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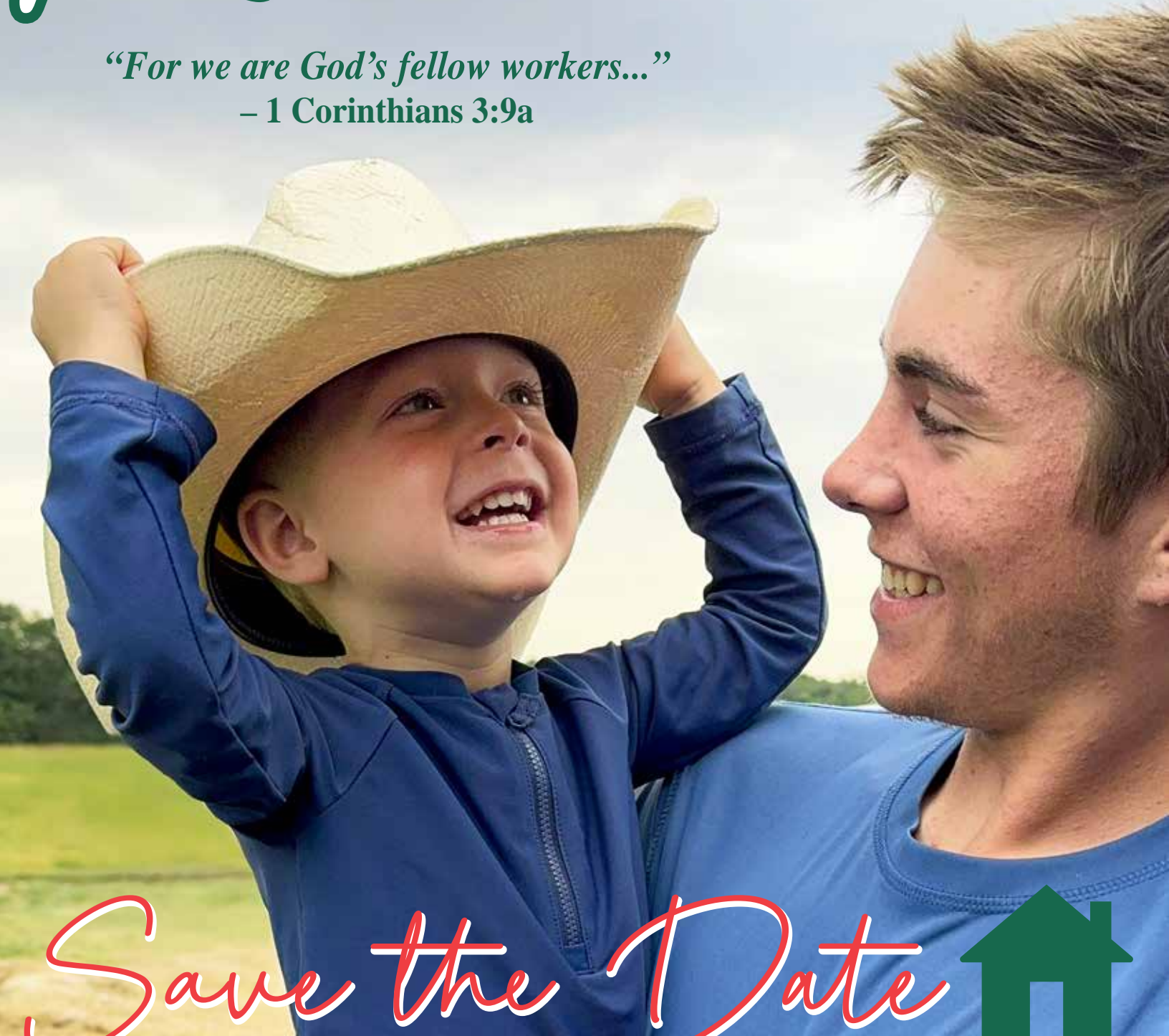
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## BLEW'S VIEWS

# Howdy, Partner!

**Jesus gave new life to him.**



**Kevin Blew**

Growing up on the prairies of Kansas a half century ago, I heard that phrase rather frequently. Being an hour from Dodge City and cutting my teeth on "Gunsmoke", "Bonanza" and TV Westerns it was more like "Howdy, Podnuh!"

