

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

We are building God's village! Over the last few weeks we have addressed the various principles on which ancient Jewish society and Western African society were based. We said that praise and worship were the first of the pillars of ancient Judaism and of African theology, and therefore the Shiloh sanctuary, like the Temple in Jerusalem, is the anchor of God's village. Today we assert that the second of the pillars is the historical and cultural. This is the idea that the village conveys the history and backgrounds of its people to all. At the dedication of Jesus in the Temple, the text asserts that Jesus was given his name, a name that had been given to him by the angels. Many of the problems of the 21st Century are the result of generations that have no sense of their history or background. In many ways we are living in an unparented generation.

Throughout history the names we were given, although taken from our slave owners, were often Biblically based and therefore possessing deep historical meaning. Through the "Black is Beautiful" movement of the 60s and 70s, we rejected western names and ascribed to our children names of African derivation. Today many of the names given to offspring are chosen because they sound exotic but have little or no meaning. This is only a symptom of the deeper issue that we don't know our history, either as Western African people or as Christians. The way we will address this issue in the village will be through an educational center devoted to developing classes and events that supplement our Sunday school and Bible Institute offerings. In our village we also must recognize that our society has become multinational. Not only is our village composed of people of Western African descent, but Ethiopian, Eritrean, Hispanic, and other backgrounds. Therefore, the transmission of history and culture must disseminate information on varieties of cultures. We will also need to teach courses in Spanish for English-speaking people and English as a second language for the Spanish speaking. In addition, courses in Ethiopian and other languages should be offered.

Violence in our streets and gang banging is largely the same for African-Americans as for Hispanics. In his book *Race Matters*, Dr. Cornell West stated that the primary issue for the young in our society is nihilism, the feeling that life is not going anywhere. Human beings become self-destructive when they believe life has neither meaning nor value. The second goal of this village is to affirm that we all have backgrounds and histories, that we all have meaning and worth. We are not unparented, but stand on noble legacies. Each of us is a repository of copious, rich and productive histories. One task of the village is to ensure that the richness of our traditions is communicated.

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Sunday, August 9, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23

1 Kings 8:1-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

New Members Received by
Victory Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Deacon Board Morning Prayer Service – 7:30 a.m./Deacons' Room

All Church School Classes are held at 9:30 a.m

Baptism – 10:55 a.m.

Alpha Class	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Class	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Class	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Class	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Class	208/FLC
Littlejohn Class.....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Class	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Class	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Class	216/FLC
Young Adult Class	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes	LLA&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class	RBC/FLC
Senior High Class	TF/FLC
DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC

Monday, August 10, 2009

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

8:00 – CDC Day Care	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

5:00 - Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 - ALANON Family Meeting	208/FLC
6:30 - FLC Yoga Class.....	LL/FLC

Thursday, August 13, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Day Care	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary
7:00 – Youth Summer Series	COH & 216/FLC

Friday, August 14, 2009

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
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Saturday, August 15, 2009

8:00 - Tennis At Shiloh	Banneker Tennis Courts
10:00 - Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation.....	Ushers' Room
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	Turner Conference Room

Sunday, August 16, 2009 Homecoming Sunday

Deacon Board Morning Prayer Service – 7:30 a.m. /Deacons' Room
All Church School Classes are held at 9:30 a.m

Alpha Class	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Class	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Class	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class	Sanctuary/Center
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Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

August 13.....*Helping Hand & Hill Climbers Circles*

August 20*Hope & King’s Messengers Circles*

Circles Receiving New Members

August 9.....*Victory Circle*

August 16*Willing Workers Circle*

Circles Serving Breakfast

August 9*Queen Esther Circle*

August 16*Ruth Circle*

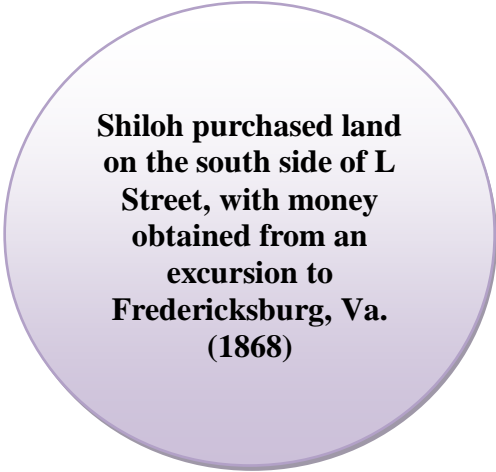
Thank You Note

To My Shiloh Family - Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. My heart was lifted when Pastor Smith and Minister Bowen came to the hospital and prayed with me. I am a witness that prayer changes things! God is in the healing business and I am much better. Please continue to pray for me as I will for all of you.

