

**The Shiloh Baptist Church Outreach Ministry has pledged to support and encourage the Caroline County community with guidance from the Holy Spirit.**

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That was apparent on Saturday, Aug. 18 when the Outreach Ministry held a day of fun and fellowship with the Caroline High School football team to kick off its 2018 season.

The event was held at Caroline Park in Milford and approximately 100 members of the community came out. The group consisted of varsity and junior varsity players, coaches and parents. There were also many younger siblings of the players and families of the coaches.

For the Outreach Ministry, it was an opportunity to connect with youthful members of the community and CHS' new coaching staff, led by head coach Doug Allison.

Allison and defensive coordinator Bryce Cox have arrived at CHS after a stint together at Hilliard High School in Florida.

As gospel music blared from the speakers, the Outreach Ministry served hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, watermelon and other treats to the CHS football family. Some parents of players brought side dishes. Three cornhole sets, two of which were donated by Ladysmith Village, tug of war and kickball activities were also provided.

The day began with prayer and a blessing of the food by Caroline senior wide receiver/safety Tyler Smith.

Former Caroline football player Tim Claiborne II, a 2007 grad who went on to play at Louisburg (N.C.) College, addressed the team with some motivational words about his football experience.

Allison then presented two gift cards from Dick's Sporting Goods—donated by the Outreach Ministry—to two young men who most exemplified the traits he's looking for throughout training camp.

Allison selected Cameron Lamboy and Sivon Pleasants.

After the encouraging words from Smith, Claiborne and Allison, the team flocked to the food and games.

Shiloh Pastor Elect Rev. Dr. Craig Beasley and First Lady Quezada Beasley came through and connected with the players, coaches and families.

Deacon Brock Deadwyler cooked on the grill with support from Sister Latoya Deadwyler and Brother Adam Rowles.

Trustee Stuart James, Deaconesses Yvette Johnson and Gwendolyn Dickerson and Sister Jessie Manuel were on hand to assist.

Two Shiloh youth, Aaron Pickett and Jordan Beasley, are members of the Caroline football team. Shiloh aims to continue encouraging Aaron and Jordan and the rest of the Cavaliers throughout the season.

Allison and the Outreach Ministry agreed it was a successful day of fellowship, God was glorified, and they'd like the partnership to continue in the future.

Six days after the event, Caroline won its opening game, 24-17, over J.R. Tucker.