When you give to Shiloh's financial needs most folks would consider you a "donor" or a "contributor". Fair enough. But when you invest the extra love to pray for our families, it changes that relationship. Significantly. Prayer changes things because it adds God's blessings and power to the situation.

Great things have been happening at the Ranch this summer but none more exhilarating than watch Hunter being baptized into Christ last Sunday. He gave his old life to Jesus. Jesus gave new life to him. Eternal Life!

We currently have 43 youngsters in our five homes with a current capacity for seven more. Some of these children have scant familiarity with our Savior. All need His Grace and Forgiveness. That discipleship through relationship is the always primary focus for us. As Shiloh continues to help even more kids it will take more than just money to truly help. ■

*Cherish the Day!*

**Kevin Blew**





# It was a Full Month

## As Summer Concludes and School Begins We Want to Thank Each of You

**T**his summer has been hot, fast, and full of changes! We began our summer with eight different church groups joining us through the month of June. This is always such a time of joyous reunion and busyness. We were able to put new siding on our large barn, replace the roof on our



**Jeremy & Ashley Cohn**

wood shop, butcher over 90 chickens, relocate a playground, replace mulch, and build safety decks on the newer houses. We also were able to play lots of volleyball, basketball, kickball, card games, swim, fish and kayak. It was a full month.

In June we also welcomed a new young man into our home, Leandro. Leandro is 15 years old, originally from Brazil and has been living with his family in Iowa. Leandro will be attending our on-site school this coming school year and we anticipate great things. In true Shiloh nature, just 3 weeks after Leandro arrived in our home, another boy in our home, Keron, left to go back to his family in Arkansas. Keron was in our home for almost 3 years and worked with his coun-

selor through some of the reasons that brought him upon the Shiloh path. We are proud of the work Keron put in and we know he has the best family support available! It is not abnormal, especially during the summer months, for our homes to experience the ebb and flow of children coming, growing and leaving. We recognize the chapter God has for us to play

in our children's lives in His ultimate plan for them. We are beyond blessed to be vessels of His love and grace for every child here.

During July we were able to plan some extra fun activities. Our family was able to attend NYR (Nationwide Youth Roundup) for the first time this year. For those unfamiliar with NYR, this is a youth camp for youth groups around the country. We camped in tents, hiked, attended worship each morning and evening, and heard from several thought-provoking speakers. Our focus this year was: "Eyes on the Throne". We learned the great value and benefit of keeping our eyes on the King. It was so neat to see our kids' eyes open to their Savior and to make Him their own!



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We were also able to take a short, river floating trip in southern Missouri towards the end of July. Our kids enjoyed a ropes course, floating and a surprise trip to a water park on our way home. We have said this many times before, but we will always thank you for helping us to make these memories with our children. It does our hearts good to know that they will always have these memories to look back on as they grow up.

As summer concludes and school begins we want to thank each of you for partnering with our ministry. Sometimes, it can sound redundant, but we truly could not provide this ministry without every one of you. Your prayers, encouragement, donations and love for us never goes unnoticed by us or by our Father. Thank you and may the Lord guide and bless you. ■

*In Him,  
Jeremy & Ashley Cohn*



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# **We are so Very Blessed in this Place**

## **God is Always Good and Always Faithful**

**I**t's amazing how much we can pack into one summer and have it all fly by so quickly. Since school got out in May, we've crammed in summer sports practices, summer jobs, church camp, four weeks of work groups, and NYR. It has all flown by. It's almost like God presses the throttle on Planet Earth a little harder during these times. But in the midst of this fast-paced life at Shiloh, the last 10 1/2 years have shown me that God is always good and always faithful. He supplies everything needed to be a houseparent and carry out this ministry. We are so very blessed in this place. Misty and I can't thank you enough for all the prayers and support we receive. The kids are well taken care of.

