

The SHILOH Spirit

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Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Eleanor Meritha Allison Omega Circle
 Preston Leroy Johnson Omega Circle

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mary Sutherland** (*Torch Bearers Circle*) in the loss of her aunt, *Catherine Marable*.

Thank You Notes

I would like to sincerely thank Deacon Jerome Navies for donating McDonald's gift certificates to the Male Youth Project participants. The African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child" and we thank you for being a part of our village. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Gerard Bingham

I would like to thank the following parents who volunteered during the Messiah concert: Fern Clark, Sheila Evans, and Denice Woodruff. A special thank you is extended to Kiara Hughes, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the printed program. I truly appreciate your hard work and sacrifice.

Thomas Dixon Tyler

Circles Receiving New Members

Sunday, December 16 Phoebe Circle
 Sunday, December 23 Pilgrim Circle
 Sunday, December 30 Progressive Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

Sunday, December 16 Naomi Circle
 Sunday, December 23 Olivet Circle
 Sunday, December 30 Omega Circle

Church School Lessons At A Glance

December 23 - Called to Rejoice! (Luke 2:1-4): By order of Augustus Caesar, Joseph and Mary set out for the city of Bethlehem to register with the "census bureau" and pay taxes. The city was crowded - no room at the relatives' homes or at the legendary inn. The couple found themselves in a manger, a place where animals were kept. While there, Mary gave birth to Jesus. What more receptive audience for the news of the birth of the Lamb of God than

shepherds? Upon receiving the news from angels, they ran to town and told others.

December 30 - Called to Witness! (Luke 2:22-35): The days of purification were 40 for the birth of a boy and 80 for the birth of a girl. On the eighth day, boys were to be taken to the temple for circumcision. In the temple are two people: Simeon, who has been promised by God that he would not die until he personally saw the Messiah, and Anna, a widow who had been in the temple for many years. Both blessed the child and the Lord for the privilege.

January 6 - Inspired to Inquire! (Luke 2:41-52): The caravan of relatives and friends had made an entire day's journey before they realized that Jesus was nowhere to be found among the company of travelers. Mary and Joseph headed back to Jerusalem and discovered Jesus in the temple in discussion with the scribes - the teachers of the Law. Jesus' distraught parents wanted to know why Jesus had not kept up with them. Jesus' response appears to admonish them that they should have known He'd be somewhere on assignment for His Heavenly Father.

The Ushers' Corner
December 2007
For Training - Call Mack Pascal, President
301/908-5562
No Usher Board Meeting in December

Sunday, December 16 Unit 6 Serves

Thursday, December 20
 6:30 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Service
 Unit 6 Serves

Sunday, December 23 Unit 1 Serves
 9:30 a.m. Church School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 25
 Christmas Day Worship Service
 10:00 a.m.
 ALL USHERS

Thursday, December 27
 6:30 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Service
 Unit 1 Serves

Sunday, December 30 Unit 2 Serves
 9:30 a.m. - ASALH Program

Monday, December 31
 10:00 p.m. - Watch Night Service
 ALL USHERS

Thursday, January 3, 2008
 6:30 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Service
 7:30 p.m. - Bible Institute
 Unit 2 Serves

9th & P News

The Elementary & Youth Sunshine Circles will meet today, following 10:55 am worship service in the Racquetball Court. All children and youth are invited to attend

WHAT'S COMING?

The Youth Sunshine Circle will join Reverend Robert Felton at S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) on Friday, December 21st, to feed the homeless. Youth who would like to participate should assemble at S.O.M.E. (71 O Street NW - 10:00 am). Contact Zenobia Bingham at 301-220-3442, if you have questions or would like to sign up.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!! DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

The Male Youth Project will sponsor a 6-week KAPLAN taught SAT Prep Class for high school students. This is a great opportunity for all high school students, but a must for Juniors and Seniors who need to improve your score. ***The class will begin on Saturday, January 5th (10:00am – 2:00p) with a practice test. Instruction will be held on Mondays (6:30pm – 9:00pm).*** The total cost of the class is \$400.00, which can be paid in two installments in the amount of \$200.00 made payable to the FLCF. The first payment is due by December 20, 2007, and the second payment is due on January 20, 2008. Contact Zenobia Bingham at 301-220-3442 if you are interested in attending the class or have questions. Please share this information with others who may be interested.

ASALH Membership Campaign

Please help the Carter G. Woodson Branch increase the membership of ASALH in the District of Columbia. Growth is important as our ASALH leadership engage congress for its support of the Woodson home. Visit the Event Center for membership information.

Celebrate Dr. Woodson's Birthday
Wednesday, December 19 at the Reformer Building
14th & U Street, NW
4:00 p.m.

82nd Annual Black History Month Luncheon
Saturday, February 16, 2008
J.W. Marriott Hotel
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

For further information contact: Constance Tate (202/882-0387); Elnora Lewis (202/529-9507); Madlyn Calbert (202/832-7305) or Robert Gunn (301/322-5866)

WOMAS

WOMAS plans to sponsor a trip to see the Alvin Ailey Dancers at the Kennedy Center on Saturday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The performance will include one of their signature dances, ***Revelations***. The price of the tickets has not been confirmed, but will be approximately \$61.00 for either the orchestra or first balcony. If interested, please contact Judie Cephas (301/593-4619; jcephas@msn.com) before December 19, 2007.

SHILOH BOOK CLUB

The Shiloh Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 30, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Level of the Family Life Center. The book for discussion is ***Shades of Darkness*** by George Brummell (Staff Sgt - U.S. Army, Retired). ***Shades of Darkness*** is about a Black soldier's journey through Vietnam, blindness and back. The book is unforgettably funny, risqué, bittersweet and inspiring. It is a story of growing up in segregated Maryland, becoming a wounded Vet, learning to live with blindness and overcoming life's obstacles with determination, humor and humility. The author will be present to discuss and sign copies of his book.



A Christmas Prayer for Peace

*We pray to Thee, our Father,
as Christmas comes again,
For peace among all nations
and good will between all men.
Give us the strength and courage
to search ourselves inside
And recognize our vanity,
our selfishness and pride...
For the struggle of all ages
is centered deep within,
Where each man has his private war
that his own soul must win...
For a world of peace and plenty,
of which all men have dreamed,
Can only be attained and kept
when the spirit is redeemed.*

-Helen Steiner Rice

Joy to the World



*Come and join the students of the Church School as they
celebrate the birth of Jesus*

Sunday, December 23, 2007
9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

Dress Rehearsal for all participants
Tuesday, December 18, 2007
6:00 p.m.

