

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

Yesterday at our Leadership Retreat, we looked at the ways in which each of us can examine himself or herself and work on the church theme for the year, *Deepening Our Spirituality*.

Spirituality is like apple pie or motherhood. No one would go on record as wanting to be less spiritual. However, as we discussed in last week's sermon, neglect and distractions are two of the primary ways by which our spiritual lives become shallow and unproductive.

Spirituality is not some fuzzy anomalous matter. It is the practical way by which people of faith enter into the presence of the Lord. Regular Bible study is fundamental to deepened spirituality. This means more than just reading portions of scripture, but entering into sincere, rigorous study of God's Word. In that vein, we encourage all Shiloh members to make regular attendance at week day Bible Study and on Sunday priorities of our lives.

The other pillars of spirituality are prayer and meditation. Just as we carry Blackberries and iPhones and use them to make business appointments, we should be vigilant about appointments with God where we are not multi-tasking but focusing on God and God alone. These should be times when the radio and television are turned off, the texting and twittering silent and the only goal of the moment is feeling and experiencing God's presence.

Remember, spirituality is not an amorphous approach to life. It is anchored by our responsibility for our words, actions and deeds, and our accountability to each other and to God for the results of everything we say and do. This year will be a great time in the life of our church as we work as a family on ways we individually and collectively can deepen our spirituality.

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Sunday, October 11, 2009

### Reading Through The Bible

**October 18:**

*Job 38:1-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45*

**October 25:**

*Job 42:1-17; Psalm 34:1-22; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52*

**Joint Board Meeting**  
October 27 – 6:30 p.m.

**Church Meeting**  
October 28 – 7:00 p.m.

New Members Received by  
Eula Mae Harrison Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, October 11, 2009**

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
DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
Adah Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting .....	216/FLC
Calvary Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Ruth Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Youth Leaders Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Installation Service for Reverend Justus Reeves (3:30 p.m.).....	2400 Banning Place, Hyattsville, MD

## **Monday, October 12, 2009**

***Columbus Day -Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Closed***

## **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

10:00 - Ministers Meeting.....	Administration Building
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FC
5:30 - Debutante Committee Meeting.....	216/FLC
5:30 - Messiah Committee Chairs Meeting .....	Ushers' Room
6:00 - FLCF Discussion Group.....	208/FLC
6:00 - Veterans Recognition Committee Meeting.....	LL/FLC
6:30 - Children's Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

12:00 - DC Christian Federal Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FLC
6:00 - ITC Parliamentary Training Session .....	HHS/FLC
6:00 - Nominating Committee Meeting .....	Library/FLC
6:00 - SAT Prep Class.....	216/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

7:00 - Yoga Class..... LL/FLC  
 7:00 - **ALANON Family Matters Meeting** ..... 208/FLC

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class..... HH/FLC  
 1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....Sanctuary  
 4:00 - Male Youth Advancement Program ..... Gym/FLC  
 6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service.....Sanctuary  
 7:00 - Bible Institute .....Sanctuary

**Friday, October 16, 2009 - No Activities Scheduled**

**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

9:00 - HBCU Council SAT & College Prep Workshop..... HH/FLC  
 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 - Step Team Practice ..... Choir Room  
 11:00 - Messiah Rehearsal - Men .....Sanctuary  
 12:00 - Missions Fellowship Meal..... LL/FLC  
 2:00 - Youth Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room  
 2:00 - New Generation Praise Dancers ..... RBC/FLC

**Sunday, October 18, 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  
 Guest Hospitality ..... TF/FLC  
 Antioch Circle Meeting..... COH/FLC  
 Dorcas Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
 Ever Ready Circle Meeting..... Gym/FLC  
 Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting ..... Library/FLC  
 Grace Circle Meeting..... RBC#2  
 Haggai Circle Meeting..... Gym/FLC  
 Helping Hand Circle Meeting..... 216/FLC  
 Olivet Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
 King's Messengers Circle Meeting..... LL/FLC  
 Pilgrim Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
 Shiloh Circle Meeting..... RBC#1  
 Social Reapers Circle Meeting..... HHN/FLC  
 Victory Circle Meeting ..... 208/FLC