Speaking of kids, we currently have eight in our home. Next week we will be placing another one, a 15-year-old boy named Wyatt. More on him in the next article. We didn't have a high school graduate this year, but we have two that will graduate after this school year, Bella and Brooklynn. Bella is in her last year of high school softball. I say last year of high school because college level softball is a possibility. She's a very talented player. She also does well academically. This summer, as well as last summer, she's worked a nearby church camp helping out and doing some life guarding. She's managed to put a little money away for the upcoming years of adult life. Prayers for Bella. Brooklynn is ramping up for another season of varsity football

at a local grocery store in Macon. She's looking forward to her last year of high school. Prayers for her.

Ethan will be junior this year. His summer has been busy with football practices and weights. He recently received his driver's license, which is nice because he can drive to those practices now. He'll be playing varsity for South Shelby. Ethan has a great faith in our Lord. Prayers for safety on the football field.

Samentha will be a sophomore this year at South Shelby. She's the track star/runner of the family. I'm happy to

let her have that title. Cross country practices will be starting shortly, and she couldn't be more eager to get going. Sam does very well in school. She has a simple joyful faith in Jesus that's neat to see every day. Prayers for Sam on her sophomore year.

Devin will be an 8th grader this year at South Shelby Middle School. Devin has hit his growth spurt. Since last year at this time, he's grown several inches. He's always

been a reserved kid. He still is but he's also come out of his shell a little bit. It's neat to see. He plays football on the South Shelby middle school team. He just finished summer football camp. Football practice for the season will start soon. Prayers for him in this last year of Middle School.



**Todd & Misty Kolars**

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*Prayers for Misty and me as we embark upon another school year.*

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cheer. She loves every minute of it. She had a little accident at NYR that dislocated her pinky finger that prevented the clapping necessary for cheerleading. That didn't stop her. She pushed through, modifying of course. As of today, her finger is much better. This summer she's had a part time job





Kendall will be 7th grader this year at Shiloh Christian School. He's never met a Lego creation that he didn't love. He's a builder and fixer type. He likes to work on his bike, and anything that requires simple tools. He likes to stay active. He spends a lot of time with the neighbor kids around



Shiloh. Prayers for him as he enters another school year. Focusing on school can be a bit a challenge sometimes.

Larry will be 6th grader at Tri County Christian School in Macon. Larry is the comedian of the family, or at least he tries to be anyway. A lot of times we laugh, but a lot of times we smile and shake our heads and correct and disciplined when we must. He's very smart and has a quick wit.

He never misses a chance to go to the library because he devours books. He reads a large book about every week. He loves to swim at the pond and loves root beer and also BBQ sauce. Prayers for Larry's 6th grade year.

Julianna is our 5th grader. She will be at our Shiloh Christian School this year. She is our buzzing, little nev-

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er-stop-talking socialite. Her favorite thing to do is be involved in everything that goes on. If there's people there, she's there. You can often find her hanging out with the new neighbor girls, the Ellermets' daughters. She loves to be outside, loves animals, and swimming at the pond. Prayers for her focus on school coming up.

Prayers for Misty and me as we embark upon another school year. The fall months are chocked full of sporting events that we will be trying to get to.

As stated above, God is always good and always faithful. We see that every day. You have our prayers for your home churches and individual ministries. Thank you again for all your prayers and support for what we do at Shiloh. ■

*Gratefully,  
Todd & Misty Kolars*

## *Legacy Gift*

Do you want to make a difference for the Kingdom of God even after you pass on from this life? One powerful way you can accomplish this would be through a planned gift to Shiloh. There are many ways to make a planned gift, so we recommend that you discuss it with your financial planner to see what solution is best for you. If theres anyway we can assist you, please call us at phone number (573) 588-2191.

# Our Family Has Settled in Well

## We Now Have Five Kiddos Added to Our Family

**F**irst, we would first like to thank each of you for your love, support, and prayers for all of us at Shiloh. It is a true blessing to have supporters come alongside our families investing your time, talent, and sweat!

Our family has settled in well to life at Shiloh over the past six months. We have experienced our first summer work group season on the side of houseparents instead of a part of the Broadway work group. It was a busy month filled with lots of cooking, dishes, projects, swimming, fishing, fellowshiping, and devotions. We were so excited to have our home church of Broadway here for the first week and get to spend time with our friends and family sharing meals, working on projects, and visiting in the evenings.

