

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

Today we continue with our Outreach Month by celebrating the work of our Family Life Center. The Center was the idea of former pastor Henry C Gregory, III and became a model for outreach ministries throughout the country. The mission of the Center is to do ministry in the community. Over the years, it has featured such significant work as a Male Youth Enhancement program, after school tutoring, Teen Mothers Take Charge, AIDS awareness, and Human Services, to name a few. We thank God for the Family Life Center and pray for their continued good work in the service of the Kingdom.

Today, we welcome to our pulpit for the 7:45 service, Minister Byron Simpson. Byron grew up in Shiloh, the son of Patricia Simpson, and is now a student at Howard Divinity School pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. He comes to us as a part of his Field Education requirements at Howard. He is a spirit filled young man and has been working closely with our Youth and Young Adults. We thank God for his presence with us for this next year, and look forward to the message he will bring us today.

Today we also continue our work toward our church theme, *Deepening our Spirituality*, by encouraging us all to read and study the Lectionary scriptures that are placed on the front of the Shiloh Spirit each week.

The Old Testament reading for this Sunday focuses on Hannah, a woman whose life represented the story of Israel. Hannah was barren and Israel had become spiritually lifeless. However, Hannah prayed and God gave her a son, Samuel, who represented the hope of new life, not only for Hannah, but for the nation.

In this text is a story for us all. When we are spiritually lifeless, and unproductive, a return to God in penitence and sincerity is the way to restore the most inert circumstances. This is true for families, marriages, and careers. When all is said and done, God is indeed the source of all our joy and hope.

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Sunday, November 15, 2009

### Reading Through The Bible

November 22:  
2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4: b-8; John 18:33-37

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent  
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

New Members Received by  
Friendly Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

**Sunday, November 15, 2009**

## **Deacons' Morning Prayer – 7:30 a.m./Deacons' Room**

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
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
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.) .....	Deacons' Room
Antioch Circle Meeting .....	RBC#1/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting .....	LL/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting .....	HHN/FLC
Golden Deed Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting .....	RBC#2/FLC
Helping Hand Circle Meeting .....	Library/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting .....	208/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting .....	COH/FLC
Social Reapers Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting .....	216/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
<i>Bone Marrow Drive</i> .....	HHS/FLC

**Monday, November 16, 2009**

*No Activities Scheduled*

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program .....	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation .....	Sanctuary
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting .....	208/FLC
6:30 - Shiloh ITC – Council 8 Meeting .....	COH/FLC
6:30 - Finance Committee Meeting .....	Turner Conference Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble .....	Choir Room

### Wednesday, November 18, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program .....	216/FLC
11:45 - Mid-Week Bible Study .....	LL/FLC
12:00 - DC Christian Federal Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HH/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:30 - Men's Day Committee Meeting .....	Library/FLC
7:00 - <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

### Thursday, November 19, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program .....	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class .....	HH/FLC
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service .....	HHC/FLC
7:00 - Bible Institute .....	HHC/FLC

*The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study*

### Friday, November 20, 2009 - No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday, November 21, 2009

10:00 - Evangelism Ministry Meeting .....	LL/FLC
10:00 - Trustee Board Meeting .....	Turner Conference Room
10:00 - Christian Education Ministry Meeting .....	TF/FLC
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting .....	216/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts – Brownie & Daisy .....	LLA & B/FLC
10:00 - Health Ministry Meeting .....	Library/FLC
11:00 - Messiah Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
12:00 - Missions Fellowship Meal .....	LL/FLC

### Sunday, November 22, 2009

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
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
New Members Fellowship .....	HHS/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting .....	216/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
<i>Bone Marrow Drive</i> .....	HHS/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Maggie McSweeney (Faith Circle) in the loss of her sister, Shirley McSweeney.