# Discipleship News

## *Circles Receiving New Members*

October 11 .....Eula Mae Harrison Circle  
October 18 .....Ever Ready Circle  
October 25 .....Excelsior Circle

## **Welcome New Members**

Kartumu Precious Jones – Dorcas Circle  
Willie Bodrick II – Dorcas Circle  
Mose Hogan – Dorcas Circle  
Kenneth Alphonso Mitchell – Dorcas Circle  
Jennifer Danielle Owens – Dorcas Circle  
Felicia Devonnie Raines – Dorcas Circle  
Rahiel Tesfamarian – Dorcas Circle  
Jeanette Walker – Dorcas Circle

## *Circles Serving Breakfast*

October 11 .....Victory Circle  
October 18 .....Willing Workers Circle  
October 25 .....Adah Circle

## **Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carl Younger (Unity Circle) in the loss of his son, Duane Younger; Jarvis Stewart (Eula Mae Harrison Circle) in the loss of his father, Rayfield Stewart; Catherine (Cathy) Brown (Fellowship Circle) in the loss of her aunt, Thelma Hines; Catherine Goodloe (Berean Circle) in the loss of her nephew, Jeffrey Waddy; Donna P. Wood (Berean Circle) in the loss of her sister, April Tomorrow Wood and David Smith (Grace Circle) in the loss of his mother, Theresa Thomas.

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

### **An Open Invitation to Covenant Living**

## **Thank You Notes**

Pastor Smith, Reverend Mensah, Friendly Circle, the Nurses Unit and the entire Shiloh family – the Levy/Starks family graciously appreciates your prayers, phone calls, gifts and expressions of concern during the bereavement of my husband/son-in-law. God bless all of you.

Levy/Starks Family

To Pastor Wallace Charles Smith, Ministerial Staff, my Shiloh family and friends – I wish to thank each of you for the love, kindness, prayers and concern shown to me and my family during the passing of my daughter, Claudia Huntley. My Omega Circle family, ushers and YACS, you were by my side. I love each of you in a special way. Death is a difficult task to bear but with people like you praying for me, I will make it.

Betty Johnson

Dear Reverend Smith – A very special thanks to you, the officers and members of Shiloh Baptist Church for your spiritual concern, compassion, prayers and love gift in the amount of \$4,185.20. I am most appreciative and my heart is humbled. I know that God's guiding light of love will continue to shine on Shiloh as we move forward in our healing. We will walk in faith and love together. Please continue to pray for me. Likewise, my prayers are continuous for each of you. Blessings, Peace and Love,

Mary E. Ivey

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

October 15 ..... Sunshine Youth & Torch Bearers Circles  
October 22 ..... Unity & Victory Circles  
October 29 .....Willing Workers & Adah Circles

**October 18 – Begging to Get In** (Mark 7:24-30) Jesus encountered a Gentile who believed that He could heal her daughter who was possessed by an unclean spirit. Though Jesus challenged her, the woman persisted in her faith. We are sometimes astonished by the faith and tenacity that people exhibit. What motivates people to maintain such an attitude? The woman of Syrophenicia believed that Jesus could heal her daughter, so she persisted despite Jesus' challenging questions.

**October 25 – Opting Out!** (Mark 10:17-31) A rich young man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus instructed the young man to sell all that he had, give to the poor, and follow Him. The young man was unwilling to do so and went away sad. People wonder whether eternal life exists and how they may obtain it. What leads to eternal life? Jesus teaches that to become true followers and inherit the gift of eternal life, we must submit ourselves wholly (completely) to God.

## **The New Covenant Community**

**November 1 – A Holy People** (1 Peter 1:13-25) Peter teaches us to have holiness modeled after God's holiness. The world is a sordid place where people try to step up and over others in order to get ahead. Why, then, should we want to become holy people? Peter's first letter says that God's people should be holy because God is holy.

