals for family, friends, and fellow Christians. For a few years Lillian assisted those being baptized in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole". She asked them into her home to get dressed and change clothes.

Lillian influenced so many people, especially her neighbors, with her kind generosity throughout the years. One beautiful spring morning in 1980, God called her home. Her labor on earth had come to an end. She left behind so many beautiful memories they are too numerous to list.

**Melissa Catherine (Mitchell) Jenkins**

**July 17, 1908 - September 1, 1998**

**Wife of Edgar Jenkins**

*May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.*

Psalms 33:22

Katie was born to John B. and Edna Mitchell July 17, 1908, in the Blackburn community, Lauderdale County, Alabama. Katie had five siblings, James, Nolan, Walter, Ruby, and John B.

Edgar Lee Jenkins and Katie were married circa 1935. They lived on the Jenkins farm near Cowpen Creek.

During their early marriage they didn't attend church services, except for meetings and homecomings. It was in the late sixties they both were restored and attended regularly.

November 9, 1973, Edgar passed away. Katie moved into a mobile home behind her brother-in-law Gentry's home. She worshipped at Shiloh until she became disabled and became a resident of El Reposo.

Although they never had children, they both loved children. Katie, when she was eighty years old, would often run and play with children.

Katie passed away September 1, 1993.

**Evelyn (House) Stutts**

**October 6, 1908 - February 17, 1997**

**Wife of Haywood Stutts**

*O God, you guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me to glory.*

Psalm 73:24

The church at Shiloh was in its infancy when Evelyn was born, October 6, 1908, to Pugh and Martha Jane House. She was the youngest of their eleven children.

Evelyn attended services in the old frame building. In 1920, at the age of twelve, Evelyn was baptized in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" by brother Coffman.

On November 14, 1925, she became the wife of Haywood Stutts. They lived in the old Stutts homeplace on County Road 8. The house is still standing and was recently the home of Junior and Wylodean Hines.

Two children were born to Evelyn and Haywood, Dorris Stutts Brown Bergob and Knoxie Jane Stutts Goad.

Evelyn had attended the worship services her entire life and moving about three miles away did not slow her determination. Evelyn walked with her two daughters to services.

She was a hard worker, a good neighbor, and a faithful Christian. Evelyn was very active at Shiloh and in the community. She visited the sick, carried food, and encouraged those who had lost loved ones.

Evelyn had influenced her husband, with the help of others, to be baptized before his death in 1957. She became a widow at age forty-five and never remarried.

During her life she saw many changes in the worship place but not the worship service. On any given worship service you could see her sitting in the same pew with every silver hair in place and always dressed immaculately.

God was the center of Evelyn's life from the beginning to the end. She listened to His instruction and worked toward meeting Him in glory.

**Lilly Thompson Richardson**  
**December 10, 1909 - February 26, 1989**  
**Wife of J. Lambert Richardson**

*Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord have never forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9:10*

Lilly was born to Henry and Maudie Thompson in 1909. It is believed she was raised in the North Carolina area. Her siblings were Willie T, Evel, and Reed.

She was married to Lambert Richardson of the Green Hill community circa 1930. A child, Elgenia, was born November 14, 1932. Elgenia died September 20, 1935. She had been born with hydrocephalus.

Lilly and Lambert owned a store at the intersection of County Road 8 and Cowpen Road.

The Richardsons were members of Shiloh and attended the worship services regularly. Lilly loved children, especially babies.

At different times, they were noted to have donated candy and gum for the bus ministry.

It has been said they were liberal giving credit to people in the community, and some took advantage of their generosity.

Lilly can be remembered best as a sweet, soft-spoken Christian woman.

**Tessie Mae Taylor Canerday**  
**March 15, 1910 - April 8, 1990**  
**Wife of Wilburn Canerday**

*Tarry with me, O my Savior, For the day is passing by; See, the shades of evening gather, And the night is drawing nigh. Tarry with me, blessed Savior; Leave me not till morning light; For I'm lonely here without Thee; Tarry with me thro' the night.*

Tessie was the daughter of Annie (Hartsfield) Riddle Taylor and Jessie Taylor. Her siblings were Walter Riddle, Rosie Riddle, Vera Taylor, Oneal Taylor, Marion Taylor, Lucille Taylor, and Nellie Mae Taylor.

Wilburn L. Canerday married Tessie Taylor in 1925. Four children were born to their marriage, Wilburn Jr., Jessie, Janice, and James. They moved to the Green Hill community in 1946 and started worshipping with the Shiloh congregation then. The Canerday home place still stands today. It is located at the intersection of county road 47 and 144.

The Canerdays were faithful members of Shiloh for forty-four years. Wilburn became ill in 1976 and passed away in 1976. Tessie remained faithful until her death in 1990.

Tessie was a loving wife and mother. She brought her children up to faithfully attend the worship services regularly. Today, Janice, her daughter, is a faithful member of the church at Shiloh.

The Lord did tarry with Tessie. She spent many years worshipping in the old rock building and in the new building. Although it is not known where or when Tessie was baptized, she was about in the church and community doing what she could.

**Agnes Burks Hine**  
**January 17, 1911 - April 2, 2002**  
**Wife of Oliver Lee Hine**

Agnes was born to Jim Henry and Barbara (Hollander) Burks in Lawrence County, Tennessee. She had several siblings, Robert, Josie, Tommy, Lazzaire, Edgar, Edward, Viola, Myrtle, Lavinia, Audra, Prescellia, Lilly, Hanna, and James Edward.

Oliver Lee Hine and Agnes Burks were married about 1928. They had three children, Velma and Elmer (twins born on April 24, 1931; Elmer died February 1935) and Lois Marie (died 1984).

Velma Hemmen related the story about how her mother, Agnes, would walk and sing with them on the way to worship.

Agnes was a homemaker and stayed busy at home. She was on the committee to clean the building and the food committee.

She was baptized at Shiloh and was influential in her husband's obeying the gospel. One evening in 1953, Oliver, Agnes, and their daughter, Lois Marie, were going to hear Brother Gentry Stults preach during a gospel meeting at Shiloh. Oliver said, "I think I'll carry some extra clothes. I might be baptized." On August 4, 1953, Oliver and Lois Marie were baptized in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" by brother Stults.

On March 10, 1987, Agnes's husband, Oliver, died. In about 1990, Agnes's health began to deteriorate. She lived with her daughter, Velma, twelve years before she passed away in April 2002.

Agnes was one who set an example and others followed in her path.

**Lenice (McMurtrey) Quillen**  
**February 15, 1912 - May 1, 1982**  
**Wife of Chester Quillen**

Daughter of John McMurtrey and Minta (LeFan) McMurtrey.

Lenice was a member of the church at Shiloh for many years. She worshipped in the rock building and probably in the old frame building.

Lenice can be remembered as bringing others to the worship services. She and her husband, Chester, owned an automobile when most people didn't and they were willing to give others a ride.

**Ethel Naomie (Quillen) Hollman**  
**April 13, 1914 - August 13, 2003**  
**Wife of Willie Hollman**

Ethel was born in Lauderdale County, Alabama, in 1914, to James Chelsey Quillen and Edith Behel Quillen. Her father was baptized by brother William Behel at Jenkins Creek in 1907, and it is believed his wife was baptized there also.

Ethel was a Christian lady when she started attending Shiloh in about 1973. At that time she lived in the Liberty Grove community in Tennessee. She was a dedicated bus rider and did much to assist the workers and children. She had a beautiful voice and could read and write music. Often, she led songs on the bus route. Once, she prepared a dinner for all the bus workers. Approximately twenty people ate.

One day the bus caught on fire underneath the hood. She quickly removed her coat and said, "Smother it out with my coat." Someone said, "We don't want to ruin your coat." Ethel replied, "It's a lot better than having this bus burn."

Ethel was very knowledgeable and graduated from Lexington High School in 1932. She was known for her good sense of humor and quick wit.

If a song leader was having a hard time getting a song pitched, or if the song was new, Ethel could pretty well lead it from the pew.

Shiloh was so fortunate to have had Ethel Hollman those few short years she attended Shiloh, and all who knew her were blessed.

**Oma Gladys Jones Gist**  
**June 2, 1914 - October 24, 1992**  
**Wife of Leonard Gist**

*Her heart is like her garden, old fashioned, quaint and sweet, with here a wealth of blossoms, and there a still retreat.* Alice E. Allen

Gladys was born to Alfred and Minnie (Canerday) Jones of the Green Hill community on June 2, 1914.

Gladys and Leonard Gist were married in 1929. It is not known when she started attending Shiloh or when she was baptized.

The Gist family had seven children. Mavoline, Debbie, and Lucille are faithful members of the church at Shiloh.

As a child, Mavoline remembers the Gist family riding in a wagon to church services held in the old frame building.

Gladys was plagued with bad health during the last forty years of her life. She suffered a heart attack when she was fifty, had diabetes, and suffered from more than one stroke.

