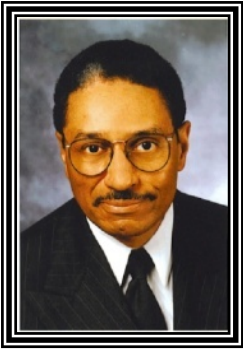


# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sundays that precede Christmas and the birth of our Lord. Following is an article by Melissa Howard that explains the significance of the Advent Wreath and the candles that are lit each Sunday.

*“Many churches and families use an advent wreath to aid in the celebration of Christmas. An advent wreath includes five candles. There are four candles, one for each Sunday leading to Christmas and a fifth candle for Christmas Day. The four Sunday candles are usually tapers. There are variations in the coloring of the candles; often there are three purple candles and one pink candle. Occasionally, all of the candles are purple. The central candle is usually a large white pillar candle.*

*The purple represents repentance. The pink symbolizes joy. The central candle is called the Christ candle and is not lit until Christmas day. When you light the candle it is customary to read a few verses of scripture that relate to meaning of the candle. Often the person who lights the candle recites a short statement of belief and faith as the candle is lit and then everyone unites in prayer”*

As we approach this Christmas season, television, radio and internet will provide much encouragement to materialism, spending, parties, and “shop till you drop” sales inducements. Advent is the sacred reminder that the true meaning of Christmas is not in a shopping mall, but in a manger in Bethlehem where a baby was born to be the Savior of the world. As we pray during this season, let us focus on repentance and joy, the central realities and true meanings of the season.

Read more: [http://protestantism.suite101.com/article.cfm/the\\_meaning\\_of\\_advent#ixzz0XmWen4RM](http://protestantism.suite101.com/article.cfm/the_meaning_of_advent#ixzz0XmWen4RM)



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### Reading Through The Bible

#### 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 Golden Deed Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, November 29, 2009**

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

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
ASALH Program (9:30 a.m.) .....	Sanctuary
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
Bone Marrow Drive .....	HHS/FLC
Book Club Meeting .....	LL/FLC

## **Monday, November 30, 2009**

10:00 – Funeral Service for Mrs. Alverta G. Hawkins .....	Sanctuary
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## **Tuesday, December 1, 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 - Young Adult Ministry – Discussion Panel .....	COH/FLC
6:30 - Circle Leaders Council Meeting .....	HH/FLC
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## **Wednesday, December 2, 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 - <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

## Thursday, December 3, 2009

9:00 - 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 .....	Sanctuary
7:15 - Bible Institute .....	Sanctuary

*The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study*

## Friday, December 4, 2009

*No Activities Scheduled*

## Saturday, December 5, 2009

10:00 - Board of Deacons Meeting .....	Deacons' Room
10:00 - BZB Holiday Gift & Art Show .....	HH/FLC
10:00 - Investment Club #2 .....	Library/FLC
10:00 - Usher Board – Bulletin Prep .....	LL/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts – Brownie & Daisy .....	LL A&B/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts – Junior Level .....	208/FLC
10:00 - Senior & Gospel Choirs Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
10:00 - Teen Summit .....	COH/FLC
12:00 - Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal .....	LL/FLC

## Sunday, December 6, 2009

*Deacons' Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m./Deacons' Room*

**Unity Service**

**10:00 a.m.**



*Holy Communion*

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....	Sanctuary
Combined Youth Sunday school Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....	LL/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.) .....	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
YACS Meeting .....	HHN/FLC
Youth Council Meeting .....	COH/FLC
Youth & Elementary Circles Meeting .....	RBC#1/FLC
Pastor's Anniversary Meeting .....	HHC/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting .....	Library/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting .....	216/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Welcome New Members

Felicia Patrice Brown – Gideon Circle  
John Edward Cunningham, Jr. – Gideon Circle  
Florence Marguerite Nicholas – Gideon Circle

## Thank You Notes

Thank you, Shiloh family, for your many expressions of sympathy at the passing of our last surviving aunt, Deaconess Inez Chichester Prater (St. Luke's Baptist Church). We sincerely appreciate all of the cards, phone calls, love gifts, and presence at the service. Special thanks to Deacons Sonja Ray, Herman Gaines, James Grigsby, and Constance Tate, who took the time from their busy schedules to be with us at the wake and/or funeral service. May God richly bless you for your acts of kindness.

Deaconess Tanyna Saxton & Deaconess Judy Williams

To Pastor Wallace Charles Smith, Reverend Felton, Reverend Mensah, Gideon Circle, Deacon Board, Comforting Choir, Silent Mission Choir, Ushers and the Shiloh Family – words cannot express our appreciation for your prayers, gifts, calls and the many cards we received upon the death of our loved one Luther D. Robinson. We send a heartfelt thanks to all.

Betty B. Robinson & Family

To Pastor Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconesses, Omega Circle, Senior and Gospel Choirs and my Church family – thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards and the many other acts of kindness shown me and my family in the homegoing of my sister-in-law, Patricia Gibson. Words cannot express my appreciation and thanks to all.

