

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Today is Christ the King Sunday, the next to the last Sunday before Advent. The scriptures for this Sunday reflect the development of the Jewish monarchy in Biblical thought and the coming of Jesus Christ as Messiah, more than an earthly king but a heavenly king.

The end of the book of Second Samuel reports the last words of David before his death. Last week, the text recounted the birth of Samuel and the transition from the rule of the judges to the beginning of the monarchy. Samuel would be the one appointed by God to anoint Saul, Israel's first king. Saul would disobey God and in turn lose the kingship. Samuel would again crown a king, David, who became the greatest of all Israel's leaders.

David's last words were instructions to his nation that the way to success and prosperity was obedience. What Israel could not see then because of her disobedience was that the goal of God was not to institute an earthly monarchy, but a heavenly reign in which the principles of his word as embodied in his Son would be the values that would guide not only Israel but the world.

The Lectionary scripture from John depicts Jesus before Pilate. Jesus is about to be condemned to death and speaks of how he came to the world to witness to the truth. Pilate asks "What is truth?" Pilate could not see that while he was asking what truth was, he was speaking to the One who **was** the truth.

The truth is that Jesus is the one ordained by God to be the sovereign of the universe. At the sound of his name, every knee must bow and all tongues confess. Even the finest monarch, such as David, was not the One but pointed to the one who is indeed King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Christ the King Sunday is the day in the Christian year when our worship lives celebrate His kingship.

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Sunday, November 22, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

New Members Received by
Gideon Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, November 22, 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
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 Fellowship (9:30 a.m.).....	GGs/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting	216/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC

Monday, November 23, 2009

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
5:30 - Messiah Committee Chairs Meeting	208/FLC
6:00 - Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting	Ushers' Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 - Usher Board Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
7:00 - Boy Scouts Council District Committee Meeting	LL/FLC
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, November 25, 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
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 - Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, November 26, 2009



Administrative Office & FLC Facilities Closed

10:00 – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Friday, November 27, 2009

Administrative Office & FLC Facilities Closed

Saturday, November 28, 2009

10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting.....	216/FLC
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Sunday, November 29, 2009

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

ASALH Program – 9:30 a.m./Sanctuary

All Adult Church School Classes will participate in the ASALH Program

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC
<i>Bone Marrow Drive</i>	HHS/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Betty Rae Robinson – Friendly Circle
Telford Sheppard – Friendly Circle

Thank You Note

Dear Shiloh Family, the Deacon, Trustee, Deaconess Boards; Village and Circle Leaders Councils; John A. Miles Sunday School Class; Senior and Gospel Choirs; and, Queen Esther and Omega Circles: On behalf of the family of our Mother, Mrs. Evie Dean Marshall Hall, we express our deepest gratitude for your stalwart support during her illness and at the completion of her earthly journey. Your numerous and thoughtful cards, telephone calls, e-mails, contributions, and donations to the Evie Marshall Hall Scholarship are gratefully appreciated. We are also extremely thankful to have had Reverend and Mrs. Smith surprise us at the service of celebration on October 31, where Reverend Smith was invited to give words of comfort and say a prayer. Shiloh, you've been the epitome of an extended family and the kindness you've shown can never be repaid. God bless all of you and may He favor you with His grace and mercy as long as you live.

Charles D. & Willa Hall Smith

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

November 26 – THANKSGIVING

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

Circles Receiving New Members

November 22Gideon Circle

November 29Golden Deed Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

November 22Bethel Circle

November 29Calvary Circle

From Our Ministries.....

Shiloh Baptist Church
First Annual

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

will be a memorable event for the students from our partner school, Seaton Elementary. The response of our congregation to this outreach effort has been simply **OUTSTANDING!** All who removed an Angel from the tree are requested to bring your gifts to the church by Sunday, November 29, 2009. The gift should be in a colorful gift bag, unwrapped. The celebration and conveying of the gifts will occur on

Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 1:30pm at Seaton. All gift donors are welcome to join our ministerial staff and committee members at this celebration.

Matthew 18:5 - *And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me.*

The Ushers' Corner

November/December 2009

For Training Call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks
(301/499-0628)

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.