Gladys is best remembered for her faithfulness during the bus ministry era. She always had a loving sweet smile on her face when she got onto the bus.

On October 24, 1992, Gladys passed from this life. She left family and many Christian friends to cherish the memory.

**Bonnie Lucille (English) Stewart**  
**July 12, 1914 - March 3, 2000**  
**Wife of Duncan Stewart**

*I have not turned aside from your commandments nor have I forgotten any of them. I have obeyed the Lord my God; I have done everything you commanded me. Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people.*

Deuteronomy 26: 13-15

Bonnie was born July 12, 1914, to William Aaron and Laura John (LeFan) English. She was the youngest of five children. It is believed she was baptized at an early age. The English family lived in the North Carolina area and worshipped there.

About 1933, Bonnie and Duncan Stewart were married. They moved into the house with Bonnie's mother, Laura, on May 19, 1934. Their son, Jimmy, was born in the same house in which his mother had been born twenty years before.

As a young boy, Jimmy recalled walking with his mother from Possum Creek to worship at North Carolina. The weather didn't determine if they went to church or not. They went. Sometimes their feet would be muddy or dusty, and they would stop at a spring and wash them before getting to the church building.

The Stewart family moved to Green Hill January 2, 1945. Their home was the frame building located at the corner of Horseshoe Bend and County Road 47. The cotton gin was located on the adjacent corner.

Shiloh became home for Bonnie and Jimmy. Duncan was not baptized until he was 42 years old. Jimmy was baptized by John D. Cox in 1946.

In 1952, a daughter, Sherry Jo, was born to the Stewarts. Sherry passed away at the age of 37 on October 10, 1989.

Bonnie was a devout Christian lady. She was active in all the work at Shiloh. She cleaned the building, prepared communion, attended ladies' class and VBS, taught various Bible classes over the years, and was active in visitation programs.

Best remembered, she was a woman of strong will and determination; she was a woman who put God first. Shiloh was blessed to have had Bonnie working with the congregation for 55 years.

**Pauline (Chandler) Curtis**  
**September 23, 1914 - January 20, 2002**  
**Wife of Ernest Curtis**

*Sometimes it is right to share our wisdom and lead those we love to correct answers. Other times it is far wiser to stand quietly in the shadows, allowing someone dear to stumble upon their own answers.*

Pauline was born to Bethel Delano and Sarah (Kelly) Chandler September 23, 1914. The Chandlers lived in the Green Hill community. They had one other daughter, Nora. Pauline lost her mother, Sarah, when she was about six years old. Her father, Bethel, married Mattie Wright, and she became Pauline's stepmother.

Brother William Behel baptized Pauline. The date is not known, but it probably took place in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole."

April 13, 1934, Pauline and Ernest Cohen Curtis were married. Don Curtis related that his mother was a good mother and a good wife, perhaps, when at times she should not have been. He said his father finally straightened up his life. Ernest became one of the elders at Shiloh and served well for many years. The old saying, "Behind every good man stands a good woman," was exemplified in the marriage of Ernest and Pauline.

Ernest and Pauline were blessed with five children, James Henry, Arvel, Don, and Sarah. They had a daughter, Betty, in 1938. She only lived two days.

Pauline worked with the congregation at Shiloh her entire life. She was always faithful in attendance until she became disabled. Over the years she was on the cleaning committee and food committee. She prepared the communion and was diligent in preparing meals for the sick and for those in grief. At one time, she was assigned to send get-well cards from the church. Whether she was at home, in the field, or at church, she was a hard worker.

In her wisdom she stood in the shadows, at times, when she thought those she loved would self-destruct, but by the Christian example she set before them, she encouraged them to stumble onto the right path.

**Geneva Quillen Gist**  
**May 4, 1915 - October 15, 1997**  
**Wife of Edgar Price Gist**

Geneva was born to Floyd and Maudie (Canderday) Quillen May 4, 1915. She was born in Lauderdale County. Her siblings were Larimore, Eugene, Coleman, Hampton, and Susie.

On December 14, 1929, at the age of fourteen, Geneva and Edgar Gist were married in St. Joseph, Tennessee. Six children were born to Edgar and Geneva, Doris, Jean, Rayford, Glen, Rebecca, and Larry.

Geneva was from a denominational background, but sometime during her teen years she started attending the church at Shiloh and was baptized. At the time she started attending, Edgar, her husband, was not a member.

Edgar and Geneva built the house at the crossroads of Gist Town Road and Cowpen Road. It was from there Geneva walked and carried children to Shiloh. Geneva taught her children the Bible and to attend services faithfully. When Larry, her son, was only three and one-half years old, brother Harvey Dodd had him stand in front of the

congregation to say the books of the Old and New Testaments. Rebecca, her daughter, said she attended class in an old bus parked out back. The class was taught by Susie Killen.

Geneva and Harvey Dodd were very influential in Edgar's decision to obey the gospel. He and Harvey Dodd became very good friends. They went fishing together and he ate often with the Gist family.

Edgar was baptized and during the 1960's served the congregation at Shiloh as an elder. Geneva continued carrying on her work helping others, preparing meals, cleaning the building, visiting, preparing communion. Geneva went on a mission campaign to Florence, South Carolina, in the early 1960's.

Geneva always lived in such a manner that others could see in her what a true Christian should be. On October 5, 1997, Geneva passed away just twelve days after her husband was buried. Geneva and her family worked at Shiloh for almost five decades and made an impact on the history of Shiloh.

**Nona (Kelly) Smith**  
**September 8, 1915 - April 12, 1996**  
**Wife of Jettie Smith**

*Earthly wealth and fame may never come to me, and a palace fair, here mine may never be; but let come what may if Christ for me doth care, anywhere is home, if He is only there.*

Nona was born to John Kelly and Eula (Chandler) Kelly on September 8, 1915. She was born at Holly Creek in Lawrence County, Tennessee. In about 1937, she married Jettie Smith. Five children were born to them, Virl, Bobby, Sarah, Oma, and Jerry.

It is not known when she was baptized, but she spent most of her adult life as a faithful member of the church at Shiloh. She lived most of her life in the Gist Town community.

Nona was one of God's most humble servants. She toiled unendingly on earth to make a meager living. She lived all her life in rental houses, yet she provided a wonderful, loving home for her family. Nona was content with her lot in life.

When her neighbor, Beatrice Brewer, was stricken with cancer, Nona unselfishly spent many days and nights attending her, cooking and washing for the family. Nona was a wonderful neighbor to many people in the Gist Town community and other surrounding areas. Whenever someone was in need, Nona was there.

Nona and her children would walk from their Gist Town home to Shiloh to worship. She often brought vegetables and fruit from her garden to share. She never believed in letting anything God blessed her with go to waste. She always had a bountiful garden and made sure she filled every fruit jar she owned to sustain her family through the winter months.

In her later years, she rode the Joy Bus. The bus workers were blessed to have her and today they recall the times she brought a batch of her delicious "tea cakes."

Only God in heaven knows all the sacrifices Nona made during her life. Her virtues are too many to mention here. She was a good Christian woman, loving wife and

mother, and a wonderful friend to all who knew her. Her name will surely be written in the Book of Life and her crown be filled with jewels.

**Beatrice (Gist) Brewer**  
**February 2, 1916 - March 20, 1966**  
**Wife of Edward Brewer**

*A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.*

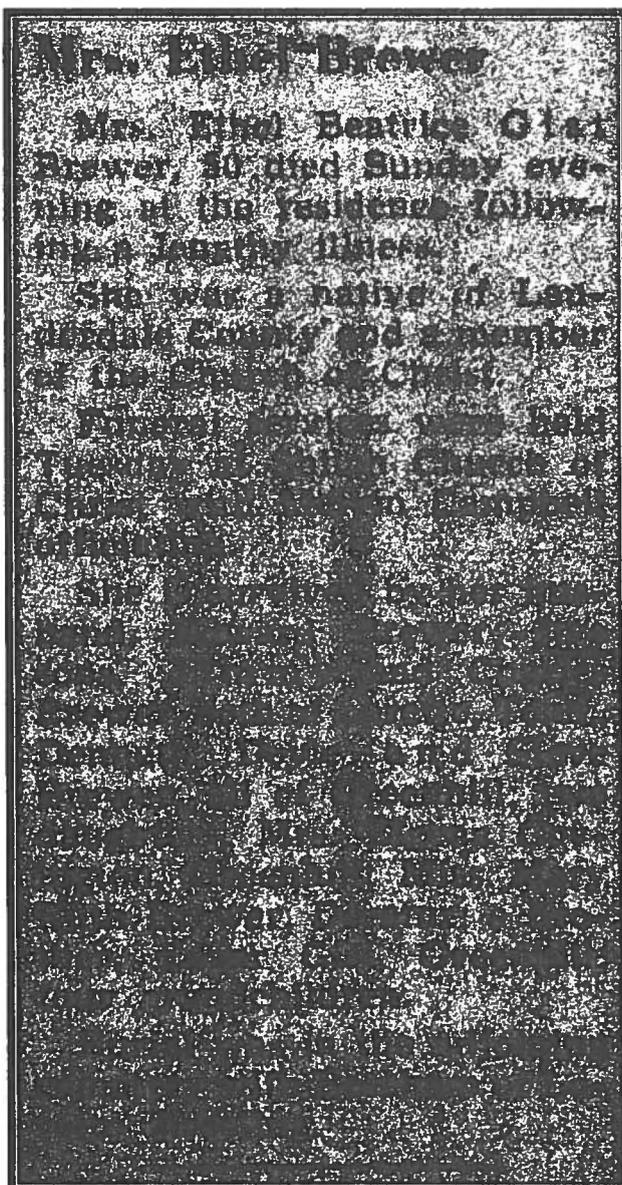
Beatrice was the second of two children born to Price and Josie (Canerday) Gist. She lived on Gist Town Road her entire life.

