

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

Congratulations to the HBCU Council for the outstanding worship service they presented to close our Black History month celebrations. We are particularly proud of Zuogwi Reeves and David Harris, our two scholarship recipients, whose exceptional achievements prove that young African American males can excel in academics while leading well balanced lives. We also are grateful for the new scholarship the Council will award next year in memory of Carolyn Harris. Carolyn was a faithful servant of God and this is surely a fitting memorial. We thank God for the HBCU Council and will pray for their continued effectiveness in doing God's work.

In the month of March we will commence our Thursday night Bible studies by discussing discipleship as a pathway to wisdom. The familiar text from Proverbs states, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Getting closer to God assists us in our abilities to discern, make sound decisions, and gain clarity about how best to utilize our gifts and skills for God.

One health care provider has a television commercial which ends with the song "I wish I knew then what I know now." Just about all of us can look back and recognize the times we made mistakes, pursued futile goals, turned down dead end streets. None of us can go back and undo that which was hurtful or harmful. However, by developing a closer walk with God we begin to sharpen our senses and strengthen our ability to feel what is the right thing to say or do in given circumstances. This ability is commonly referred to as discernment, and comes as a by-product of diligent discipleship.

Please join us Thursday at 7:30 pm as we learn together about wisdom and discipleship and its ability to make our lives better.

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Sunday, March 1, 2009

## Reading Through The Bible

### March 1:

Genesis 9:8-18; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

### March 8:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

New Members Received by  
Gideon Circle



# This Week at Shiloh



**Sunday, March 1, 2009**

## Holy Communion

Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....	Sanctuary
Nursery, Pre-K, Elementary & Upper Elementary Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class & Senior High Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....	TF/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.).....	COH/FLC
Youth Council Meeting.....	COJ/FLC
Youth & Elementary Sunshine Circle Meeting .....	RBC/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	HHS/FLC
Membership Update.....	HHS/FLC

### Monday, March 2, 2009

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
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### Tuesday, March 3, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
1:00 -Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:00 - Usher Board Executive Board Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 - General Usher Board Meeting .....	Ushers' Room
6:30 - Circle Leaders Council Meeting .....	HH/FLC
7:00 - <b>Tornado Taekwondo Class</b> .....	RBC/FLC
7:15 - Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

### Wednesday, March 4, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
11:45 - Mid-Week Bible Study.....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club.....	HH/FLC
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 - <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

### Thursday, March 5, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class .....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service.....	Sanctuary
7:15 - Bible Institute.....	Sanctuary

## Friday, March 6, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach ..... 216/FLC

## Saturday, March 7, 2009

9:30 - ITC Council #8 Meeting ..... LL/FLC  
10:00 - Investment Club #2 Meeting ..... Library/FLC  
10:00 - WiFi Techno Café ..... TF/FLC  
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting ..... 216/FLC  
11:00 - Shiloh Step Team Rehearsal ..... RBC/FLC  
1:00 - *Women's Fellowship Afternoon Tea* ..... O Street Mansion  
2:00 - New Generation of Praise Dancers ..... RBC/FLC

## Sunday, March 8, 2009

# *Baptism Women's Day*

Early Morning Prayer Service (8:00 a.m.) ..... Deacons' Room  
DCCF Credit Union ..... LL/FLC  
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.) ..... Deacons' Room  
Alpha Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Gym/FLC  
Caleb Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear  
E.L. Harrison Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... COH/FLC  
Ever Ready Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Library/FLC  
Excelsior Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Sanctuary/Center  
Genesis Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... RBC/FLC  
John A. Miles Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... 208/FLC  
Littlejohn Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Gym/FLC  
Silent Mission Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Gym/FLC  
Waldron/Gill Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Gym/FLC  
Walker Memorial Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... 216/FLC  
Young Adult Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Gym/FLC  
Nursery & Pre-K Classes (9:30 a.m.) ..... LLA&B/FLC  
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes (9:30 a.m.) ..... LL/FLC  
Jonathan Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... Sanctuary/Balcony  
Middle School Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... RBC/FLC  
Senior High Class (9:30 a.m.) ..... TF/FLC  
Guest Hospitality ..... TF/FLC  
*Berean Circle Meeting* ..... 216/FLC  
*Hill Climbers Circle Meeting* ..... Gym/FLC  
*Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting* ..... HHN/FLC  
*Phoebe Circle Meeting* ..... Gym/FLC  
*Unity Circle Meeting* ..... Gym/FLC  
*Queen Esther Circle Meeting* ..... COH/FLC  
Membership Update Session ..... HHS/FLC

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deaconess Audrey Harrison (Faith Circle) in the loss of her son, Vernon Harrison (Faith Circle); Deacon Vernon Oakes (Ruth Circle) in the loss of his brother, John Harvey Oakes, Sr., and Geormine Stanyard-Crawford (Haggai Circle) in the loss of her father, George D. Stanyard.