## 2010 Pastor's Anniversary Committee

The Pastor's Anniversary Committee is seeking members for next year's celebration. We will celebrate the Pastor's 19th Anniversary during the 3rd week in July, 12 - 18, 2010. Please contact: Alice, Warren & Yvonne at 301/559-5030 or [sbc19thpac@gmail.com](mailto:sbc19thpac@gmail.com)

## October is Stewardship Month

As we culminate the celebration of our 146<sup>th</sup> church anniversary and embark upon the new church year we are thankful to God for all of his blessings. October is Stewardship month, which begins with a word from our Deaconess Board. We pray for our deaconesses as they guide and prepare us for our *Spiritual Walk with God*.

### The ABC's of Daily Living

All things work for good, thru God who strengthens me

Be still, and know that I am God

Create in me a clean spirit

Do good by your fellowman

Each and every day, I give God praise and thanksgiving

Forever keep your eyes looking towards the heavens

Great is Thou faithfulness. God never stops with the why,  
God moves on the how

He is God all by himself

I keep my mind stayed on the gifts He gives me each day  
If your work in life is humble, don't apologize for it

Just as I am, I open up my heart

Kindred spirits attract each other

Love is the greatest of all gifts  
Learn to see God in all persons of whatever race or creed

Me, myself and I are in love with the Master

Nobody can do me like Jesus

Opportunities come and go, don't miss one – say "I love you"  
Our future is good because it is already going on in the mind  
of God

Pause, be still and find out what God has to say to you today

Quiet time is yours, seize it

Repeat your affirmations each day; they become a part of your  
daily living

Soul searching, look at the person in the mirror and change his  
ways

Time waits on none of us, use it for good

Unselfish gestures will always help someone else, love  
somebody

Victory is mine!!

With God, I can do anything

With God, you can take a whole lot of nothing and make  
something

When God is working with you, you cannot fail

Xenodochial will become a part of my vocabulary, hospitable,  
kindly to strangers

Yes! I declare the name of Jesus just as I breathe

Zoom all the way in – God has a Blessing for you today!!!!

*With Blessings - the Deaconess Board of Shiloh*

## Claim The Victory Numbers for September

This past Sunday we did not have the Claim The Victory numbers for the month of September but we promised to report on them in the Spirit as soon as they were available. We are happy to report that we collected \$25,461.57. This amount is less than the amount we collected in September of 2008 (\$27,272) and less than the previous five year average for the month of September (\$27,469). Be not dismayed! We know that God is still on the throne and He will see us through. We thank each of you who contributed for your dedication and we urge others to join in and participate in this campaign to eliminate our mortgage.

Abundant Blessings,  
George & Rochelle Hardy

## From Our Ministries.....

# VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Shiloh military veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored at our seventh observance of Veterans Recognition Sunday on Sunday, November 8, for their many contributions and sacrifices to our Nation. The theme for this year's observance is *Honoring Those Who Served*.

Shiloh has invited Captain James D. Key, U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, as our guest preacher at worship services at 7:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Captain Key serves as chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery, Pastor of Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Services, Fort Belvoir, VA and is a columnist for USA Today.

The Veterans Recognition Sunday Committee will host a clothing drive to support active military, veterans and their families on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, (8:00 a.m. – Noon) and on Veterans Recognition Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (7:00 a.m. – Noon) at the Event Center. Please do not drop off clothing at times other than those already indicated. The need to support our service personnel and their families has never been greater and we hope that you will donate your gently-used clean clothing of any kind to our drive. Donations received will be picked up by AMVETS (American Veterans) and delivered to veterans' homeless shelters, hospitals, thrift stores that directly benefit our wounded and transitioning warriors. In times like these, it is more important than ever that we extend to others just a small portion of what God has blessed us with. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

The Veterans Recognition Sunday Committee also wants to acknowledge in particular the brave service of our nation's heroes who have served in harm's way in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you have a family member or friend who is currently serving in either theater of battle, has separated from military service but served in either theater of battle, or is deceased, please provide their names, ranks and area they served in to Ed Washington by October 15 at [washingtoneb@verizon.net](mailto:washingtoneb@verizon.net) or call 301/839-1624. God bless you all for helping us make this program a success.