We enjoyed meeting so many people from the various churches that support Shiloh. I (Hannah) loved making meals and desserts for the work groups. Some of the projects accomplished at our house were the back decks/stairs, retaining walls, ceiling fan installation on the porch, various electrical work inside, and some organizing and cleaning in the kitchen and pantry. Our kiddos also helped with cleaning out and organizing the big barn and relocating the Kolars' swing set. We have been able to do so many fun activities with the kids such as frog gigging, kayaking on the river, fishing, horse activities, and more!



**Brian & Hannah Ellermets**

Reese was the next addition to our family at the end of May. He came to us from Arkansas and is 12 years old. He loves to fish and has enjoyed doing so at the Shiloh pond as well as on catfishing adventures on the river. I (Brian) was able to take several kids on a few different catfishing adventures and then were able to have a Shiloh family fish fry with the great catches! Reese has been learning and improving upon his work ethic with tasks like weed-eating and working on food plots with Dad.

Ronnie quickly followed Reese, being placed just a couple days later in May. He is a 14-year-old boy from northeast Missouri. Ronnie loves fishing even more than Reese and would absolutely live at the pond if that was an option. He enjoys drawing, tinkering, building things, and shows great interest in learning new skills like welding. He has helped Brian with several projects and has earned money through acts of service that he used to purchase several new fishing lures at Bass Pro Shop.

Riley, Reese's older sister, joined our family in July. She is 13 years old and has had a lot of fun swimming and fishing at the pond as well as frog gigging! We're excited for her to be a part of our family.

Xavier just joined us at the end of July. He is 8 years old and loves hot wheels and legos. He and Paxton are turning into great buddies.

Hunter is now 16 and officially licensed and purchased a truck. He is a hard worker around the ranch which helps him earn money for gas. We are also so grateful to see him become a part of the worship team at church with a mix of playing guitar, bass, cajon, and singing. Hope is doing an excellent job caring for all the animals. Her meat rabbit operation is in full swing with 4 bunnies born right before work groups and we're in the middle of building some more rabbit cages. Emmalee and Paxton know no strangers and are having a blast with all the kids at Shiloh. Emmalee loves to craft and has the sweetest care for others. Paxton is a ball of energy that never stops from the time he gets up until he goes to bed. They both also love swimming at the pond and Paxton and Ronnie have a great time fishing and organizing their tackle boxes.

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Speaking of children, we now have five kiddos added to our family! Evie, 14 years old, came to us in April. Some of her interests include fishing, soccer, reading, spending time with Mom, and swimming. She has turned into quite the little fish at the pond. She is also currently in the lead of our family baking contest.

We were able to go on an adventure day to a horse camp with the Starks and a few of the Moore kids the day after work groups ended. We enjoyed horseback riding, cooking over the fire, bike-riding, trekking through a creek, and swimming at their pond that included a water trampoline and walk-the-plank inflatable. Everyone had a blast and was ready for bed by the time we got home. Other summer activities have included going to the movies, kayaking on the river, summer camp and NYR for some, VBS, and back to school shopping.

All the kids are excited for the upcoming hunting season as they've been working hard with Brian on food plots, hanging trail cameras, putting up deer stands, scoping out the deer in the morning and evenings, and getting in some target practice.



We are humbled to be able to show these children the love of Jesus, explain the Gospel, and disciple them on the journey of faith. The kids have had some really great questions that have sparked even better conversations about salvation and a life of sanctification.

We cannot say thank you enough to all who love and support Shiloh and make what we are doing possible.

When I (Hannah) look back over our life so far, I can confidently say I would have never planned this path for our life. Praise God for His sovereign plan working out in our lives – for giving us desires to serve Him by serving children and for granting those desires by bringing us to Shiloh. Please continue to pray for salvation for every child that enters our home, plus grace, patience, love, joy, safety, energy and stamina, wisdom, and guidance.

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10 (LSB) ■*

**Brian and Hannah Ellermets**

## **MARK MY WORDS**

# **“Time flies when you’re having fun!”**

## **But That is Life at Shiloh!**

**A**nother summer has come and gone! Reuniting with many old friends and making many new ones during Shiloh’s work group season. Watching our children enjoy the memories made on Shiloh family vacations. New children joining their Shiloh families. And our Shiloh family is taking a collective breath from the hectic pace.



