

Sundays at Shiloh: Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we making these changes?

We believe God is calling us to continue building on the strong biblical foundation He has already established at Shiloh.

Our desire is to become increasingly intentional about helping people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship, connection, and care.

These changes are not about becoming a different church, but about strengthening and clarifying how we pursue the mission God has given us.

What is the overall vision behind this plan?

Our vision is to cultivate a church where:

- God's Word shapes everything we do
- discipleship is intentionally pursued
- people are known, connected, and cared for
- every generation grows together as one body in Christ

We want Sunday mornings to become more than a routine. We want them to be a meaningful rhythm of worship, discipleship, encouragement, and spiritual formation.

What will the new Sunday schedule be?

Beginning September 13, our Sunday schedule will be:

8:15 AM | Traditional Worship Gathering (Piano/Organ)

9:45 AM | Discipleship Opportunities for All Ages

11:00 AM | Modern Worship Gathering with Children's Discipleship Opportunities (Band Led)

Why are there two worship services?

Having two worship gatherings allows us to provide distinct musical expressions while remaining united around the same mission, preaching, theology, and discipleship focus.

It also creates intentional space between services for discipleship opportunities and meaningful connection.

What is the difference between the two worship gatherings?

The **8:15 AM service** will lean more traditional in its musical style and atmosphere.

The **11:00 AM service** will be a more modern, band-led worship gathering.

While the musical styles will differ, both services will share:

- the same biblical preaching
 - the same intentional structure
 - many common songs
 - and the same commitment to helping people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ
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Why does the first service begin at 8:15 AM?

One of the goals behind the new schedule is to create a more intentional and unhurried Sunday morning rhythm.

Starting the first worship gathering at 8:15 AM allows enough time between services for discipleship opportunities, meaningful conversations, prayer, hospitality, and connection across generations—without making the morning feel compressed or rushed.

Rather than simply “fitting everything in,” we want to create space for:

- thoughtful worship
- intentional discipleship
- meaningful relationships
- opportunities to respond to God’s Word

We recognize that 8:15 AM is earlier than what some are accustomed to, and adjustments may take time. We believe the overall rhythm of the morning will better support the kind of worship, discipleship, and church community we are seeking to cultivate together.

As with every part of this ministry direction, the goal is not merely a schedule change but helping shape a church culture where people are encouraged to engage deeply with God and one another.

Are we changing our theology or core identity?

No.

Shiloh Bible Church remains firmly committed to God’s Word, the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the mission of making disciples.

These changes are about ministry philosophy and discipleship structure—not doctrinal change.

What do you mean by “discipleship”?

Discipleship is the lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus Christ.

At Shiloh, we want discipleship to be:

- intentional
 - relational
 - accessible
 - clearly connected to next steps for growth
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What are the “Discipleship Opportunities for All Ages”?

These are classes and environments designed to help people grow in their faith at every stage of life. Existing classes will continue and new classes will be available, too.

Our discipleship pathway includes four stages:

- **Explore** — Unbelievers and new believers gain introductory understanding of the Bible, gospel, and theology
 - **Establish** — Faith takes root through theology, Bible, and practical Christian living
 - **Enhance** — Know God and His Word more richly by encouraging spiritual depth
 - **Expand** — Evangelism, apologetics, leadership, and more to engage others in gospel conversations and gospel living
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Will children and students still have opportunities for discipleship?

Absolutely. Existing children and student opportunities will continue. New opportunities for children at 11AM will be available as well as expanded nursery care. This presents a great way to get involved, because more opportunities for children means more opportunities for adults to serve. The goal is not to overextend our current children’s volunteers. Rather we ask you to consider coming alongside them and joining the rotation so that children and the volunteers serving them are cared for well.

Will this require changes to my normal Sunday routine?

Possibly.

For many people, this new schedule will involve some adjustment. We understand that transitions take time, and we want to move forward together with grace and unity.

Our encouragement is to view this not merely as a schedule change, but as an opportunity to engage more intentionally in worship, discipleship, and church life.

How can I help or participate in this new ministry direction?

This vision will require all of us.

There are many ways to participate:

- Pray for unity, wisdom, and spiritual growth
- Attend worship and discipleship opportunities consistently
- Welcome and connect with others
- Join a hospitality, prayer, care, or ministry team
- Help us expand our offerings to families by serving in the nursery or children's classrooms
- Encourage others through relationships and service
- Invite people to church and discipleship opportunities
- Be willing to grow personally and take your own next steps in faith

Most importantly, we invite you not just to attend church, but to take part in the continued growth of our Christ-centered church family. An initial list of anticipated opportunities to serve is available. There will likely be more opportunities added to the list but start praying about how God has called and equipped you to step into this next season of ministry with us.

What are the hospitality and prayer/care ministries?

We are strengthening ministries designed to help people feel:

- welcomed
- known
- supported
- connected

Hospitality teams will help people connect and navigate next steps, while prayer and care teams will be available to pray with and encourage people following services.

Why is there such an emphasis on connection and community?

We live in a time when people are increasingly isolated, distracted, and disconnected from meaningful relationships. Technology—including social media and artificial intelligence—can be helpful tools, but they can never replace genuine Christian community.

Why is there such an emphasis on connection and community? (continued)

God designed the church to be more than content we consume or services we attend. He designed it to be a spiritual family where people worship together, encourage one another, pray together, serve alongside each other, and grow as disciples in real relationships.

That is why this ministry direction places such a strong emphasis on discipleship, hospitality, connection, and participation in the life of the church.

What if I have concerns or questions?

We understand that change can raise questions.

Our desire is to move forward with unity, humility, and open communication. If you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to speak with the elders. You can reach us by email at elders@shilohbloomsburg.com, by calling the church office, or speaking with us in person.

We would be glad to talk with you.

How can I be praying for Shiloh during this transition?

Please pray:

- for unity within our church family
 - for wisdom as details are finalized
 - for spiritual growth across every generation
 - for effective discipleship and gospel outreach
 - for God to use Shiloh to shine the hope of Christ in our community
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What Happens Next?

This summer, our focus will be on prayer, preparation, and participation as we move into this next season together. We'll continue communicating prayer prompts, updates, and opportunities to get involved in serving. We'll also be finalizing and sharing upcoming discipleship opportunities so you can prayerfully consider which one may be the best fit for you.