Many family members, friends, and neighbors commented how Beatrice was one of the most beloved women they ever knew.

As a teenager, she and Bashie Johns were best friends. They both were baptized in Jenkins Creek sometime in the early 1930's. Beatrice became very much a part of the history of Shiloh. She worshipped as a youngster and teen in the old frame building.

Beatrice married Edward Brewer on December 30, 1934. They started their family in 1936 with the birth of their son, Jimmy. Two daughters, Elgena and Mary Ruth, followed. Over the years, they had four more sons, Charles, Kenneth, Doyle, and Steve. The Brewer family was brought up to know God and keep His commandments. Once, Edward stated he and Beatrice had never had a disagreement during their marriage.

In about 1961, Beatrice was diagnosed with cancer. She spent almost five long years in agonizing pain. A great outpouring of love and support from the church and community was shown toward Beatrice and her family. It seemed everyone did everything they could possibly do to keep their "beloved Beatrice" comfortable and pain free. On March 20, 1966, God mercifully ended her agonizing pain by taking her soul from its frail, captive body.



At left: Obituary of Beatrice Brewer, taken from page 8 of the Thursday, March 24, 1966, issue of The Florence Herald, Florence, Alabama (2).

**Ruby Esterlen Harris Johnson**  
**February 6, 1916 - December 9, 1950**  
**Wife of Oscar Johnson**

*As the life of a flower, as a breath or a sigh, so the years that we live as a dream hasten by; true, today we are here, but tomorrow may see just a grave in the vale and a memory of me.*

Ruby was born to Johncy and Mattie Belle (McGee) Harris on February 6, 1916. She was raised in the Atlas community and attended church there as a child. Her siblings were Herschel, Mamie, Percy, Clara, Fred, Nadine, Leola, and Elmer.

On October 30, 1937, Ruby married Oscar Johnson of the Green Hill community. They attended worship in the old frame building. Oscar and Ruby had one daughter, Anita. She was born July 1, 1942.

Ruby worked extremely hard alongside her husband. They walked to the church services at Shiloh, and sometimes they would ride in a wagon to visit Atlas.

Her life ended December 9, 1950, at the young age of thirty-four. Just the day before, she and her husband had been cutting wood with a crosscut saw. It is believed she had a massive heart attack.

**Virginia Oma Gooch**  
**June 2 1916 - October 11, 1988**  
**Wife of Raymond Gooch**

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.*

Oma was born to John Wiley and Chappel Elizabeth (Wallace) Jenkins June 2, 1916. She was born and raised on the Jenkins home place in Green Hill, near Cowpen Creek. Wiley and Chappel's children were Ezzie, Edgar, Fannie, Oma, Verna, and Gentry.

In July 1930, at the age of fourteen, Oma was baptized by Oscar Romine in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole." It was just a short distance from the Jenkins home.

Oma was known for her beautiful handwriting. Dr. Stutts often had her to write manuscripts and other documents for him during the years he served as Probate Judge.

Raymond Gooch and Oma were married December 24, 1933, by Dr. Henry Lee Stutts, Probate Judge.

During the early to mid forties, Raymond and Oma lived on the Jenkins farm in a log house called the "bear hut." The children born to Oma and Raymond were Ernest, Rayford, and Glenn. In about 1950, Raymond built the house across from the home of Ronnie Goins. It is there they raised their children until they were married.

Oma worked in the cafeteria at Rogers School for many years. Several of those years she was manager.

Cooking and sewing were two talents Oma was blessed with. She often made garments for the needy. She loved to cook and she spent many hours preparing food for others. During VBS she always sent platters of sandwiches for the meal outside under the oak trees.

Virginia Gamble and she were close friends, and they often did benevolent work together in the community.

Raymond passed away in 1978. It seemed Oma's health and mentality were on a downward spiral. After being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she spent the last few years of her life with a caretaker and finally became a resident of El Reposo.

Oma walked to the services at Shiloh when they were held in the old frame building. She attended in the rock building and later the new building. She did all she could as long as she was able to do good.

**Louise M. Butler Hester Tate**  
**August 30, 1916 - March 16, 2003**  
**Wife of Roy Hester and R.J. Tate**

Louise was born to Herman and Emma (Williams) Butler on August 30, 1916. Her siblings were Lonus, George, Johnnie, Otis, Lera, Roy, Irene, and Howard L. Her father, Herman Butler, was one of the early pioneers in the beginning of the young church at Shiloh. Louise attended Shiloh from her birth to her marriage to Roy Hester. The Hesters moved to Colbert Mountain and farmed. Louise worshipped with the congregation there. Her husband was sick with asthma, and Louise worked hard to make a living. In 1963, Roy passed away.

Circa 1980, Louise married R.J. Tate. They lived in the Green Hill community and attended Shiloh. R.J. died in 1990.

On March 16, 2003, Louise passed away. She had no children during her marriages. Louise had been brought up in the church and spent many years worshipping at her home congregation, Shiloh.

**Ruth (Johns) Butler**  
**August 29, 1918 - October 22, 1993**  
**Wife of Johnnie Butler**

*Once upon a memory, someone wiped away a tear, held me close and loved me, Thank you, mother dear.* Anonymous

On August 29, 1918, God in his infinite wisdom blessed Jesse and Hulda Johns with a daughter they named Ruth. It was unknown to them what lay ahead, but only God could forth see.

Ruth's heritage was rich with the early history of Shiloh. Her grandparents, just thirteen years prior to her birth, had given property to build a church building. In all probability, Ruth attended the church at Shiloh her entire life.

It seemed death was no stranger to the Johns household. In 1927, Ruth's brother died. In 1934, Ruth lost an infant brother. Just when things could seemingly get no worse, Ruth's beloved mother, Hulda, passed away shortly after giving birth to another child. Ruth was forced into a mother's role for the infant and younger children. A heavy responsibility weighed on Ruth's young shoulders. Many people remembered Ruth coming to church carrying the infant. On June 26, 1937, the infant passed away, nine months after losing his mother. Again, the Johns home was filled with grief.

It is believed Ruth was baptized in the summer of 1942. She was baptized by Ira North in Jenkins Creek.

On September 28, 1942, Ruth married Johnnie Newton Butler. Johnnie was called away to serve his country during WWII. He fought in Germany and sustained a disabling injury. Ruth had to work outside the home.

Ruth gave birth to a baby boy on Christmas Day 1947. He was stillborn. Many said he was the most beautiful baby they had ever seen.

Joel was born to the Butlers on August 15, 1954. It seemed Ruth had taken care of so many children before having her own. Needless to say, she was very protective of her young son.

On October 22, 1993, Ruth was called home after battling leukemia for several years.

Ruth always strove to do what was right. She taught class, cleaned the building, walked to visit the sick, and prepared food for the bereaved. She always had a humble and meek spirit. She was a true child of God who was placed on this earth as a servant.

### **Mary Elizabeth Slaughter Comer Johnson**

**May 2, 1919 - July 7, 2006**

### **Wife of John D. Comer and Oscar Johnson**

*Many the trials, toils and tears, many a heartache may here appall; but the dear Lord so truly says: Heaven will surely be worth it all.* Mingo C. Jones

Elizabeth was born to Asa and Lizzie (Heathcoat) Slaughter on May 2, 1919, in Columbia, Tennessee. She was one of six children, including two sets of twins. Three of the children died in infancy. Lizzie, her mother, was baptized by Brother William Behel in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" on September 25, 1905.

During her early childhood the family moved several times. They moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, then to Iron City, Bailey Springs, then Wolf Creek. The 1930 census shows Elizabeth, age 11; Pearlie, age 8; and Bessie, age 6, living with their grandfather at Wolf Creek.