Holiday Shopping



Shiloh members – this year you may do your holiday shopping and help the Claim the Victory Campaign at Blue Indigo Gifts, LLC, which is an online gift store owned by Lauri Nichols. Blue Indigo features a variety of gift baskets, gourmet food items and much more. 100% of the profits received will be donated to the Claim the Victory Campaign until Monday, December 14, 2009. All you have to do is visit the website at www.BlueIndigoGifts.com. When you are done shopping

enter the code CTV2009 in the Coupon Code box during checkout. You will receive a \$1.00 discount off your total purchase. Shop early to ensure your gifts arrive on time and to take advantage of lower ground shipping costs. Pass the word to family, friends and co-workers. If you have questions e-mail lauri@blueindigogifts.com or call 1.888.378.2275.

HBCU Corner

Honda Invitational Battle of the Bands Showcase

On January 30, 2010, the following HBCU Marching Bands will get a chance to showcase their talents to thousands of people in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The schools are Albany State, Clark Atlanta, Florida A&M, North Carolina Central, Prairie View A&M, Southern University, Tuskegee and Virginia State!!!! For more information on tickets and hotel reservations, visit www.hondabattleofthebands.com

Congratulations to Dr. Regina Benjamin who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the next U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Benjamin is the third African-American woman to serve as the U.S. Surgeon General. She is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

African American Culture Program

On Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. ASALH – Carter G. Woodson Branch will present Mr. Hari Jones Curator of the African American Civil War Museum. The topic of his discussion will be “A Gospel Army: African Descent Freedom Fighters in the Civil War”.

Community Outreach Ministry Observance

This Sunday Shiloh recognizes the outstanding work of the Missions Ministry Jesus said“...Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me”. *Matthew 25:40 (KJV)*. *Jesus did not teach that salvation is based only on good deeds. However, genuine love for God should be expressed through compassionate service to others. The volunteers of the Missions Department show compassion through a variety of activities and projects, including:*

1. Monthly Fellowship Meals – Every third Saturday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, over 100 nutritious lunches are served to the area’s homeless and indigent population.
2. Purchase of materials and items, assembly and distribution of Christmas “Goodie” bags during the December Fellowship meal.

3. Assistance to So Others May Eat (S.O.M.E.) on the 4th Friday of each month,
4. Bible study classes at Rachael’s Women’s Center in collaboration with the YACS (Your Active Christians of Shiloh).
5. Provisions for assistance when requested.

The Missions Ministry consists of nine groups: Hyssop, Lydia/Juno Stewart, Martha, Mary E. Robinson, Miriam, Rebecca, Sara R. Whetts/Tabitha, Solomon and Sheba and Study, Prayer, and Action. Persons interested in joining one of the groups should contact Christine Barker – Missions Leader at barkerdata@verizon.net.

YOUR ACTIVE CHRISTIANS OF SHILOH (YACS)

When Reverend Earl L. Harrison noticed that many young adults (18-35) of the church, especially those with children, did not regularly attend Worship Services, he created the YACS (February 14, 1958) to get them more involved in church life and attend Worship Services more regularly. Originally organized as the Young Active Christians of Shiloh, the YACS were created to allow the young adults of that era to ban together, to provide moral support, fellowship and to enjoy the things that were of common interests and concern. By 1981, however, it had become apparent that the original name was no longer suitable. Therefore, the name was changed to Your Active Christians of Shiloh. Today, the YACS’ passion for life, service and community outreach has been enhanced as they have aged. Seeking new membership from Christians who desire to be more *responsible, accountable* and *spiritual*, the YACS offer unique opportunities for service.

They hold fellowship meetings in October, a Christmas fellowship in December and fellowship meetings in February and June. Importantly, the YACS hold Bible study for the women of Rachel’s Center for Homeless Women each Thursday afternoon and provide tutoring to children at Raymond Elementary School on Wednesdays. They also provide assistance at S.O.M.E. every 4th Tuesday. Persons who want to be a part of the YACS should contact Edwenia Watkins (202/ 726-2913).

Congratulations

Lillie Lewis-Garrett recently had three photos featured in an international photo exhibit entitled, “*From King to Obama*” at Museu Afro Brasil, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The exhibit was from November 17-20 including photographs from White House photographer Pete Souza and other US photographers from the Washington, DC area. This exhibit was dedicated to the late U.S. Exhibit Curator Donna M. Wells.

