



Faith



TOP: Amber Pearson was one of several youth who gave messages in song during the service.
 BOTTOM: Daisy Mollett was honored as the oldest member of Shiloh.



A day for youth and history

Choctaw Sun photos by Dee Ann Campbell
 SILAS -- Rev. Tyrone Bolden issued a challenging message to members of Shiloh Baptist Church in Silas during their annual Youth Day/Black History Program. His message included an admonition to follow Christ's leadership, instead of looking for earthly leaders.



Youth at Shiloh participated in the service by reading items from history and discussing the contributions of influential black Americans. BELOW: Verna Everette shared lists of local African-Americans who have made history in this area.



Running to Jesus! In Loving Memory of Justin Colby Clark

By Mel Ann Sullivan
 Contributing Columnist



Justin Colby Clark

We followed footsteps that he could not make.

He carried us places that he himself could not stay.

Complaining lips confess what his would never say.

Not a word of his suffering, or mention of pain. Justin's life glistened of God's gracious hand.

He chose to let him live past what medicine comprehends.

Reasons abound for why he stayed around, For life would have been easier on heaven's hal

lowed ground. Stewards of his life were Pam and Derek Clark,

They had no idea what God's perfect way would impart.

Dad carefully confessed, "I've become a big man.

Blessings from Christ confer through my little man."

The day we heard the news of Justin's great transi

tion, I'll not soon forget God's resounding lesson.

Don't think you have a care, consider every thought.

Life doesn't seem fair, and those who loved Justin have suffered great loss.

Your problems may be great in your own mind's eye,

But you have no

funeral plans to make, and neither do I.

If your family is healthy, and you're still drawing breath,

Consider what you can take from Justin's life and death.

He has run to his Jesus, his feet pounding sacred ground!

At the portals he waits, but he's standing now!

His Master is waiting and watching to see glory

brought to His Son,

From Justin's life, love and passion for the One to which he runs.

Missionary on a motorcycle

By Ray Pezert
 Guest columnist

In 2002, I fulfilled a longtime dream when I bought my Harley-Davidson to celebrate Harley's 100th Anniversary. At the 2002 celebration in Atlanta, I became aware of (CMA) Christian Motorcycle Association. Later in that year, I took my written test for their Prison Ministry Program. At that time I began going to jails and prisons to witness and hand out mission tracts, Bibles and Christian magazines.

In 2003, I drove my Harley to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For this entire mission trip, I stopped at jails and prisons throughout the central U.S.A. The mission lasted 45 days and took me more than 10,000 miles. I rode my Harley an average of 225 miles a day.

When it came time for my 2004 mission, I decided to travel from the state of Oregon to California. My project for this mission became "Feeding Homeless Americans," but I still stopped by jails and prisons to witness.

Before this mission, I began to think about getting others involved to help me. I could see a growing mission and ministry in which God had heard my heart's desire to go out into the world and preach the Gospel. I had now realized just how

much He wanted me to visit the sick, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, help the homeless, and witness to those in prison. God had shown me His Plan for my being a "sheep", instead of a "goat"!

At that time a major fast-food franchise had a stamp collecting program where you could redeem eight of their stamps and get a free sandwich. I began asking people to donate their stamps to help me "feed the homeless" a free sandwich.

This program worked terrific while the stamps were still in circulation. In two years I fed 1299 people sandwiches through this arrangement. I wish they still had the stamp program! This mission lasted 57 days and carried me more than 11,000 miles. That's around 195 miles a day on my Harley! I also went to Tijuana, Mexico and Canada in 2004.

In 2005, I went to five northwestern states and Canada. On this mission trip, I fed 1,059 homeless people. Last year I only fed 240. I drove for 95 days traveling 16,756 miles. My daily average was now dropping to 175 miles per day. I could see more each year for me to do.

By the time the 2006 mission arrived, I had businesses, civic clubs and churches, and individual citizens, who would help

through contributions, to fund my trip and mission. I put out boxes inside of stores for contributions. 2006 found me riding through north and southeastern U.S.A. for the Lord.

Before my missionary work began, I spent my time doing oil and watercolor painting. I did not want to give up my art, the talent God gave me, so, I adapted my art work to my mission work. I now give my paintings away through an annual "drawing" for the contributors who help with my ministry and mission work. My paintings are now in Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Montana, and California.

In 2006, I traveled 14,218 miles in 161 days! During that year I started writing short stories, poetry and song lyrics while carrying out my missionary work. I pray that God is using me through my writing to His honor and glory. I pray that God is beginning something now through my writings that will speak out in the years to come for the homeless, hungry, sick, and the prisoners in jails and prisons throughout our world.

Thank you for taking the time to read this mission article. I hope that God has blessed you with love, faith, and courage in this time while reading this article.

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