When Elizabeth was twelve the welfare department wanted to take the children. Her mother had become a single mother with three children to feed and homeless with nothing to eat. The Great Depression had left many homeless people. Mrs. Lou Killen (grandmother of Bruce Freeze) said she would let Elizabeth live with her. It was while living there she attended Shiloh Church and probably was baptized at the age of twelve. The Killen farm was located where the Oliver and Agnes Hine homeplace is today. In her memoirs Elizabeth credits Lou Killen for teaching her to work.

While at Shiloh she became sweethearts with Oscar Johnson. Elizabeth moved away to the Jim Jackson farm and they both eventually married other people.

Elizabeth married John D. Comer February 25, 1940. Together they had four children, James, Joyce, Louise, and Danny. John Daniel was killed by a drunk driver shortly before Danny was born.

After her husband's death Elizabeth refused to get on welfare. She cleaned houses, ironed for people, picked cotton, picked blackberries, and anything she could to help support the family. The Comers worshipped at Stoney Point.

August 2, 1958, Elizabeth married her teenage sweetheart, Oscar Johnson. They both had lost their spouses. Together they had one daughter, Sherry Jane.

From 1958, Elizabeth was a faithful worker in the church at Shiloh. She attended Ladies Class, cleaned the building, and did visitation. She was always ready to help. When someone in the church or community died she was always there with food.

Death and sorrow were no strangers for Elizabeth. She lost her firstborn son, James Edward, in 1994. A year later, Oscar passed away. She had been his primary care giver for many years.

Elizabeth became a resident of El Reposo Nursing facility for many years. While living there she lost Joyce, her oldest daughter, to cancer.

It seems Elizabeth was dealt more sorrow, heartaches, and tears than most. She had to struggle to survive. She was a Christian lady of great faith and knew Heaven would be worth it all.

**Elizabeth (Burbank) Wallace**  
**August 20, 1919 - August 12, 1976**  
**Wife of Jesse Wallace**

*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Proverbs 22:1*

Elizabeth was the daughter of Hobart and Lizzie (Hill) Burbank. She was married to Jesse Wallace on July 31, 1937. It is assumed, by reasoning, she and her husband, Jesse, were baptized just prior to their marriage or shortly thereafter.

Great riches or silver and gold were not for Elizabeth to have. Early in life she set a goal, a goal that would decide her destiny. More than anything, she desired to go to heaven. Not only did she want to go to heaven, she wanted to carry others with her. When she started on her journey toward that "great destination", she knew it would be difficult. She was a humble servant on a long journey with many obstacles to overcome along the way. She had valleys to cross and mountains to climb. Elizabeth may have stumbled, but she never fell.

Christ was exemplified in her very being. She was like a shining beacon showing others the way. She had so much love and compassion for those about her; she seemed angelic.

During Elizabeth and Jesse's early marriage, they worshipped in the frame building. Their son, Thomas, recalled them "sharecropping" for Lambert Richardson and during that time they walked to Shiloh.

Elizabeth was blessed with four children, Thomas, Evelyn, Ann, and Jim. She brought them up to know God and keep His commandments. Today they are busy carrying on her legacy.

Whether it was a homemade pie, or a fresh picked bouquet from her garden, Elizabeth was always about visiting the sick and shut-ins. She willingly gave of her time and labor. Once, she and other ladies from Shiloh helped during a crisis another family was enduring. She chopped and picked cotton, washed clothes, and kept a vigilant watch over her dying sister-in-Christ.

May 16, 1967, Elizabeth became a widow, which meant she had to work even harder. From about that time until the early 1970's, she became the custodian at Shiloh. She held that position until she was unable to work.

During the early bus ministry program, she again was a faithful servant. She always worked the bus route and helped in any way she could. She worked on Henry Allen's Bus #3. She continued working on the bus although she was unable.

Elizabeth was diagnosed with cancer in about 1973. She continued her sobering journey and faithfully attended the worship services. Although she struggled to walk down the aisle, she sat near the front of the building in her normal pew. Elizabeth remained bedridden for over a year. Evelyn, her daughter, recalled Elizabeth saying, "I hope I have done enough to make it to heaven."

Elizabeth died in 1976, just eight days short of her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday. Earthly wealth and fame she never had but she always had a good name and she found loving favor in God's sight.

**Louella (Springer) Butler**  
**August 27, 1919 - January 21, 2007**  
**Wife of William C. Butler**

*Heaven often seems distant and unknown, but if he who made the road thither is our guide, we need not fear to lose the way.* Henry Van Dyke

Louella was born to Oscar and Mary Etta (Davis) Springer August 27, 1919. She was brought up in the area near Blue Water Creek. She was one of six children. Her siblings were Sanford, Dock, Jessie and Bessie (twins), and W.D.

It is not known when Louella and William Butler were married. William was the son of Cleveland and Ethel Butler of the Green Hill community. A son, Glen Lee, was born to them October 22, 1958.

July 24, 1963, tragedy struck the Butler home. William was killed in an automobile accident on Highway 43. Louella was left to provide for herself and her young son.

Bessie Hamner, Louella's sister, recalled at least thirty people Louella stayed with and cared for through illnesses. She worked at Herbert Green's store for several years.

In 1966, Louella was baptized in the baptistery at Shiloh by Brother Charles Kretzer. Louella was active in the church and community. Sometimes she brought laundry home with her to wash after visiting some sick friend.

After Louella became unable to attend services, she showed her concern for the sick by calling daily. She usually was punctual about the time she called.

Louella remained a faithful servant of Christ until her death on January 21, 2007. She had been a servant of God, family, friends, and church. It seemed though her life was full of trials and tribulations, she endured to the end and never lost her way.

**Edith Irene (Gist) Peden**  
**May 3, 1920 - February 7, 2000**  
**Wife of Wilburn Peden**

Edith was the daughter of Lee Boyd and Hester Hannah Gist. She was born May 3, 1920, in the Gist Town community. Her siblings were Mable, Lincoln, Wilburn (Tom), Vergie, and two brothers who died in infancy.

Edith was baptized by brother Ira North in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole." The exact date is not known.

Vergie said she remembers walking from home on Gist Town Road to the worship services at Shiloh with Edith.

Wilburn Peden and Edith were married October 9, 1948. They lived right off Cowpen Road on County Road 177.

Edith was a faithful member of the church at Shiloh. She attended regularly, and helped clean the building. She was noted for visiting others and making pies for them.

Edith's husband, Wilburn, passed away suddenly on July 26, 1993. Edith passed away February 7, 2000. All of Edith's siblings were faithful members of the church and she had many people she influenced.

**Georgia Mae (Brewer) Butler**  
**May 23, 1920 - September 17, 2007**

**Wife of George Butler**

<i>Her suffering ended with the day;</i>	<i>But when the sun, in all his state,</i>
<i>Yet lived she at it's close,</i>	<i>Illumed the eastern skies,</i>
<i>And breathed the long, long night away</i>	<i>She passed through glory's morning-gate,</i>
<i>In statue-like repose.</i>	<i>And walked in paradise!</i>

Georgia Mae was born May 23, 1920, to Noah and Sally (Blackburn) Brewer. The Brewer family lived in the Wolf Creek area and walked to Shiloh. There were four children born to Noah and Sally Brewer, Edward, Pauline, Georgia Mae, and Mattie.

On April 9, 1938, Georgia Mae married George William Butler of the Shiloh Community. Four children were born to them, Jackie, Beverly, Connie, and David. Connie passed away April 6, 1950.

Georgia Mae was always busy in the church and community. She tried to set an example by her daily actions to influence others. Georgia Mae is accredited in teaching others the gospel. Her hands were never idle. At one time she was responsible for mailing get-well cards for the church. She is well known and remembered for the greeting cards and cards of encouragement she mailed to others. She was always concerned about the condition of a wayward member's soul even after she became a resident of El Reposo.

Beverly remembered how she would often go and sit up with people who were sick or dying. Sometimes she would carry Beverly with her. On one occasion they were at the home of Bryce Canerday. Beverly said it was before electricity had been installed. As a child, Beverly was frightened by the flickering of the coal oil lamp and the shadows cast on the walls and ceilings and the frail body of Mr. Canerday lying in bed.

Georgia Mae taught classes and attended the Ladies Class faithfully. She was a wonderful cook and prepared meals for the bereaved and those who were sick. She often worked in the fields to help someone get their crops in.

As many others, she faced adversities in life. She kept her sight on going to heaven and she never let the adversities cause her to stumble. Today Jackie and his family are faithful members of the Stutts Road Congregation. Beverly Short, her husband, Ted, and daughter, Kelly Gooch, are faithful members of Shiloh and continue in her example.

Georgia Mae had worked all her life to walk through glory's gate and live in Paradise.

**Alma Delphia Bradley Burbank**  
**September 3, 1920 - May 25, 2008**  
**Wife of James Henry Burbank**

*Be not dismayed what- e'er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, Thro' every day, O'er all the way; He will take care of you.*

Alma was born to David Albert and Florence Susie (Allen) Bradley. She had four siblings, Emma, Dee, Owen, and Bluford. She was born near the Dalton Bottoms and later moved to St. Joseph and Iron City, Tennessee.

