

The Shiloh Spirit



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Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

On this Sunday in which we celebrate our veterans, we welcome the Reverend James Key, Chaplain (Captain) in the United States Army at Arlington National Cemetery and Pastor of Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service, Fort Belvoir, VA as our guest preacher. Biographical information may be found in today's Spirit. We look forward to receiving the message God has given him to bring to us.

Veteran's Sunday is a very special day in the life of our church. We are indebted to the men and women who have served faithfully at home or abroad. As we know, there is a raging debate in the nation about the extent to which we should or should not expand troops in Afghanistan. Understandably opinions are varied. We may not always agree as to the wars we feel we should or should not fight. We are, however, completely in agreement that those who fight command our utmost and unequivocal support for their sacrifices. We will always be completely supportive of those men and women who put themselves in harm's way to preserve our freedoms.

The lives of those who serve are complex and arduous. Often these soldiers spend months and years away from home, in foreign lands and in harm's way. Judge Robert Rigsby, who just returned from Afghanistan, testified to his extreme loneliness and the daunting task of not being able to clearly communicate back home what he felt and experienced. The attacks were real, as were the feelings of threat and anxiety. One never knew from day to day the times or places where danger would strike. Judge Rigsby poignantly testified last Sunday that although he had grown up a Christian believer, this experience deepened his prayer life and his walk with God.

We salute our veterans and wish them God's speed for their sacrifices and for their commitment to God and country.

Many thanks to Captain Charles Smith and the Veteran's committee for providing a meaningful and touching service on this Veteran's Day Sunday.

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Sunday, November 8, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

November 15:

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-15; Mark 13:1-8

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 Fellowship Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, November 8, 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
Adah Circle Meeting.....	RBC#1/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	HHC/FLC
Calvary Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Golden Rule Circle Meeting	RBC#2/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Mount Sinai Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Ruth Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Unity Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Youth Council Meeting.....	Mezzanine/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC

Monday, November 9, 2009

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	216/FLC
10:00 - Ministers Meeting.....	Turner Conference Room
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
5:00 - Debutante Committee Meeting.....	216/FLC
5:30 - Messiah Committee Chairs Meeting	Ushers' Room
6:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Brotherhood of Shiloh Men Meeting.....	208/FLC
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

**Veterans Day
Administrative Office and Family Life Center Facilities Closed**

Thursday, November 12, 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	Sanctuary
7:00 - Bible Institute	Sanctuary

The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study

Friday, November 13, 2009 - No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 14, 2009

10:00 - Village Council Meeting	TF/FLC
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting	216/FLC
10:30 - Gideon Circle Meeting	208/FLC
11:00 - Deaconess Board Meeting	LL/FLC
11:00 - Step Team Practice	Choir Room
11:00 - Messiah Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12:00 - Debutante Get Acquainted Tea	HH/FLC
2:00 - Youth Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
2:00 - New Generation Dancers	RBC#1/FLC

Sunday, November 15, 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 Workshop (9:30 a.m.)	Deacons' Room
Antioch Circle Meeting	RBC#1/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting	RBC#2/FLC
Helping Hand Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Kings' Messengers Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Social Reapers Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting	216/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Cheryl Walker Cameron – Faith Circle
Phillip Thomas Brent Cameron, Sr – Faith Circle
Deborah Lynn Smith – Faith Circle

Thank You Notes

To Pastor Smith, the Board of Deacons, the church office staff, Helping Hand Circle, the Ushers, Mr. Thomas Tyler & the Shiloh Gospel Choir, Shiloh Investment Club #2 and my entire church family: Thank you for your care and concern at the passing of my mother-in-law, Annie E. Alston. We were very close. I cannot thank you enough for the heartfelt words of love and comfort from my church that were read during the funeral service and all other precious acts of kindness and sympathy that you showed me and my family during that difficult time. We are so grateful. Our prayer is that God bless you for having been such a blessing to us.

Pozella Nixon

Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, Rev. Robert Felton, and my Shiloh family- the Henderson Family would like to thank you for your sympathy and support following the recent passing of our aunt, Ms. Parthenia Morton. During times of sorrow we learn how much our friends mean to us. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you again Shiloh and may God continue to bless each of you.

