

Shiloh Church Members Hold Annual Community Christmas Party



Shiloh Church members came together to provide Christmas gifts and a hot meal for individuals in their surrounding communities.

Shiloh Church members in Smyrna, Ga., held their second annual Christmas party for the community, December 2018.

Preparations for the event began some

months earlier. Members went door to door leaving door hangers at the homes of the communities surrounding the church; they were also distributed to those who come to the weekly food pantry.

Children's gifts were donated by church members, and the volunteers from the Shiloh Cares ministry wrapped and labelled each gift. Approximately 100 individuals, adults and children, attended the event from the surrounding community. Harold Thomas, Shiloh's pastor, was present to express his appreciation for the Shiloh Cares ministry.

The Christmas party began at 9 a.m. with the blessing of the food, and many sat with their families while some church members kept the guests engaged. Pictures were taken and participants were given their portraits. There were virtual reality games for the children to play, which for many was their first experience with this type of entertainment technology.

The event ended at 4 p.m. All the toys had found their place in every child's hands who attended.

Shiloh Cares continues to spread the Word of God to the surrounding communities by meeting the people's needs. 🕊

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Gethsemane Pathfinders Win First Place in National Pathfinder Bible Experience

The Gethsemane Cougars Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) team was formed in 2014 when four young Pathfinders decided to be the first team from South Atlantic Conference to compete in their area. In March 2018, after failing to advance in the Southern Union competition, the team regrouped with greater determination.

These young people were reminded to

trust in God and discovered the power of prayer as the team captain prayed before each round. Additionally, their parents saw the value of their children studying the Word of God as they dropped their tablets and phones and picked up the Bible.

This year the Southern Union competition was held at Southern Adventist University. There they earned first place among 35 of 38 aspiring teams across the

Union. This was the first time a South Atlantic Conference team had advanced beyond the PBE Union competition.

The North American Division PBE national competition was held in Rockford, Ill. This was the first time in PBE's history that 200-plus teams took part at the Division level. Getting to Illinois was going to be a challenge, but Larry E. Johnson, pastor of Gethsemane Church