On December 28, 1943, Alma and James married. James spent the early years of their marriage serving in the South Pacific during World War II.

After James returned from service, they lived on the Price Gist farm and helped his parents, Hobart and Lizzie Burbank, raise a crop. They lived in the old Alabama School building for some time. It was there their two children were born, James Don and Jean. They later bought the Syd Richardson home-place (located near Wolf Creek). Alma was very creative and talented. She wanted to see if they could renovate the large house.

Brother Charles Kretzer baptized James and Alma in 1958. They were baptized, in the baptistery, in the old rock building. They remained faithful Christians for the remainder of their lives.

On October 25, 1963, Alma's beloved husband, James, died suddenly from a massive heart attack. He was only forty-three. Alma was left with two children to raise. Alma later moved to the brick house on Highway 43, just south of the present day Green Hill Flea Market. She was a salesclerk for Haygood's Bargain Center for several years.

Although Alma worked outside the home, she was a diligent worker in the church and community. She was faithful in attendance until her health began to fail. Alma was a dependable servant of the Lord. She was always available for whatever was needed of her.

God took care of Alma and James during the war years while he was amidst the heat of the battle. He brought him safely home. God took care of Alma when she lost James at a time she seemingly needed him most. God took care of Alma during all the storms that occurred in her lifetime. God started taking care of Alma on that day in 1958 when she and James confessed Christ and were buried with Him in baptism. Finally, God took care of Alma on May 25, 2008, when He mercifully called her home.

**Elois Dial**  
**September 18, 1920 - July 27, 2006**  
**Wife of Elmer Dial**

*Come my children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

Psalms 34:11

Elois, daughter of Samuel and Virgie (Phillips) Turpen, was born September 18, 1920, in the Grassy community. She attended school at Bonnertown and graduated from Loretto High School in 1938.

November 28, 1942, she married Elmer Dial and made their home in the Green Hill community.

Elois was brought up in the church. It is not known where she was baptized.

It was on County Road 388 where her children were born and raised. She and Elmer had three sons, Terry, Donnie, and Roger Dial. Her husband served as a deacon for many years. They worked diligently side by side whether at home, on the farm, or at church.

Once, in the 1950's, while worshipping in the rock building, it was brought before the church a certain widow had a child stricken with polio. A special offering was made and when the plate passed, Elois gave everything she had in her purse. She talked about how bad she felt because she had nothing more to give.

Elois had a heart of gold and was always concerned about the state of her children's souls and of those in the congregation. If she didn't see you at worship service, she always mailed a card to tell you she had missed seeing you. She gave encouragement to all.

After she became rather feeble, she continued cooking meals for shut-ins and for families of the sick and bereaved. She never missed an opportunity to do good.

July 27, 2006, Elois drifted into eternity, leaving all the trials and tribulations of life behind. Elois had taught her children well and still remains an inspiration to all who knew her.

**Virginia (Wright) Gamble**  
**Wife of Foy Gamble**  
**October 13, 1920 - February 9, 2008**

Virginia Gamble overcame many obstacles in the course of her life and became a great humanitarian in the community and to the church at Shiloh.

When Virginia was only seven years of age, her mother passed away, leaving Virginia and her two brothers. At that time they were living in the North Carolina community. Her father, Harris Wright, moved the family to Green Hill and later married Louva Burgess. Mrs. Louva helped raise Virginia and her brothers. Virginia accredited Mrs. Bertha McInnish as one who had influenced her so much in her upbringing. It is believed Virginia, as many others of the era, was baptized in the 1930's in Jenkins Creek.

In 1940, Virginia married Foy Gamble. Their son, Phillip, was born in 1942. Their marriage ended in tragedy when Foy was killed in 1944 while serving his country in France during World War II.

Phillip related that his dad had a 1940 Chevy and his mother drove it until 1953. He told the story about many trips they made down a path (Rogers Lane). The path

would be so muddy that boards would be placed across a drainage ditch to keep from getting stuck. During rainy weather they would drive up county road 47 to Baush Springer's store and circle around to church.

Virginia was constantly at work serving the Lord. She was teaching, preparing communion, cleaning the building, visiting, making garments, assisting in whatever capacity she could. If she thought someone was in need, she had a cheerful heart and gave.

In 1961, Phillip started driving a bus to a vocational school in Decatur. He took a course in automotive maintenance repair. Virginia decided to quit her job in the cafeteria at Rogers and attend nursing school. Phillip and Virginia graduated about the same time.

Another page had turned in the history of Virginia's life. She loved being a nurse and caring for others. She worked at El Reposo Nursing Facility for many years. When she retired, she held the position of administrator.

However, retirement did not slow her down. In 1989, she moved to Florence to be closer to her son. There she attended Darby Drive. She worked with the congregation, but she always made it known that her home was Shiloh and that is where her heart stayed. She made many, many trips to Green Hill to visit and to drive about checking on the elderly and those who were sick.

Virginia was very enthusiastic about the church history at Shiloh. Although she didn't live to see the history book published, she was very instrumental in writing statements and stories about attending as a child and adult. She provided financial funds for the artist rendering of the old frame building.

Virginia became a part of the history of Shiloh in the work she did from 1930 - 2008. She was like the church at Shiloh - she could rise above adversity and prevail.

**Ethel Thompson Lester**  
**February 17, 1921 - August 24, 1979**  
**Wife of Melvin Lester**

*When someone does a kindness it always seems to me that's the way God up in heaven would like us all to be...*

Ethel was born to William Kelsey and Monella Pauline (Dial) Thompson February 17, 1921. She was the first of eleven children. She was born in the North Carolina community and later the Thompson family moved to Mississippi.

Ethel decided to move back to Green Hill in 1937. She and Melvin Lester were married July 31, 1937.

Four children were born to the Lesters. Three of them died in infancy. Bonnie, the only child who survived, was born June 30, 1940.

In 1959, Melvin and Ethel bought the white frame house at the junction of County Road 144 and County Road 47. It was located adjacent from the Wilburn Canerday home place. It is believed Ethel and Melvin worshipped with the Shiloh congregation much earlier than 1959.

Later they moved into a house on Highway 43 just south of Haygoods (present day Green Hill Flea Market). They continued living there until their deaths.

Ethel was one of the "unsung" legends at Shiloh. She was a very private person and helped many people by her acts of kindness.

The Lesters were active in the church services at Shiloh and were a vital part of the community.

Ethel was blessed with fifty-eight years on this earth and she spent much of it showing love and kindness towards others.

**Augazelle (Richardson) Gist**  
**January 26, 1922 - March 20, 2003**  
**Wife of Hal Hoadley Gist**

Augazelle was born to Ethel Richardson January 26, 1922, in the Green Hill community. Her mother operated a store on Cowpen Road.

Hal Hoadley Gist and Augazelle were married March 27, 1943. They lived in Moultrie, Georgia, and Salt Lake City, Utah, while he was in the military. After the war they moved back to Florence.

Augazelle was a graduate of Florence State Teacher's College (UNA). She taught in the Lauderdale County school system for about 34 years. She taught at Oakland and Petersville before coming to Rogers School. She taught at Rogers from 1973 - 1986. While teaching at Rogers she did many unselfish deeds for the students. Her life was centered around teaching and she was born to be an educator.

Two children were born to Hal and Augazelle, Mary and Hal, Jr. Augazelle was a good mother and wife.

After retirement from teaching, and after her husband passed away in 1986, her children encouraged her to pursue her dream of traveling. She traveled all over the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, Europe, the Holy Lands, Peru, and Canada.

In her church life she was busy. Augazelle attended every function in which the church was involved. She and her friend, Marie Myrick, attended many weddings and teas held at Shiloh.

Augazelle played a role in the church at Shiloh, especially during her teenage years, and from the time of her retirement until her death in 2003.

**Eula Mae Gist Hannah**  
**January 8, 1923 - August 3, 1992**  
**Wife of Ira Hannah**

*Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16: 13-14*

Eula Mae was born to Jim Gist and Vernon (Dial) Gist in 1923. She had seven siblings, Emmett, Johnny, Leonard, Virlie, Mamie, Luther, and Rufus. Eula Mae was born and raised in Gist Town.

On October 21, 1939, Eula Mae married Ira Hannah of the Green Hill community. They spent their first year of marriage living with Ira's parents. They farmed until Ira went to work at Reynolds in 1941.

Eula Mae was baptized in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" in about 1942. She was probably baptized by Ira North.

The Hannahs had three children, Glenn, Jerry, and Ronnie. She always made it to worship services with her sons, whether it was by walking or by bus.

Eula Mae was an active part of the church. She always served on the food committee, visitation programs, helped with VBS, attended Ladies' Class, and served in whatever capacity she was needed.

Eula Mae was influential in her husband's obeying the gospel. He was baptized several years before his death.

August 3, 1992, Eula Mae lost her fight with a long battle of cancer. She was strong and courageous to the end.