George W. Henderson and Family

Pastor Smith, Deacons, Antioch Circle, Shiloh family and friends – we sincerely wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the prayers, kind deeds and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the loss of our mother, Dorothy Roscoe. Again, many thanks and may God continue to bless each of you.

Mark and Victoria Roscoe

Reverend Smith, Reverend Felton, Reverend Mensah, Ministerial staff, Omega Circle and my beloved Shiloh Family – the Pirtle family would like to express sincere gratitude for your prayers, cards, telephone calls and other expressions of sympathy, care and concern in the loss of my brother, James Edward. I especially appreciated your collective prayers for traveling mercies as we flew to and from Sea Side, California for his homegoing. Your thoughtfulness was a source of deep comfort to me at this difficult time and I ask that you continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. Again, many thanks. May God richly bless you.

Deaconess Lois Pirtle

Thanks to Pastor Smith, the Ministerial staff, Officers, Unity Circle and my entire Shiloh family for the prayers, cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy shown during the passing of my son, Duane. I have experienced God's love through each of you. I pray that God will continue to bless you.

Carl F. Younger

I am most grateful to Reverend and Mrs. Smith and all who sent me cards, gave me gifts and made calls to me on my 92nd birthday. To God be the glory.

Deaconess Elsie P. Wallace

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to JoAnne Beasley (Shiloh Circle) in the loss of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Beasley; the family of Dr. Luther Robinson (Gideon Circle) and the family of Marie Johnson (Progressive Circle).

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

November 12Berean & Bethel Circles
November 19Calvary & Dorcas Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

November 8Fellowship Circle
November 15Friendly Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

November 8Antioch Circle
November 15Berean Circle

From Our Ministries....

Church School Lessons

At-A-Glance

The New Covenant Community

November 15 – A Suffering People (1 Peter 4:12-19) Peter teaches how Christians are to respond when they suffer for the sake of the Gospel. Life tests us in many ways. How are we to respond to the trials and sufferings that come our way? Peter believed that those who suffer as Christians are to rejoice as they follow Christ, even as the apostles did when they were arrested for teaching people about Jesus.

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.

From Our Deaconesses.....

I Really Do Mean What I Say!

May God bless you

Is there something I can do for you?

Really was happy to see you today

Ready, willing and able to stand by you

Offering you my prayers and love

Repeat kindness, until it becomes habit

Bible Institute Series 2009-2010

The Lectionary Link: The Power of STUDY

1st Thursdays

Teaching: Pastor Wallace Charles Smith
Leadership Challenge: Ministers, Deacons, Trustees & Senior Choir

2nd Thursdays

Teaching: Reverend George Mensah
Leadership Challenge: Deaconesses, Circle Leaders & Ushers

3rd Thursdays

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

4th Thursdays

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

"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 8 – Unit #2 Serves

Thursday, November 12 – Unit 2 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise; Bible Institute

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.

The Art Show & Auction will be held in Heritage Hall at 2 pm, immediately following the Shiloh Debutante Program Get Acquainted Tea. It will include an art sale from 2 pm to 7 pm, a silent auction from 2 pm to 4 pm, a live auction from 4 pm to 6 pm and a second silent auction from 4 pm to 6 pm. The Art Show & Auction Fundraiser is free and open to the public. Donations and proceeds received will be used to defray the costs of the event and to support the community outreach programs of the Family Life Center Foundation. All are invited to attend and participate for as long as you desire and your schedule permits. For more information, please call Lorraine Holmes-Settles, Family Life Center Foundation Executive Director (202-713-7011 or 202-232-4288 ext. 21) or Keith Anderson (202-257-7682). We hope you will join us and help make the 27th Anniversary celebration of the Family Life Center Foundation a great success.

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).

FLCF Art Show and Auction Fundraiser

The Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation will celebrate its 27th Anniversary on Saturday, November 14, 2009 with its First Annual Art Show and Auction Fundraiser. The Art Show & Auction Fundraiser will be presented by *Overdue Recognition Art Gallery of Bowie, Maryland* and feature original fine art, collectables, sculptures, memorabilia and more, at a variety of price points. On display will be the work of such artists as Anthony Armstrong, Charles Bibb, Elizabeth Catlett, Joseph Holston, The Twin, Michael and Lisa Hansel, Alonzo Adams, Larry Saxton to name a few.