**Mark Adkison**

Although that break will be short lived because school is right around the corner!

But that is life at Shiloh! We are so blessed to be able to minister and serve our children and give them a wonderful

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place to grow and learn. I am so honored to be serving along great homeparents, admin staff, school staff, and counselors. We do this with God’s will and provision.

It is also an honor to know you our committed supporters are praying and serving alongside us each day. Please pray for us as we head into a new school year and new opportunities for our kiddos.

Thanks for always being there for us as we serve together to love God and our children! ■

*In Christ’s Love,  
Mark*



Find us on 





*"For we are  
God's fellow  
workers..."*

– 1 Corinthians 3:9a







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# Do You Ever Just Feel Worn Down?

**You Really Just Need More of Something but Aren't Sure What**

**A**s summer draws to a close there are things that also draw to a close, work groups, summer vacations, when times start to change, we remember and hold fast to the fact that God is unchanging. We recently heard a song, and the lyrics were "If I know the Father, I know the Father has good plans for me."

I don't know about you as you're reading this letter, but at times do you ever just feel worn down? That life has been busy, the demands of you are too great, and that you really just need more of something but aren't sure what. Deep down you know what it is, it's more of Jesus. When life feels crazy and you are chasing your tail or maybe just chasing kids around, remember that the Father has good plans for you.

A friend recently told us to look down at your feet, look where they are then look up and look around, God has you in this very place at this very time on purpose. So we want to encourage you the reader, take a deep breath, and rest in the fact that your season, whether its



**Ryan & Kimber Stark**

Ryan was given the opportunity to do a Shiloh presentation in Monroe City and preached the sermon as well. Kimber is in her mom era, fielding all the needs of Baylor as he is learning to eat and working on sleeping through the night.

We took our first full family vacation since moving to Shiloh. We went to Gatlinburg, TN with Kimber's parents and stayed in their RV for a week. Then we left our boys with them while we attended a spiritual retreat for three days. If you haven't worked through the book "The Well Worn Narrow Path" by Brady White we recommend it. As we are working through it, we are trusting that it will guide us deeper into spiritual intimacy with Jesus as we develop what he calls "rhythms of intimacy" or spiritual disciplines.

At the Relief House we have continued our mission of the month. April was Ecuador where we sponsor a girl named Daissy, (yes that is spelled correctly), May was the Miller family in Africa, and August will be Honduras! We have a friend who's two college-aged daughters served in an orphanage there over the summer. We are hoping they can come share about their experience!

Be on the lookout for some updated videos from Shiloh! Ryan and Kevin Blew have been working on how to get the Starks from behind the camera to in front of the camera as well as setting up some Q&A with the Fitzgeralds and the Ellermets so we all have some face time in a "Who/What is Shiloh?" video. This will live on our website and can be used at church presentations. There will also be a few videos from kids talking about their experience at Shiloh as well as a work group recap video from this summer. We want to thank you for faithfully supporting our ministry and allowing us to follow the Lord in serving kids at the Ranch.



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thriving or terrible, is going to be used by God to fulfill his purpose in your life. With that being said, take a breath and read what God has been doing in our house here at Shiloh.

Our Family- Harvey has been doing chores with his chore chart and saving money for a power wheels jeep. Gibson is really starting to form sentences and getting a



voice to let us know what he needs, we are encouraging the word please when he expresses his needs. Baylor is now six months old! He is still full of smiles and sitting up on his own for a few moments before falling over and laughing about it.

*Grace and Peace,  
The Starks*

# **We are now “Fitzgerald Party of 7!”**

## **This will be Our First Fall as House Parents**

**A**s Summer concludes, we express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions of the workgroups. Our unwavering focus remains steadfast: to glorify God through diligent study of His Word (we are currently reading/studying Nehemiah), to walk confidently in our faith (we firmly believe in the Word of God and its promises), to rely on the boundless grace of God (we engage in multiple obstacle courses daily, sometimes successfully - sometimes, not so), and to joyfully celebrate Jesus Christ and His impact through us.