**Lois (Haygood) Coker**  
**June 3, 1923 - July 10, 2004**  
**Wife of Paul Coker**

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.* P.P. Bliss

Lois was born June 3, 1923, to Dock and Pauline (Killen) Haygood. She was born in Green Hill but spent her childhood in the Zip City community. Lois was the third child of five.

July 26, 1941, Lois married Paul Henry Coker. Herman Butler, a local Justice of Peace and an elder at the church at Shiloh, heard their vows. Paul was drafted during World War II and served in Patton's Third Army. After returning home he and Lois started their family. Three daughters born to them were Joyce, Linda, and Lisa.

Joyce was taken from them suddenly. She succumbed to a brain tumor on December 4, 1963. Lois was devastated but bravely tried to hide her grief from her other two daughters.

Lois had many talents and used them all to glorify God. She taught and assisted teaching. She served on the food committee, carried food to bereaved families, worked with the visitation program, helped during VBS and Ladies' Day.

Paul, her husband, was an elder at Shiloh and she honored him and God.

Lois was a hospitable person. She welcomed visitors into her home. She always treated everyone kindly and looked forward to having visitors.

When Paul was diagnosed with lung cancer, she became his caretaker and fought the battle with him. Paul passed away August 13, 1996. Lois, with her faith in God and with the love of her family, endured the loss and continued on with her work.

Lois was very much a family person. She loved her children and grandchildren. After suffering a fall at Rogers School, she never fully recovered from her injuries and was victim to a stroke that ended her life on July 10, 2004.

She suffered much sorrow and grief during her life, but whatever her lot she always tried to keep everything well with her soul.

**Bertha Mae (Isom) Curtis**  
**October 2, 1924 - June 13, 1989**  
**Wife of Y.Z. Curtis**

Bertha Mae was born to Bryce and Fannie (King) Isom in Franklin County, Alabama, in 1924. She had five siblings, Dale, Macon, Rudolph, Charles, and Clifford. Bertha Mae came from a very strong Christian background. Her father, Bryce, was an

elder at Quinn Memorial Church of Christ in Spruce Pine. It is believed Bertha Mae was baptized at Quinn Memorial.

During the World War era, Bertha Mae attended Florence State Teacher's College (UNA). Since so many men had gone off to war, she was asked to go to Hodges, Alabama, to assist with the high school faculty. While there, she served as interim high school principal. She became head coach for the men's basketball team.

It is not exactly known when she married Oliver Wendell (Y.Z.) Curtis. They had one child, Mike. In 1957, Y.Z. passed away. Bertha Mae was devastated by the loss of her husband, but she had a small son to raise alone.

When asked what he wanted said about his mother, Michael said, "She was a good Christian woman, and she spent her entire life training and teaching me to grow up to be a Christian."

Bertha Mae taught 38 years in the school system. The majority of them were at Rogers School. She worshipped at the Shiloh congregation for about three decades. She was very much an active part of the church at Shiloh, as well as the community.

**Maureen (Ingram) Chandler**  
**November 8, 1924 - March 11, 1994**  
**Wife of Norman Delano Chandler**

*Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, All are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Maureen was married to Norman Chandler. Their children were Jan, Del, and Angie. It is believed she was baptized by Brother Charles Kretzer in the late 1950s at Shiloh. It was said he influenced her into being converted from a denominational background. She was a loving and caring person.

She loved children and loved to teach the Nursery class. She attended the Ladies' Bible Class and sometimes taught. She usually participated with VBS and was generous with her time and always helped financially with anything asked of her.

Maureen was instrumental in providing furnishings for the first nursery Shiloh had. She brought toys and books from home. The nursery was located in one end of the vestibule.

Jesus loved all the little children and so did Maureen. She always thought about the little children and any new innovative way she might teach them.

**Helen Ruth Bretherick Wallace**  
**January 11, 1925 - August 13, 1986**  
**Wife of Andrew Delton, Sr.**

*Mothers are the center of everything in a child's life: nourishment, comfort, and always love.*

Helen was born to Leland and Fannie Snow (Coker) Bretherick January 11, 1925. She was born in Lauderdale County. Her siblings were Gaynell, Coleman, Francis, and Woodrow.

It is not known when or by whom Helen was baptized.

Delton Wallace, Sr. and Helen were married October 26, 1945. Their three children are Delton Jr., Eunice, and Dwight.

Helen was diagnosed with diabetes when she was a young woman. The disease progressed so rapidly that she soon lost her vision.

She was a virtuous woman in the many things she did in the church and community. Helen loved her family and was a good wife and mother.

**Bonnie (Gray) Jenkins**  
**June 9, 1925 - February 11, 2006**  
**Wife of Gentry Jenkins**

*When time shall come for my leaving, When I bid you adieu, Don't spend your money for flowers, Just a rose will do. I'll go to a beautiful garden, At last when life's work is thru, Don't spend your money on flowers, just a rose will do.* J.A. McClung

Bonnie was born to Newt and Maggie (Bush) Gray June 9, 1925. She was the fifth of twelve children. Newt was a sharecropper and moved his family many times. He was strict and demanding on his family. The children formed a bond with each other that lasted a lifetime.

While living in the Kilburn area, Bonnie attended Kilburn Church of Christ. It was there in the late 1930's she obeyed the gospel. She was baptized, along with her sister, Pauline, in Kilburn Creek.

She and some of her siblings attended St. Michael's school in St. Florian during the late thirties and early forties. It was from there she eloped with Gentry Jenkins on September 8, 1942. They were married by Herman Butler, a local Justice of Peace and an elder at Shiloh. Gentry took Bonnie home to his beloved farm on Cowpen Creek.

Bonnie worked hard on the farm; she plowed, cleared fields, helped with the planting, and ran the household. As with all during that era, life was not easy.

Over a span of eighteen years, seven children were born of their marriage. Their children were Gentry Wiley Jr., Mary E. (Sally), Maggie, Edgar, Danny, Linda, and Sherry.

In 1964, Gentry was baptized and the family started worshipping with the congregation at Shiloh.

Bonnie was always, even before her restoration, busy in the community helping in whatever needed to be done.

She never taught a class at church, but she taught every day by the example she lived. One of the jobs she loved best was the years she and Shirley Butler were in charge of the refreshments for VBS. They served cookies and Kool-aid underneath the large oak trees behind the building. In those days cookies and Kool-aid were still a treat. She was part of various visitation programs but preferred to do her visiting on her own. She helped clean the building and prepared communion.

Perhaps most people remember her for the numerous times she opened up her home and prepared huge meals, or for the platters of fried apple pies she carried to the hospital for families who had a loved one undergoing surgery.

Without a doubt, the times she worked the hardest were after the death of her husband, Gentry, in 1992. When Tom, her son, passed away in 1998, she was so

overcome with grief it was thought she would surely die. She did the only thing she knew how to do. She labored in the church and community. It was during the eight years following Tom's death her focus on making it to heaven became extremely intense.

Agonizing pain ravaged her body during the year 2005. Although she was so weak she could barely go, she continued her faithful duties as a Christian. Bonnie was diagnosed with cancer one week before Christmas 2005 and lived about six weeks. On February 11, 2006, she passed from this life.

The song "Just a Rose Will Do" was the only song she requested be sung at her funeral. The lyrics summed up her personality and the simplicity of her life.

**Beulah (Stutts) LeFan**  
**Mother of Carolyn, Charles, Peggy, Reed**  
**December 12, 1925 - November 18, 1996**

Beulah was born to Worth and Dora Belle (Rochell) Stutts on December 12, 1925. They moved from Alabama to the Mississippi Delta town of Rosedale when she was about two years old. She always had a love for "the fine arts" and was creative in all aspects. She spent many hours reading literature and writing poetry. She was an accomplished pianist and was blessed with a beautiful voice. She enjoyed singing hymns wherever she went. Beulah loved all God's creatures. She especially focused on sharing her talents in helping others.

She was blessed to have two wonderful Christian neighbors, Georgia Mae Butler and Reba Johns. Beulah accredited them both for her decision to obey the gospel. In the early to mid 1960's she taught the little class. She went to great depths making visual aids. Her class loved her and her method of teaching. One little girl couldn't pronounce her name, so she just called her "Mrs. Beautiful."

1967 was a devastating year in Beulah's life. Their home burned and her marriage crumbled, resulting in divorce. Remarriage was not an option for Beulah. At age 46, she had a family to support and set out to pursue a degree in nursing. She completed her formal education with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from UNA. She stayed on the honor roll while working a full-time job. She worked many long years at El Reposo as a registered nurse. It seemed she had lived over half her life, and God had found a place for her on earth to use her special talent in caring for others.

Justine Gooch worked with Beulah for several years at El Reposo. Justine remembered her as being the most caring, loving, and giving person she had ever known. Her last memories of Beulah at work was being on her hands and knees wiping dust from underneath a radiator. If she saw something that needed to be done, she did it herself.