## The Ushers' Corner October 2009

### Sunday, October 11 – Unit #5 Serves

3:30 p.m. Rev. Justus Reeves Installation –  
**ALL USHERS**  
United Christian Church Worldwide  
2400 Banning Place, Hyattsville, MD  
Pastor Smith, preaching

### Thursday, October 15

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

### Sunday, October 18 – Unit #6 Serves

3:30 p.m. Greater First Baptist Church – **ALL USHERS**  
2701 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC  
Pastor Smith, preaching

### Thursday, October 22

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise – Usher Board  
Leading

### Saturday, October 24

9 a.m. Ushers' Annual Prayer Breakfast  
Heritage Hall

### Sunday, October 25 – OFFICERS/ALL UNITS

Ushers' Anniversary

### Thursday, October 29

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

**For Training, call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks**  
(301) 499-0628

## Young Adult Ministry of Shiloh Serving You!!

Mark your calendars for the next legal seminar on Wills, Estates and Family Financial Planning on Thursday October 29th here at Shiloh. If you have been wondering:

- *How do I prepare a will? Why do I NEED a will? Will my belongings and assets go to my spouse?*
- *Who controls decisions about my health and money when I become ill?*
- *My parents are aging, how can I make sure their expenses are covered and house is in order?*

Then you should attend the seminar on Thursday Oct. 29 at 7pm in The Family Life Center. Sponsored by the Young Adults Ministry and the Christian Education Ministry. Flyers are available in the Event Center.

**Special Guests:** Legal Counsel for the Elderly's Office of the DC Long-Term Care Program

Come out and get FREE legal information. The Young Adults are doing FREE Law seminars every 5th Thursday in 2009. See you on October 29th for Wills, Estates and Family Financial Planning!

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 524



Boy Scout Troop 524 has 2009 White House Christmas Ornaments for you. To purchase one, two, three or more, please see one of the leaders or scouts to obtain one of these beautiful artifacts. It makes a great Christmas gift, a great ornament for your own tree or window as well as a collector's item. The

ornaments will be on sale for \$20. Look for us in the Event Center of the Family Life Center following the 10:55 service or to reserve one contact Gloria Bell, 301-341-9012 (h); 202/761-1822 (w). Please support the Boy Scouts in this endeavor. As always, thanks for your continued support.

## 95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL USHERS' DAY OBSERVANCE

During the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Shiloh General Usher Board will celebrate 95 years of outstanding usher service here at Shiloh Baptist Church. Activities include Prayer and Praise Service on Thursday, Ushers' Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, and Sunday Worship Services.

We are excited to announce that our guest speaker for the Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Ushers' Prayer Breakfast will be Dr. Nina Lyon Bennett, Acting Chair of the Department of Human Ecology at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Lyon Bennett attended Shiloh Baptist Church. Her mother, Susie B. Lyon, was a 50 year member of Shiloh and her father and sisters are also members of Shiloh.

The Ushers' Prayer Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Hall. In addition to Dr. Lyon Bennett's inspirational message, we will honor our ushers. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Charles Lowery at (202) 567-1000 or any unit captain.

Join us in welcoming Dr. Lyon Bennett back to Shiloh and in celebrating 95 years of usher service at Shiloh Baptist Church!!

## Claim The Victory Contribution

### In Memory of My Two Girls

*Mrs. Caroline G. Pettiford - Mother*  
*Mrs. Nettie Wallace - Mother-in-Law*

\$1,000.00  
Elsie Wallace

## Fellowship Opportunity

Join the Women's Ministry and Music Ministry of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church as they present African-American Christian Women Praising God Through Instruments on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Featured artists are: Dr. Audrey McCallum, Pianist; Evelyn Simpson Curenton, Pipe Organist; Dr. Sharon Strange, Harpist & Bell Ringer; and Dr. Gloria Thompson, Hammond Organist.