Our recent days have been filled with workgroups, lunches, bunkhouse dinners, and ample opportunities for swimming and fishing as we embarked on an incredible summer of workgroups. This past June has been particularly meaningful as we, now a Shiloh family, have been hosting workgroups instead of visiting as part of a workgroup. From joining in prayer around our breakfast, lunch, and dinner table to sharing stories, experiences, and lessons around the fire pit, we have witnessed testimonies of God's grace, victorious past trials, and faithful future plans. These experiences have reminded us of the love we discovered when we first visited Shiloh in June 2023.



As we prayerfully consider and plan for the future—for ourselves, our children, Shiloh, and its vital support—we are reminded of biblical parallels and relevant spiritual principles found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 5:17, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Hebrews 13:17, Acts 20:28-31, and Titus 1:6-9. These verses emphasize the importance of being faithful to the Word of God and His will, with everything beyond that serving as a testament to His glory. Reflecting on Scripture has been a valuable learning experience for our children and a welcome reminder for us. The example of Paul's letter to Timothy, found in Acts 20, serves as a poignant reminder: *“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner*

*you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

We were blessed to travel southeast for “The First Fitzgerald Family Vacation” to the Ark Encounter. The chance to visit and experience a piece of biblical history (a replica) with our children was “beyond imagination.” The physical size of the Ark cannot be expressed and understood with words. It will be something recommended for a long time to anyone that is interested in the visit.

We are now “Fitzgerald Party of 7!” The family has grown this summer and we couldn't be more excited to see where this year goes. Kynlee is 11, about to start 6th grade. Charlie is 12, as of July, and ready to take on 7th grade. Tassanie is 15, will be transitioning to South Shelby this school year as a sophomore. Aj is 11 settling down in 6th grade. Luna is 8 going into the big 4th grade.

Consistently filtering our discussions through the lens of our Bibles and Jesus Christ helps us gain clarity in our actions and decisions. Guiding our children towards Godly ministry and fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through faith has been a rewarding experience. Baptism has been a topic of much discussion lately, and we believe it is a testament to the Holy Spirit's work. From high school friends of Kam's being baptized to others reaching out for baptism, and even our placed children wanting to understand it more, this has been a truly priceless experience.

We are deeply grateful for the generous support we receive for Shiloh. However, we are even more profoundly aware that God's grace is freely given, unearned, and undeserved. As recipients of this incredible gift, we are privileged to live on-site with our children. It is truly our honor to give our efforts towards such a cause.

While we have experienced another amazing summer here at Shiloh, we are prayerfully ready for school to start back, sports to ramp up, and to look out our front window to experience the seasons change here onsite. This will be our first fall as house parents. ■



**Kam & Mickie  
Fitzgerald**

*In HIS righteousness,  
Kam & Mickie Fitzgerald*



# Our Sites Have Filled Up a Lot This Summer

**This Means Our Attendance From Last Year Has Doubled...**

**W**hen we look at calendars, I used to think the three months or so off from school went slow....well, NOT ANYMORE! Hard to believe as I write this, we are already in VBS time and kids have already begun practices for school sports! (And my husband has begun reminding us all just how many days until school starts?!)

Relief time with kiddos lately has involved a lot of time at the pond fishing or swimming....or getting to dive into the camp pool and cool off....frog hunting.....disc golf.... LOTS of catching up on mowing, and time.....and just life together...and it seems our ice cream stash is depleted a lot faster lately!

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Ken did some traveling for Shiloh at churches and church camp this summer sharing about our ministry, feeling blessed to be able to visit supporters and deliver “thank-yous” in person. One place he visited was Gasconade Christian Camp, where he grew up as a camper....planting seeds in him for the ministry we are in now! One day while he was there, I joined him along with his Mom, Leah (our oldest daughter), and her three daughters. Lots of wonderful

memories thrown around, all evidence of four generations of faith and God’s faithfulness!

The dean found out we were needing more desks in our school on site and challenged the campers to put their offering to buying some. The campers and faculty warmed our hearts when they provided funds for four of them!!! We will think of them often as we see those desks set up in our classrooms this fall!