Beulah can best be remembered as a Christian woman who faced many trials and tribulations but was triumphant in overcoming them all through Christ.

***PRE-MATURE VISIT OF SPRING***  
*Today has been a splendid thing. I awoke this*  
*Morning to the mockingbird's song.*  
*And opened my window and in rushed spring, to*  
*Keep me company all day long.*

*She toyed with the curtains like a playful child  
And in repentance she kissed my cheek.  
First she's calm and then she's wild. Rushing  
About on winged feet.  
All day long she stayed with me not a moment to  
Depart.  
And with her gay but gentle spirit, she placed a  
Song within my heart.*  
By: Beulah Mae LeFan

**Louise (Robertson) Stutts**  
**June 28, 1926 - April 24, 2007**  
**Wife of Horace Stutts**

Louise was born to Joe Wheeler and Reba Lee (Cabler) Robertson on June 28, 1926. The Robertsons lived on Cowpen Road in the general vicinity of Shiloh Church. Louise had four other sisters, Josephine, Opal, Ruby, and Alma.

The Robertson girls walked and came to Shiloh from childhood. Louise was baptized September 17, 1940, in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole," by brother C.T. Burns.

June 22, 1946, Louise married Horace Stutts of the Green Hill community. Together, their impact on the church was tremendous. Horace had been raised in a denominational home. Horace jokingly said, "It didn't take but a year for her to get me in the water." He was baptized in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole" on July 13, 1947, by brother Ira North.

The Stuttses worshipped and worked with the Shiloh congregation until he started preaching away from home in 1955. Horace said Louise was always supportive of his work and she encouraged him faithfully.

Louise and Horace, along with their children, Miles and Penny, came back to Shiloh in about 1972 to work with the bus ministry program. Louise assisted with the bus program as allowed by her arthritis. Earlier in her life she had taught various Bible classes.

Louise was a devout Christian, loving supporting wife, and wonderful mother to Miles and Penny.

On April 24, 2007, God called Louise home. She had worshipped and worked with the congregation at Shiloh and in her heart called it "home."

Louise and Horace taught their children to love God and to keep His commandments. Today their children are carrying on the legacy their parents started as a young married couple back in 1946.



**Helen Mae Abernathy Liles**  
**July 1, 1926 - October 3, 2004**  
**Wife of Franklin Liles**

*While we tarry below Let us trust and adore Him who leads us each day toward  
the radiant shore Where the sun never sets, And the flowers never fade, Where no sorrow  
or death May its borders invade.*

Helen was born to Willie B. and Mary Elizabeth (Holden) Abernathy on July 1, 1936. She was the third of thirteen children. Helen was born in Leoma, Tennessee. During her childhood, the Abernathys lived on Cowpen Road for a while, but later moved to Cloverdale. It was there Helen spent the majority of her childhood and teen years.

April 21, 1943, Helen and Franklin Liles were married by Herman Butler, a local Justice of Peace and an elder at Shiloh.

In 1954, the Liles family moved into the house adjacent to the church building on the west side. There they raised their children, David, Shirley, Vicky, and Lesa.

It is not known where or when Helen was baptized. She was already a faithful member of the church when she arrived at Shiloh.

Helen was a good wife and served her husband, Franklin, well during his tenure as elder at Shiloh. She was an excellent mother and was fond of all children.

It seemed Helen's personality was so infectious that when she walked into a room and smiled, the entire room lit up.

After being diagnosed and treated for cancer, Helen took it on herself to encourage others who had begun their battle with the disease. It may have been a phone call or a visit to a home. Helen was always there.

The battle with cancer was only the beginning of Helen's problems. The radiation for cancer had damaged her kidneys and she was on dialysis for several years. Helen's attitude toward her family and God never wavered. She continued coming to church and when asked how she was doing, she would laugh and say, "I'm just hanging on." Her attitude about life and death was humbling.

When Helen passed from this life on October 3, 2004, she knew she had been blessed with many good, happy years. She knew she was on her journey to a wonderful, pain-free land.

**Hazel Louise Richardson Rogers**  
**November 6, 1926 - December 14, 2003**  
**Wife of Richard Rogers**

*The angels so sweetly are singing, up there by the beautiful sea; sweet chords  
from their gold harps are ringing, How beautiful heaven must be.*

Hazel was born to Edgar Louis and Annie Snow (Dickerson) Richardson November 6, 1926. She was born and raised in the Edgar Richardson homeplace, which still stands at the intersection of Gist Town Road and County Road 339. Hazel was the sixth of thirteen children born to Edgar and Snow. As a child, she attended Alabama School.

It is not known at what time, or when, Hazel started attending the services at Shiloh, but it is believed she was baptized by Ira North in about 1942.

July 28, 1945, Hazel and Richard Rogers were married. During their marriage, they had seven children, Allen, Donnie, Gary, Kathy, Janice, Dwight, and a daughter who died in 1957 at birth.

Hazel was brought up to work hard in the fields and later, on the job. She probably could be remembered in her family life as a practical joker. She always had something to laugh about and always shared it with others.

Hazel and Richard brought their family up in the church and were always available to assist in any way. Her specialty was "fried apple pies" and she often made them to carry to the hospital. Sometimes she prepared entire meals to carry to those unable to cook. She often stayed all night with those who were sick to support the family. Hazel was well known in the church and community.

Janie Coker recalled staying with the Rogers family while Lois was in service. She said Hazel and the children became like family to her and she was treated kindly in their home.

During the last years of Hazel's life, she was ill, but determined to be active. She cared for her husband through his illness and death in 2001. Throughout her battle with cancer, Hazel was thankful for every breath of life God gave her, but surely she wondered how beautiful heaven must be.

**Katherine Tate**  
**December 19, 1928 - November 18, 2007**  
**Wife of William Tate**

*From the ends of the earth I call to you, O Lord, I call as my heart grows faint;  
lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:2*

Katherine was born December 19, 1928, to Arthur and Barbie (Dial) Chandler, in Lauderdale County. The Chandlers had five children, Norman, Katherine, Lois, James, and Jackie.

In 1946, on July 27<sup>th</sup>, Katherine married William J. Tate. They lived in Florence, but moved to Green Hill in 1958, and started worshipping regularly at Shiloh in 1960. Katherine had been baptized during her teen years by Brother Ira North in the "Jenkins Baptizing Hole."

Katherine was a nurse and worked for Dr. Lucky in Florence. She spent much of her time helping those in the community.

The Tates had three children, Marsha, Venita, and Brent.

Her husband, William, passed away in 2006. Katherine was left alone. Her vision had deteriorated until it was almost impossible for her to be left alone. After her kidneys began to fail, she made a decision not to go on dialysis. She stated she had lived a good long life, had raised her children, and was ready to go home. Katherine passed away from this life on November 18, 2007. Katherine peacefully found the rock that was higher than she.

**Etta Marie (Ellie) Myrick**  
**January 21, 1934 - May 24, 2001**  
**Mother of Debbie Baines**  
*A Gracious woman retaineth honour.*  
Proverbs 11:16  
Tomb Engravement

Marie was born in Waterloo, Alabama, to Walter Bruce and Etta Della (Cossey) Ellis in 1934. Marie had three brothers, Earl, Robert, and Bruce, Jr. She attended the Second Creek Church of Christ on the Savannah Highway. She was probably baptized there. When she was a young girl, her father did not attend the worship services. Her mother and the children would start walking to church services, hoping someone would stop and give them a ride, since it was several miles from their home. On rainy days, her father would drive them in a wagon.

She graduated from Waterloo High School and continued her education at Florence State Teacher's College (UNA). She received a degree in Home Economics in 1956.

Marie started her teaching career at Rogers High School in 1957. During that time, she started worshipping with the church at Shiloh. Daily, she was made aware of those surrounding her who were in need. She unselfishly and anonymously gave of her time and means. She encouraged many troubled teens through difficult times and situations. She always taught moral values in her classroom.

Two children were born to Marie and her husband, a son in 1962, and a daughter in 1967. Both were stillborn.

On July 26, 1972, Marie adopted Debbie Myrick Baines. She was overjoyed with her new daughter, as was Debbie with her new mother.

After retirement from Rogers School in 1989, she traveled extensively throughout the United States and other countries.

She loved quilting, reading, and clipping cartoons. Her daughter and grandchildren gave her immense joy. She spent many blissful days with them.

In November 2000, Marie was diagnosed with colon cancer. During surgery she suffered a stroke. On Mother's Day 2001, she lapsed into a coma and drifted off to eternity two weeks later.

Marie's life began during the Great Depression in Waterloo, and ended on May 24, 2001, in Green Hill, Alabama. She had worshipped God all her life, overcame many hardships, and remained a faithful Christian until death.