## Thank You Notes

To Pastor Smith, Reverend Mensah, Golden Deed Circle members, the John A. Miles Bible Class, the Village Council, the Deacons, Deaconesses, Thomas Tyler, the Shiloh Gospel Choir and my entire Shiloh family – there just are no words to thank you for your loving kindness and the expression of sympathy you have shown us during the passing of our beloved Christopher. Whether you prayed for us, stopped by for a visit, sent a card, flower or plant, helped with the food and repast, gave a donation, or just had us in your thoughts we will be forever grateful. “May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.” (2 Samuel 2:6-NIV). With our love,

*The Barker, Trapp and Odom Family*

To Reverend Smith, Alpha circle, Circle Leaders Council and Shiloh Baptist Church – we deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our great loss. We sincerely thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

*Anthony P. Bailey and Family*

## Baptism

Congratulations to Annie M. Foreman (Silent Mission Circle) who was baptized on Sunday, November 8, 2009.

### Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

November 19 .....Calvary & Dorcas Circles

November 26 – THANKSGIVING

December 2.....Eula Mae Harrison & Ever Ready Circles

### Circles Receiving New Members

November 15 .....Friendly Circle

November 22 .....Gideon Circle

November 29 .....Golden Deed Circle

### Circles Serving Breakfast

November 15 .....Berean Circle

November 22 .....Bethel Circle

November 29 .....Calvary Circle

*From Our Ministries.....*

## Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

### The New Covenant Community

**November 22 – A Faithful People** (2 Peter 1:2-15) Peter teaches about the faith of a godly person and the relationship between deeply rooted faith and godly living. We all have faith in something or someone, but we often find it hard to develop this faith. How can we support and strengthen a growing and effective faith? Peter’s second letter teaches that goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, mutual affection, and love all undergird a growing faith.

## Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, December 12

Saturday, December 15

Saturday, December 19

All children, youth and parents - please see your teacher or Mary Buckley today to obtain the time and location of rehearsals.

## Bible Institute Series 2009-2010

### The Lectionary Link: The Power of STUDY

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays

Teaching: Pastor Wallace Charles Smith

Leadership Challenge: Ministers, Deacons, Trustees & Senior Choir

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

Teaching: Reverend George Mensah

Leadership Challenge: Deaconesses, Circle Leaders & Ushers

Teaching: Minister Thomas Bowen  
Leadership Challenge: Village Council, Ministry Leaders & Gospel Choir

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays*

Teaching: Minister NaKeisha Sylver Blount/Reverend Jasmyn Bowden (alternating Thursdays)  
Leadership Challenge: Young Adults, WCS Ensemble, Church School Teachers

**The Bible Institute will not be held on Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)**

## ***"Christian Men Taking a Leadership Role for the Lord"***

Plans for the 2010 Men's Day Program are underway. Our kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center. Several activities are being planned. You are cordially invited to come and take part in the planning sessions. Your ideas and participation will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs: R.J. Benn (301) 330-8682 or Felix Cummings (301) 753-1890.

## **"Messiah" Poinsettias**



Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for the "Messiah". If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of your loved one(s), in honor of a birthday or a special occasion, orders are now being accepted (\$15 per poinsettia). Please see a member of the Messiah Program Committee (Sharon Parker, Otelia Redman, Dolores Sawyer or Barbara Williams Whitener) to place your order. All orders must be submitted by Sunday, November 29, 2009.

### **The Ushers' Corner November/December 2009 For Training Call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks (301/499-0628)**

Sunday, November 15 – Unit #4 Serves

Thursday, November 19 – Unit #4 Serves  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise; Bible Institute

Sunday, November 22 – Unit #5 Serves

Tuesday, November 24  
Executive Usher Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
General Usher Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26 – ALL USHERS  
Thanksgiving Day Service at Shiloh  
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 29 – Unit #6 Serves

Thursday, December 3 – Unit #6 Serves  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise, Bible Institute

Sunday, December 6 – Unit #1 Serves

Thursday, December 10 – Unit #1 Serves  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise, Bible Institute

Sunday, December 13 – Unit #2 Serves  
Messiah Concert – ALL USHERS  
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17 – Unit #2 Serves  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise, Bible Institute

Sunday, December 20 – Unit #4 Serves  
Church School Christmas Program – 9:30 a.m.

