

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Building God's village is Shiloh's overall vision for transforming our church and restoring our community. God gave us this vision as a way to combine key aspects of Western African life with the deep theological roots of our Judeo-Christian tradition. Western African societies are grounded in the tribal model of community. The tribe is the heart and soul of the village. In family relations, child rearing, education, and economic development, it is the tribe that acts as the primary unit of socialization. Nuclear families, husband wife and children as the basis of family life, is a very Western concept. African society understands that the well-being of the individual is based on the health and life of the tribe. It was this concept that Senator Hillary Clinton promoted with her bestselling book, **It Takes a Village**, from the African proverb, "*It takes a village to raise a child*".

However, the village is not just an African idea. The Bible affirms the concept of extended family in numerous ways. In Luke the second chapter, we have a fascinating glimpse of the inter-relationship of extended family and religious tradition in the young life of Jesus. At eight days old, Jesus was circumcised and given his name. In the initial public act of his young life we see how religion and family came together to promote physical health and personal identity. Notably, the text states that the name Jesus was given is a name prescribed by the Angels, meaning that his physical identity is connected with spiritual identity. Therefore, medical, emotional, and spiritual all come together in this first religious act in a young child's life.

The text goes on to say that shortly thereafter Jesus was dedicated in the Temple. Two turtledoves were sacrificed by Mary and Joseph (the prescribed sacrifice for poor families); a representation of how church and family participated cooperatively in an economically costly, but spiritually rich, sacrifice that dedicated a young life back to God. Also at the dedication, two elders, Simeon and Anna, blessed the child indicating that great weight was given in the extended family to honor intergenerational support.

Sometime later, at 12 years old, Jesus was separated from his family while visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. Although Mary and Joseph lost three days of their trip back to Nazareth, they found Jesus well and in the Temple dialoguing with the elders. It was in a village of inter-worked, networked relationships centered in the Temple, that Jesus found safety, comfort, and a place to learn his religious traditions.

We are building God's village not only because of the importance of the village in western African society, but because the notions of tribes and their relationships to villages are a key component of the theology of our Judeo-Christian tradition

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Sunday, July 12, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:3-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

New Members Received by
Shiloh Circle



Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Guest Speaker

7:45A.M. Worship Service

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray is an ordained Baptist minister, experienced pastor, spiritual mentor, and visionary leader.

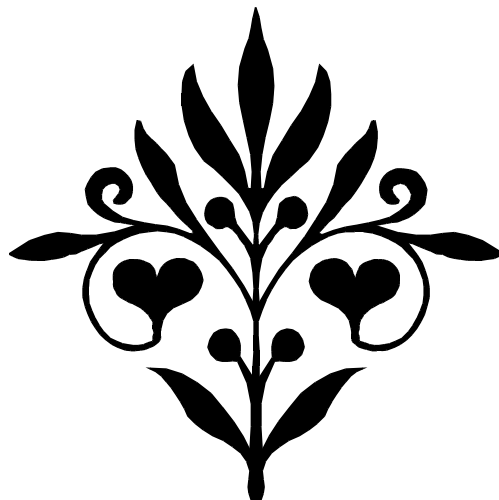
Since August 2001, Dr. Haggray has served as Executive Director/Minister of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention (DCBC), a cooperative of nearly 160 churches in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Dr. Haggray affiliates with American Baptist Churches USA, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Alliance of Baptists, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Haggray has pastored congregations in Washington, DC, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, Master of Divinity from Yale University, and Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary. In 2005, Haggray received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. He was the recipient, a year later of the James F. Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award for Outstanding contributions in the Spiritual Community, among other honors and merits.

Haggray is a recognized faith group leader in the Nation's Capital and beyond, serving on the boards of the National Center for Children and Families; Regional Executive Ministers Council of ABCUSA; the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty; the Alliance of Baptists; Baptist Center for Ethics; Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington DC; and Alderson Broaddus College.

Haggray and his wife Shelby are the parents of two sons Geoffrey Micah and Gregory Martin, and one daughter Sophia Sebiya. They reside in the District of Columbia.



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, July 12, 2009

Baptism

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

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
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, July 13, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Center Day Care.....	LL/FLC
10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Center Day Care.....	LL/FLC
9:00 - Doar Public Charter School	Gym/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 - Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting.....	208/FLC
6:30 - HBCU Council Meeting	216/FLC
7:00 - Tornado Taekwondo Class	RBC-1/FLC

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Day Care.....	LL/FLC
9:00 - Doar Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
5:00 - Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
7:00 - ALANON Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC
7:00 - Yoga Class	LL/FLC

Thursday, July 16, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Day Care.....	LL/FLC
9:00 – Doar Public Charter School	Gym/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
7:15 – Youth Summer Series Committee Meeting	COH/FLC

Friday, July 17, 2009

8:00 - Child Development Day Care.....	LL/FLC
9:00 – Doar Public Charter School	Gym/FLC

Saturday, July 18, 2009

8:00 – Tennis At Shiloh	Banneker Tennis Courts
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	216/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	208/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers’ Room/FLC
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting.....	Library/FLC
11:00 – Shiloh Step Team Rehearsal	RBC#1/FLC
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
2:00 – New Generation of Praise Dancers Rehearsal	RBC#1/FLC

Sunday, July 19, 2009

Pastor Smith's 18th Anniversary Celebration

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

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons’ Room
Alpha Class	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
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Ever Ready Class	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class	Sanctuary/Center
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DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
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Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

July 16Faith & Fellowship Circles
July 23Friendly & Gideon Circles
July 30Golden Deed & Golden Rule Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

July 12Shiloh Circle
July 19Social Reapers Circle
July 26Torch Bearers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

July 12Omega Circle
July 19Phoebe Circle
July 26Pilgrim Circle

Thank You Notes

The family of Bradley Irvine Grogan wishes to thank our beloved Shiloh family for all of your prayers and acts of kindness showed during his illness and during his Homegoing Celebration. Special thanks are extended to Pastor Smith, Ms. Muriel Lewis, the Ministerial Team, the Deacon Board, Olivet Circle, the Family Life Center Foundation, the Senior Choir, Shiloh Scout Troop 524, Ms. Anita Jordan and Dr. Sharon Parker. Please keep the Grogan family in prayer as we continue to bow to the Sovereignty of God's Perfect Will.

Grogan Family

My Mom always said to remember to thank people. On May 1st I asked and you responded. My Dad and I went through the Incompatible Kidney Program at John Hopkins Hospital and we went to surgery on May 19th. We were not a match, but John Hopkins worked their magic and the kidney is working! We were not alone. I appreciate you going along the journey with us.

Monique and her Dad

Dear Reverend Smith – As my Pastor, the genuine concern, prayers, phone calls and visits have sustained and comforted me during multiple crises. I am grateful also for the outpouring love gift from the Shiloh family. God enabled me to complete a Psy-Social Doctorate after 18 years of study part-time.

Maggie McSweeney

Welcome New Members

Eileen Taylor Crawford – Sacrifice Circle

The Ushers' Corner

July/August 2009

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

Sunday, July 12 – Unit 1/3 Serves

Thursdays, July 16
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service – Unit #1/3 Serves

Sunday, July 19- Unit #2 Serves
Pastor's 18th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, July 23
6:30 p.m. –Prayer & Praise Service – Unit #2 Serves

Sunday, July 26 – Unit #4 Serves

Thursday, July 30
6:30 p.m. –Prayer & Praise Service – Unit #4 Serves

Sunday, August 2 – Unit #5 Serves

Thursday, August 6
6:30 p.m. – Prayer &Praise Service – Unit #5 Serves

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