Dr. Stephanie McGencey

A Look At Our History

Submitted by the Church Anniversary Committee



From The Church Anniversary Committee....

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC will celebrate 146 years of Gospel ministry in a series of services and events throughout the month of September. Services will include the Thursday Night Revival Series (each Thursday night in the month), the Anniversary Sunday kick-off service (September 20), the Service of Remembrance (September 20 at 3:30 p.m.), the Loyalty Day Program (September 26 at 5:00 p.m.) and Anniversary Sunday on September 27, including a Shiloh historical display in Heritage Hall.

Tickets for the Loyalty Day program will be available starting Sunday, August 9 at a cost of \$30.00 per ticket.

In addition, this year the committee will offer ads for inclusion in the program booklet. These ads can be purchased in three allotments – full page (\$50), half page (\$35), and quarter page (\$25). Individuals, circles, organizations, committees, etc are welcome to purchase ads for memorials, recognitions, or the like. Your ads should be camera-ready and payment is due upon placement of the order. We apologize that we will not be able to accommodate ads highlighting businesses/venues or business cards.

The Ushers’ Corner

August 2009

*For training call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks
(301/499-0628)*

Sunday, August 9 – Unit #6 Serves

Thursday, August 13

6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service – Unit 6 Serves

Sunday, August 16 – Unit #1/3 Serves

Thursday, August 20

6:30 p.m. –Prayer & Praise Service – Unit #1/3 Serves

Also, the committee will have a limited number of souvenir 146th Anniversary paperweights for purchase. Loyalty Day tickets, ads and paperweights will be available after services at the Event Center TODAY.

Please contact Mack A. Pascal, Chairman of the 146th Anniversary Committee at 202/722-6225 for more information on anniversary activities.

HBCU Corner Annual School Supply Drive

Needed: Backpacks, pencils, highlighters, tabbed dividers, loose leaf paper, index cards, book covers/book sox, pencil pouch, 12" rulers, pocket dictionary/thesaurus, one-touch staplers, colored pencils, USB flash drives, composition notebooks, erasers, 3-ring binder hole punch, reinforcements, glue stick, clear tape, colored folders, etc. Please look for the bright yellow box in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Collection will be very Sunday during the month of August.

Fun & Friendship Today...Courage, Confidence & Character Tomorrow!

Maybe you're a science genius or an aspiring writer. Ever wanted to try rock climbing or archery? Do you like to horseback ride or perform in theatre productions? Perhaps you'd like to learn camping or scuba diving. Does a slumber party at the mall or the Zoo sound like a blast? Girl Scouts is the place for you! All girls ages 5 to 17 are invited to join! The Girl Scouting Program at Shiloh is now recruiting girls ages 5 to 17. If you are interested in enrolling a girl(s), please contact Keisha Jackson (301/265-8008) for more information.



Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

August 16 – Moses Disobeys (Numbers 20:1-13) – Even great leaders may fail to heed higher authority. Why do people disregard authority? As the Israelites arrived at Kadesh, there was no water and the people grumbled. An all-knowing God

told Moses to speak to the rock before them and water would come out for them to drink. In his anger with and tiredness of the people, Moses disobeyed God's command and hit the rock.

Because he did not trust God to provide for the people, Moses disobeyed God. God was displeased and Moses suffered a great consequence: he did not get to go over into the Promised Land (Canaan).

August 23 – God Calls for Obedience (Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-24) – When people obey laws, they expect that life will be good. Why do people care at all about laws and try to follow them? Deuteronomy states that God gives laws for our benefit.

August 30 – God Calls for Decision (Deuteronomy 30:1-10) – People want to experience a satisfying life to attain joy and prosperity. How do we get what we want out of life? This lesson in Deuteronomy tells us how.



Volunteers/Donations Needed

Persons who are skilled in the use of a hammer are asked to assist the Family Life Center Foundation in building 15 flower and vegetable boxes for the Hands-on Science Project. Volunteers should sign the volunteer sheet located at the Event Center. We are also in need of the following donations: 20 washed 2 liter plastic soda bottles, 20 gourds, which will be used to personalize bird feeders. Donations may be left in the box located behind the Event Center. If you have items you wish to have picked up contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057).