Our sites have filled up a lot this summer and it’s a joy to get to know all the newbie kiddos! Looking forward to getting to know quite a few of them even better when school starts as all the new kids will start out here at SCS first. This means our attendance from last year has doubled... which has meant some rearranging, revamping classrooms, and more!

Well, still lots of things to conquer today so until next time, blessings to you all for the work done around here this summer.....for the support through VBS programs .....for your notes of encouragement and especially for your covering us with prayer! ■

*In His service,  
Ken & Beth Penfield*



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# **We Blinked, and Now Summer is Wrapping Up**

## **School Activities are Taking Off**

**W**e blinked, and now summer is wrapping up, and the school year is around the corner. It has been a jammed packed summer as always.

We had nine work groups in four weeks. Each week having 30 or more people. They got a lot of projects done, and some maintenance things done that had gotten ignored with the building of the new homes. It is always a small glimpse of heaven, getting to see and catch up with our groups.

This summer, Luke, Grace, Heaven, and I (Dennae) got to be part of our community theatre group. We got to be part of The Little Mermaid, and it was a great time making memories and friends. We were blessed to have some of our work group friends come watch our show.

Abigail, Titus, Grace, and Ezra worked down at Camp Jo Ota this summer. Camp Jo Ota has been a blessing to our kids for several years, and they love working there. Ashley got a job at Wendy's and the kids love to stop by and see her and get a \$5 Biggie Bag. Heaven worked at a local nursing home in dietary. She enjoyed getting to know the residents.

Mirlanda and Luke have worked with groups and got lots of swimming in at the pond.



**Dennae & Kirk Moore**

Several kids got to go to NYR this year with our church. It was a great week with great kids. The sermons at NYR spurred Hunter to make the decision to go, all in for Jesus, and be baptized. We are proud of his decision and continue to walk alongside him in his faith journey.

As summer comes to an end, school activities are taking off.

Abigail, Titus, and Ashley are gearing up to go to college. For Titus and Ashley this means cleaning out their room so a new kid can take their bed. This is a hard part of growing up at Shiloh. Although, they will always have a place to come back to, and we have them stay at the intern building, bunkhouse, or bunking in with another kiddo. Their room is needed for another kiddo, so when they leave for college, their stuff goes with them or gets boxed up in our storage room. Through the years our kids have done well with this, but it is not easy. Especially, as they go off for the first time.



As Ashley and Titus head off that will mean new kiddos will be joining our house and family. Our family has been made up of the same kids for a long time, so this is going to be a relearning process for all of us. We are excited to meet the kids God has instore for us and pray we can all adjust well to the changes ahead.

As we launch into refilling our house, we take encouragement from Galatians 6:9. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Thank you for walking alongside us in support and prayer. We are eternally grateful. ■

*Blessings,  
The Moores*





# Have Been Doing a Lot of Prep Work

**This year our theme is “Made to Worship”**



**H**ave been doing a lot of prep work at our school this month and it's fairly quiet (except when we've also been doing relief and I bring in some "helpers"). A lot goes on behind the scenes to get ready for a school year (those of you who are school administrators/teachers KNOW where I'm coming from!) .....yet it always seems to fall in place right when we need it to the most!

This year our theme is "Made to Worship" where we will focus on all God's creation and His purpose. Too often we get wrapped up in the "what's in it for me??" mentality and miss His plan. Teaching our students to focus on Who made them and WHY He made them can enrich their lives more than they realize!

We're adding more staff to be able to help the wide variety of students we will be having...right now we will have students from 3rd grade up to 11th grade!!! Exciting times!!! Currently, I will be supervising the girls' class and Mrs. Ann Mason will continue to oversee our guys' class,

with Mr. Penfield helping between the two classrooms as needed. By the time you read this, we hope to have another gentleman working along with Mrs. Mason in her class. Mrs. Alice Gardner will continue to be our tutor and will schedule time together with our students needing help in areas such as Math, English, Reading, Writing, etc. Excited to be able to offer this in our school to help each student have opportunities to improve from where they have struggled!

Please continue to keep our school, staff, students, and homeparents who help out so much (especially when they cover for Ken and I during our time-offs!!!) It definitely takes a team to teach each student, and we are SO blessed!!! ■



*In His service,  
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