**Syntha Lee Cauhorn Hannah**  
**May 27, 1875 – January 28, 1948**  
**Wife of John F. “Buck” Hannah**  
(Submitted by Brian Smith)

Syntha Cauhorn was born to Mills and Mary Katherine (Miles) Cauhorn, on May 27, 1875. She is believed to have been born in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Her siblings included John Benjamin, William, Martha Caledonia, Sally, Molly, Emma, and Laura. Syntha’s dad was struck and killed by lightning while her mother was pregnant with the youngest child, Laura. Syntha was only a young girl at the time. The log cabin home of Mary Katherine Cauhorn still stands today on the farm of Elaine Robertson on County Road 177, in the Green Hill community.

On November 4, 1891, Syntha married John Feleston “Buck” Hannah, who had grown up on his parents’ farm, which was located very near the Alabama School. She and Buck later purchased a farm on County Road 130 in Green Hill. They built a large, two-story farmhouse on this farm. The first part of the house was finished in about 1900 and additions were made to it as years passed. The house still stands today and is located near the intersection of Highway 43 and County Road 130.

Syntha and Buck had 13 children, 10 of whom lived to adulthood. Their children were Olbert, Herbert, Hester, Raymond, Houston, Hershel, Mildred, Myrtle, Wilburn, Bessie, William, John, and Floyd “Buster.”

Syntha was baptized by Brother William Behel, on September 16, 1905. She likely attended services in the old goat barn and probably in the frame building, as well. It is possible that she attended services in the rock building, also. Syntha’s sister-in-law, Pearl Hannah, was baptized by Brother William Behel, on September 20, 1905.

Syntha was a hard worker, known for working beside her husband in the logging woods. She was talented at using a spinning wheel to spin yarn, from which she knitted wool socks.

Buck Hannah died in 1946. Syntha died suddenly, from an apparent massive heart attack, on the icy morning of January 28, 1948, at her home in Green Hill. Interestingly enough, her funeral registry book still contains (in 2008) what appears to be a banner from a floral wreath that was sent for her funeral. The banner reads, “Shiloh Church of Christ.” M.E. Gibbs conducted her funeral, at Syntha’s home in Green Hill. In spite of the treacherous weather during the time of her death, several Shiloh members’ names are signed on her funeral register book, including, Johnnie Brewer, Rowdy McInnish, Duncan Killen, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Gist, Mrs. Jess Wallace, Mrs. Hobert Burbank, and Etta Bogus.

Many of Syntha’s descendants have attended Shiloh over the years. Today, her descendants, even to the fifth and sixth generation, attend Shiloh. These include Glen Hannah, son of Ira and Eula Mae Hannah, and some of the descendants of Hershel and Willie Mae Hannah, Hester and Lee Gist, and Raymond and Pauline Hannah. Two of Syntha’s great, great grandsons, Tyler Oliver and Wesley Ayers, have preached on occasions at Shiloh. Today, a sizeable number of her descendants attend various surrounding congregations, including Centerhill, Stutts Road, Chisholm Hills, Atlas, St. Joseph, Glendale, Florence Blvd., and Lone Cedar. Syntha’s grandson, Leon Hannah, has served as an elder in his congregation. Her granddaughter, Marguerite Hannah Hines, is the wife of Clayburn Hines, who has served as a deacon for the Shiloh congregation. Two

of her great grandsons have served as deacons – Glen Hannah at Shiloh and Mike Clemons at Atlas. Syntha's great granddaughter, Wanda Olive Groves, is the wife of Bobby Groves, who is an elder in the North Tampa Church of Christ congregation, in Lutz, Florida. Her great, great granddaughter, Tammie Dixon Dial, is the wife of Greg Dial, who currently is the full time preacher at Centerhill Church of Christ.

**Lillie Pearl Hannah Heffington**  
**April 6, 1882 – April 13, 1968**  
**Wife of Oliver Perry Heffington**  
(Submitted by Brian Smith)

Pearl Hannah was born on April 6, 1882. It is believed she was born in or near Green Hill, Alabama. Her parents were Hugh Wells Hannah and Almedia Olivia Holtsford Hannah. (Of interest - Mr. Herman Butler and Mrs. Lee Killen Freeze, both mentioned earlier in this history, are descendants of the Holtsford family and were cousins to the Hannah family of the Green Hill area.) Pearl grew up on her father's farm, which was located across the road from the Alabama School. The Hannah homeplace, where she grew up, later became part of Richard and Hazel Rogers's farm. The Hannah family lived in a cabin that was located a short distance away from the current Richard and Hazel Rogers house. Pearl's siblings included the following, John F. "Buck," James, Francis "Fannie," Lucinda, Belle, and Emma.

Pearl was baptized by Brother William Behel, on Sept. 20, 1905, and is one of the early entries on his baptismal list for Shiloh. It is very possible that she attended services in the old goat barn and possibly in the old frame building. Pearl's parents were both members of the church of Christ, but it is not known for sure where they attended. Her father, Hugh Wells Hannah, was baptized on October 26, 1910, according to his obituary, which was written by William Behel. In this obituary, it is stated that William Behel conducted Hugh Hannah's funeral (3). At the time of her death in 1924, Almedia Hannah (Pearl's mother) had already been a member of the church of Christ for several years (3-B). It is very possible, based on where their homeplace was located, that Pearl's parents attended in the old frame building at Shiloh, although it is not known for sure.

Pearl married Oliver Perry Heffington, on April 19, 1908. They started housekeeping on a farm on Butler Creek, in southern Wayne County, Tennessee. In their book, *Heffington 1754 – 1998*, Elam Heffington and Dellmer Heffington (two of Pearl's sons) record the following:

*"In 1908 he [Oliver Heffington] married Lillie Pearl Hannah and they set up housekeeping at the "Old Place" on Butler Creek where they lived until January, 1915. It was there that [their sons] Elam, Olim, and Foy were born. In 1914, Oliver helped to establish a rural mail route #3 out of Iron City [Tennessee] just south of the state line westward about 12 miles and circling back north of the state line to its point or origin.*

*He acquired 15 acres of farming land and a dwelling in Iron City in 1915 and moved his family to be nearer the Post Office, church and school for his children... In 1921, Dellmer, his [his and Pearl's] fourth son, was born... Oliver and Pearl continued to live in Iron City until about 1948. He [Oliver] served about 30 years as elder, teacher and treasurer for the Iron*

*City Church of Christ. Their sons acknowledge their debt of gratitude to their parents for the strong Christian faith and character taught and lived by strong Godly parents. It became necessary to leave Iron City due to their failing health in 1948. They sold out and moved to Florence, Alabama... (4)."*

It is believed that Pearl taught school for at least a short time during her younger years. After marriage, she served as a substitute mail carrier for her husband's horse and buggy mail route.

Oliver Heffington died on Sept. 17, 1953. Pearl died on April 13, 1968.

Although Pearl's married life eventually took her away from the Green Hill community and away from Shiloh, it is interesting to note the depth to which her family members went on to become involved in the church. Her husband, Oliver, was an elder at the Iron City congregation.

Her son, Elam, was active in the church. He served as an elder at Acklin Avenue Church of Christ and at Crieve Hall Church of Christ, both in Nashville, Tennessee. He traveled to Kilbride, Scotland, several times to lend encouragement to the small congregations of the church located there. He was active in mission work. At his death, he was a member of Mayfair Church of Christ. It was amazing that, at his death, of his 6 children and 24 grandchildren, all who were of the age of accountability were members of the church of Christ.

Pearl's son, Olim Heffington, went on to become a deacon in the Lakeshore congregation, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was active in mission work in Skelmersdale, England, making two trips there.

Pearl's son, Dellmer, is a member of Wood Avenue Church of Christ, in Florence, Alabama (5).

Her grandson, Ned Heffington, has served as an elder in the church (6).

In an interview with Pearl's granddaughter, Lucy Heffington Watrous, of Nashville, Tennessee, on March 5, 2009, she related the following about the tremendous involvement of this family in the church:

*"...My father, Elam Heffington, has approximately 106 living descendants (counting my mother as one of those,) and come every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, basically every one of those 106 descendants will be in church, wherever they are in the world, LITERALLY, at that time. My father, Elam, served as an elder in the Acklin Avenue Church of Christ and in the Crieve Hall Church of Christ, both in Nashville, Tennessee. My brother, Ned, has served as an elder. Many of the men in our family have served as deacons. My sister, Alice, has been married to a minister for over 50 years... (7)."*

On that September day in 1905, when Pearl was baptized by Brother William Behel, she was on the path to becoming the matriarch of a huge family that was to have great involvement in the church. The story of Pearl's family is another amazing story that shows what a widespread influence has been left by the early Christians at Shiloh.

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Correction: From the work *Echoes From the Past*, a correction is here made for a mistake located on page 131. It is stated on this page that Kelby Smith was the first of Shiloh's preachers to live in the current preacher's house. According to Minerva Allen and Don Curtis, that statement might be in error. Possibly, it was Charles Jones who was the first of Shiloh's preachers to live in the current preacher's house.

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