## **Give Thanks By Giving Life!**

Jozlyn Miller needs your help. She is a 7-year old from Virginia with Sickle Cell Anemia. She needs to find a matching marrow donor to give her a second chance for life. You could be the match! Currently only 36% of African American patients receive the life-saving transplant they need because so few possible donors have been screened. Please help Jozlyn and others by getting a painless cheek swab. Come to Heritage Hall South on Sunday, November 15, 22 or 29 immediately after the 7:45 and 10:55 a.m. service. Members of the Health Ministry and the Marrow Transplant Team of the National Institutes of Health will be there to answer your questions and do your screening. It only takes 5 minutes.

## Reminder

Remember; get your flu and H1N1 vaccine shots as soon as possible. Children, teens, young adults and pregnant women are at higher risk for H1N1 infections. Simple flu prevention tips: frequent hand washing, avoid touching mouth and nose area, cover sneezes and coughs, plenty of fluids, good nutrition and sleep, stress reduction, nasal salt water rinses AM and PM.

## Shiloh Senior Citizens Club Seeking New Members

Why would you want to join the Senior Citizens Club? Listed below are five good reasons:

- Exciting trips & fellowship
- Entertainment
- Guest speakers
- Nutritious meals
- 55 and ALIVE!!!!

For more information contact Elois Lawson (202/829-3906) or Carrie Dublin (202/529-8660).

## Gospel Choir Fellowship

The Shiloh Gospel Choir is sponsoring an excursion to the Lancaster, PA Millennium Theatre to see the new musical production "Joseph" on Saturday May 22, 2010. Motor Coach buses will depart Shiloh at 8:00 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. Trip includes breakfast snack, bus transportation, tickets to theatre, a two and a half hour stop at Rockvale Shopping Outlet, and lunch at an Amish Family Style Restaurant. Cost: Adults: \$125.00 Teens (13 yrs -18 yrs) \$105.00 Children (under 13 years) (\$80.00). A \$75 minimum deposit per person is required before January 10 to reserve your seat. Full payment is due no later than March 10, 2010. For further information contact R.J Benn (301/330-8682; [masabarj@yahoo.com](mailto:masabarj@yahoo.com)) or any member of the Gospel Choir.

## Pastoral Bereavement Support Group

We cordially invite members of the Shiloh family to participate in a bereavement support group. The focus of the group will be one of learning together how to cope with grief. This is not a therapy group. It is a pastoral support group. The intent is to learn together and in the process to receive and offer support within the framework of God's unfailing presence. We know that grieving is the hardest part of the healing process. Yet, the greatest gift we can give one another is the sure knowledge that our spiritual and loving support of one another and our personal commitment to faithfully live our lives can provide personal meaning in times of grief and

stress. Our vision is to come together in the spirit of God's grace and love, ready to listen with our hearts and ears. It is also to make available a setting in which you can receive and offer support in dealing with your loss and grief.

**Who is eligible?** All those who have suffered losses. Grief is painful. Sharing the pain with others is taking care of yourself, giving a gift of trust, and being a Christian witness of others. We will contact those members of the Shiloh community who have suffered losses asking them to join our support group.

**Schedule:** The Pastoral Bereavement Support Group will meet once weekly in ninety minute sessions for eight weeks in a place to be assigned. Following the eight weeks of meetings, participants are invited to meet on a monthly basis with the Pastoral Bereavement Network. The purpose of this monthly Bereavement Network is to continue to build a loving pastoral

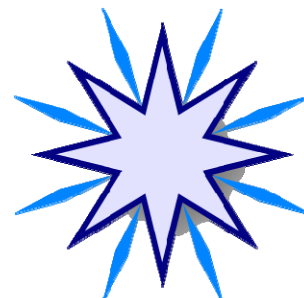
community of people who provide a safe place for you to continue to grieve and to open up to feelings that might still be locked inside of you.

**Facilitator:** Eileen Crawford (Taylor), Ph.D., has been a psychotherapist in private practice in Washington, D.C., for fourteen years. Additionally she is a Seminarian in her final year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA where she will receive a Masters in Divinity in May 2010. Dr. Crawford is a graduate of The Union Institute where she received a Ph.D., in the humanities; she also received Masters Degrees from The University of the District of Columbia (Counseling); and Howard University (African Studies). Additionally, Dr. Crawford has been an Associate Professor of English at the University of the District of Columbia for over 23 years. Dr. Crawford shares this meditation of the heart with her Shiloh family:

*"I share with you the agony of your grief.  
The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.  
I know I cannot enter all you feel, nor bear with you  
the burden of your pain; I can but offer you what my love does  
give, the strength of caring, the warmth of one who seeks to  
understand..." (Howard Thurman)."*

"I lift up my eyes to the hills-from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and the  
earth" (Psalm 121, NRSV)

For more information you may contact Reverend George Mensah (202/232-4200).



## Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation Celebrates 27 Years

In November 1982, Reverend Dr. Henry C. Gregory III founded the Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF). Since then, many lives have been enriched and improved by the community outreach and services provided to the diverse population in the surrounding Shaw community and throughout the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Based on the vision, conviction, commitment and compassion of its namesake, the Family Life Center Foundation, a tax-exempt, nonprofit foundation, has nurtured the mind, body, and spirit of “the least, the lost, the left out, and the left behind.”

Well aware of the challenges and demands facing families, children, parents, and seniors, the goal of the Family Life Center Foundation is to provide holistic and wholesome programs for educational and cultural enrichment, recreation and self renewal as it reduces the impact of poverty, violence, alcoholism, drug abuse, poor nutrition and HIV/AIDS. The following programs reflect the unflagging commitment of the Family Life Center Foundation to a growing base of community residents:

**The Child Development Center :** A Gold Level Status, accredited, low-cost day care and educational development program, the Child Development Center provides academic preparation, instruction, and educational play for children ages 2-14 as it meets the critical physical, social, emotional and academic needs of each child it serves.

**The Center for Seniors and Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Outreach:** Provides health, education and wellness activities for this underserved population.

**Male Youth Program (MYP):** Provides a safe haven for males 8 - 18 years old and offers parenting skills, GED preparation, leadership workshops, college fairs, employment training, resume writing skills, homework assistance, counseling and tutoring and recreation. An alternative to gang activity, the Male Youth Program has attracted many male youth during the past 27 years.

**The Girls Enrichment/Debutante Program:** Emphasizes the character and self-development of adolescent girls with particular attention to social interactions, civic responsibility, and moral integrity. This program culminates in a celebration of achievement punctuated by the pageantry and festivity of a Debutante Cotillion. Scholarships are given to high school seniors successfully completing the program.

**Hands-On-Science Project:** Benefits students and teachers at Seaton Elementary School with a grant which provides science education and enrichment through an eco-habitat, field trips and other learning activities.

The Family Life Center Foundation has provided programs in the past to reduce teen pregnancy, the spread of HIV/AIDS, improvement of literacy and enhancement of computer competency. With the leadership of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director, the Family Life Center Foundation also offers Yoga classes and will provide Spanish instruction in the future. For more information, contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall, Board Chairperson (202/529-2042) or Mrs. Lorraine Settles, Executive Director (202/232-4288, ext. 21).

## Eagle Project

When a Scout decides to advance in rank to Eagle some have ideas for their project and others ask for ideas. Ilyas A Woolbright, Jr, also known as Anthony, overheard a conversation that his mother was having with her coworker. Anthony is a Life Scout in Troop 524 located in Washington, DC and in the process of completing his Eagle Project. The topic of the conversation was to find a way to provide support and encouragement to men re-entering into the community after a time period of incarceration. Anthony decided to ask his mother about her conversation to obtain additional information to establish a plan on how he can make a difference. The explanation given to him, *the men participating in The Fathering Court at DC Superior Courthouse are reentering the community. They are in need of various services such as housing, medical attention, clothes, and etc.*” A main contribution would be to have a dress shirt and tie to interview for job opportunities to assist with their transition. This program was created by DC Superior Courts, DC Child Support Services Division and a host of community organizations to empower participants to seek a lifestyle different from before. Anthony’s idea for his eagle project was to collect dress shirts, ties and wallets; a total of 100 for each item. The drive took place here at Shiloh. The shirts, ties and wallets were collected and delivered to the Georgia Avenue Collaborative. With the training that he received in scouting and various merit badges, it was proven that, “A successful Eagle Project is possible with the opportunities provided by the Boy Scout Programs to help in our Communities Today.”