Community Outreach Ministry Recognition

November is Community Outreach Ministry Month at Shiloh. The Community Outreach Ministry is committed to providing assistance, counseling and other services that enhance the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of those in need. All Shiloh members are encouraged to volunteer toward achieving the successful outreach of the Community Outreach Ministries.

Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry

Jesus said, “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...*” (Matthew 5:6). The members of the Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry share the concerns of Amos, the Old Testament minor prophet and humble shepherd, whose message, “*Let justice roll down as waters and righteousness like a mighty stream*” was repeated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King also felt that religion must lead to social justice and complacency should never slow the pursuit thereof. The Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry also share the feelings of the prophet Habakkuk who said, “*The law has become paralyzed and there is no justice in the courts*” (Habakkuk 1:4). The Frontiers for Social Justice works diligently to change laws and practices as they promote social justice. In the past, the ministry has launched voter registration drives, provided transportation to voting polls, organized marches and protests, circulated petitions and formed coalitions with other city groups to fight injustice. Recently, the Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry introduced a drop-out prevention initiative and ideas for a vocational education program to DC Schools Chancellor, Michelle Rhee and officials at five high schools. In facilitating a lower drop-out rate, the Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry believes they will help reduce violence and enhance social justice. More volunteers and members are needed. For more information to join the Frontiers for Social Justice Ministry, contact Wilbert Holcomb (301/593-1989) or jholcomb20901@yahoo.com.



The Nurses Unit

Those who have been overcome with grief at a funeral or ill while in church know firsthand the comfort and first-aid administered by the Shiloh nurses. Organized by the Usher Board in 1900, the Nurses Unit was characterized in the early years as a caring, comforting and consoling unit. Leaders such as Margaret Murphy (first president) and Marie Hall (vice president) were exemplary in making Shiloh's nurses notable for their mentoring and professionalism. Under the leadership of Helen Shepherd (second president) a first aid room was donated by the church and furnished by faithful friends and members. In 1937, a medical advisor was added to the Nurses Unit. During World War II, the first aid room was equipped for any emergency that could occur. Shortly after the first aid room was moved to the Education Building, a wheel chair was donated in memory of deceased members of the Nurses Unit. Generous in giving their energy, empathy and encouragement, the nurses also assist in all of Shiloh's financial endeavors. Under the leadership of Delois Johnson (President), Deaconess Minnie McCall (Vice President) and Shirley Coleman (Second Vice President), the nurses continue this exemplary legacy of humility and service. With the assistance of medical advisor, Dr. Rochelle Hardy, the nurses seek to build on their rich history of love, faithfulness and dedication. Their future will only be enhanced however, if they secure the services of several more new nurses. We encourage women, men and teens to join the Nurses Unit. No experience is necessary. Anyone interested may contact Delois Johnson (301/203-5580). Training in CPR and first aid will be provided to all new nurses. The Nurses Unit meets every other month.

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) or any member of the Gospel Choir.

NAACP Forum

The Washington, DC Branch of the NAACP will host a forum entitled: the Future of the District of Columbia Public Schools, featuring Ms. Kaya Henderson, Deputy Chancellor of DCPS and George Parker, President Washington Teachers Union. The forum will be an opportunity for citizens to have a fuller understanding of the priorities for reform of the system. The forum will focus on what individual citizens and groups can do to have a positive impact upon the education of D.C. public school students. The forum is free and open to the public.

The forum will be held at:

Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Street, NE
November 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.

All NAACP Branch meetings are open to the public.

Announcing *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

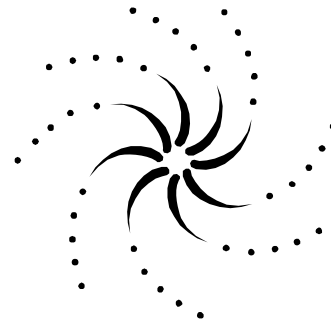
community of people who provide a safe place for you to continue to grieve and to open up to feelings that might still be locked inside of you.

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 the earth" (Psalm
121, NRSV)*

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Samuel N. Burroughs who was asked to throw a ceremonial pitch representing the Military services on July 4, 2009 for the Washington Nationals.