Elaine G. Thomas

Dear Shiloh Baptist Church Family – this note is simply one of sincere gratitude and thanks for allowing us to use your beautiful sanctuary for two days as we celebrated the life of our loved one, Jeffrey Waddy. We were truly blessed by your genuine kindness, especially with the short notice of the request. Our goal was that, even in our time of sadness, Jesus Christ be glorified. And we believe, that because of your kind show of love, such was accomplished. Indeed to God be the glory! Thank you so much for everything and may the riches of God be ever upon you.

M. Jean Waddy & Family

## From Our Ministries.....

### Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

December 3.....Eula Mae Harrison & Ever Ready Circles  
December 10 .....Excelsior & Faith Circles  
December 17 .....Fellowship & Friendly Circles  
December 27 .....CHRISTMAS EVE .....

### Circles Receiving New Members

November 29 .....Golden Deed Circle  
December 6 .....Golden Rule Circle  
December 13 .....Grace Circle  
December 20 .....Haggai Circle  
December 27 .....Helping Hand Circle

### Circles Serving Breakfast

November 29 .....Calvary Circle  
December 6 .....Dorcas Circle  
December 13..... Eula Mae Harrison Circle  
December 20 .....Ever Ready Circle  
December 27 .....Excelsior Circle

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

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.

# Community Outreach Ministry Observance

## TENNIS at SHILOH

Tennis at Shiloh (TAS) had its genesis 33 years ago and has been going strong ever since! Membership has been as high as 225 players who annually enjoy the exercise and comradery that has made TAS so popular in the Washington metropolitan area. Only about 20% of TAS memberships consist of Shiloh members. Thus, TAS has certainly succeeded in creating the outreach originally envisioned. Classes are held at the Banneker Tennis Courts each Saturday from 7:00 am until Noon during the official TAS season (May-September) by TAS paid 10-13 instructors. The biggest event for TAS is the Annual Shiloh Open Tennis Tournament for Adults along with the DC Closed Youth Championship. Both of these events take place in June. TAS, under the leadership of Maurice Patterson, Director, is proud of the fact that these two annual events have become the largest tennis tournaments held in the Metropolitan Area. TAS members receive bonus points from their local, state and national parent organizations for the high caliber of tennis played at this tournament. The popularity of TAS has astounded many in the local, state and national tennis communities who are amazed that this organization belongs to a church! The close-out tennis celebration for TAS took place on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fairland Sports Complex in Laurel, MD. Currently TAS is looking for more youth to be involved. Lessons are free. Adults, teens and children are encouraged to come to Banneker on Saturday mornings to join in the fun. A pleasant surprise awaits all who would like to see what Shiloh's tennis club is doing. For more information about TAS contact Maurice Patterson at (202) 297-3385 or [pattersonma@hotmail.com](mailto:pattersonma@hotmail.com).

## Health Ministry Exercise Program

Shiloh's exercise program (Health Ministry) is gearing up to start a brand new exercise program in January --- just in time to help you shed those unwanted holiday pounds. Until January, however, the Health Ministry encourages all children and adults to exercise vigorously (or at the level recommended by your physician) for 30 minutes daily. Exercise should be a part of everyone's daily routine. Even if done only 3 times a week or 15 minutes twice a day, you can obtain tremendous benefits to the heart, lungs, muscles, blood flow and spirit through regular exercise. Under the leadership of Dr. Sheryl Lucas, Director of the Health Ministry, the exercise program exists to help you maintain healthy bodies which lead to healthier minds. Dr. Lucas reminds us that walking is a great way to exercise. It is free and only requires good support shoes and comfortable clothing. Outdoor walking is especially uplifting. You should walk indoors or loop around the house, if weather is inclement. Remember, God requires us to

maintain earthly "temples" as part of our worship. Watch the *Spirit* for announcements of the new exercise class to begin in January. For more information on the exercise program, contact Dr. Sheryl Lucas (202/ 210-1932 or at [Sheryl.e.Lucas@gmail.com](mailto:Sheryl.e.Lucas@gmail.com).)

## Church School Lessons *At-A-Glance*

### The Promised Birth Fulfilled

December 6 (Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1-6) **The Lineage of David** – Matthew 1:1-6 provides a partial summary of the ancestry of Jesus, who is a descendant of Abraham. God blessed the family of Boaz and Ruth with a son who also became one of Jesus' ancestors. Ruth is an example of someone who became a follower of God.

December 13 (Isaiah 7:13-17; Luke 1:30-48) **Prophets Foreshadow Messiah's Birth** – Isaiah foretold the birth of Immanuel (Emmanuel). The angel Gabriel brought good news to Mary and told her that she would give birth to a holy child who would be called "Son of God". The angel also told Mary that Elizabeth was with child in her old age.

December 20 – **Church School Christmas Program**

*"The Gifts of Christmas"*

9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

December 27 (Matthew 2:7-9, 16-23) **Magi Confirm Messiah's Birth** – King Herod inquired of the Wise Men where the king of the Jews had been born. The Magi searched for Jesus by following the bright star. When they found Jesus, they concluded that He was worth seeking.

## Wi-Fi Cafe Walk-in Clinic

The December 5 Wi-Fi Session has been **cancelled**. We will see you next year on January 2, 2010 just in time to learn how to use all your new "toys."

The Technology Committee wishes to thank you for your continued support; and hope that you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