*Thank You*

*To the Shiloh Baptist Church Family – we want to thank all of you for allowing my family and friends to have the homegoing service for Aunt Mary (Daniel) at Shiloh. We especially thank Minister Bowen, Muriel Lewis, food service employees, ushers, deacons and Ruth Circle. God bless each and every one of you.*

*Charles & Leslie Daniel*

*Pastor Smith and the Shiloh Baptist Church Family – with humbled hearts, my son, Otis, Jr. and I offer our most sincere gratitude for the countless ways you supported and sustained us during the illness and subsequent passing of our darling wife and mother, Carolyn M. Harris. This kind generosity from good friends like you has been a great help to us during this tremendously difficult time in our lives. We are especially grateful to the Senior Choir, whom she dearly loved, Ruth Circle, and those of you who demonstrated and provided exceptional acts of kindness and devotion. We find comfort in knowing how fortunate we have been to know you. At such a time as this, the prayers, love and support of friends are absolutely invaluable; they help us to heal. So we ask for your continued prayers as we cope with the loss of our sweet, dearly beloved. From the depths of our hearts, thank you, Shiloh. May God forever bless you and keep you.*

*John O. Harris, Sr. & J. Otis Harris, Jr.*

## Circles Receiving New Members

March 1 .....Gideon Circle  
 March 8.....Golden Deed Circle  
 March 15.....Golden Rule Circle  
 March 22 .....Grace Circle  
 March 29 .....Haggai Circle

## Circles Serving Breakfast

March 1 .....Dorcas Circle  
 March 8.....Eula Mae Harrison Circle  
 March 15.....Ever Ready Circle  
 March 22.....Excelsior Circle  
 March 29.....Faith Circle

## Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

*(Thursday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.)*

March 5.....Gideon & Golden Deed Circles  
 March 12 .....Golden Rule & Grace Circles  
 March 19.....Haggai & Helping Hand Circles  
 March 26.....Hill Climbers & Hope Circles

## Membership Database Update

We thank our Shiloh members for working so well with us as we have worked to update our Shiloh membership database. During the month of March, we hope to update all the members who have not submitted information to-date. For the first Sunday, there will be only one session after church until 2:00 pm. All other Sundays we will have two sessions: the first from 9:30 am to 10:30 and the second from after church until 2:00 pm. The location is always Heritage Hall South unless you hear otherwise. Thank you.

### Shiloh Mutual Aid Society Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
6:00 pm**

Room 216 – Family Life Center

## The Ushers' Corner March 2009

For training call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks  
(301/499-0628)

Sunday, March 1 – Unit #2 Serves  
Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3 – Usher Board Meetings  
6:00 p.m. – Executive Board  
7:00 p.m. - General Board

Thursday, March 5  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service Unit #2  
Serves  
Bible Institute

Sunday, March 8 – Unit #4 Serves  
Women's Day  
Reverend Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller

Thursday, March 12  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#4  
Bible Institute

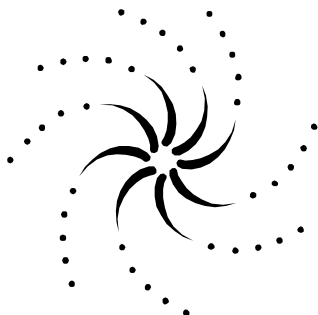
Sunday, March 15 – Unit #5 Serves

Thursday, March 19  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#5 Serves  
Bible Institute

Sunday, March 22 – Unit #6 Serves

Thursday, March 26  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#6 Serves  
Bible Institute

Sunday, March 29 – Unit #1 Serves



## 9<sup>th</sup> & P News

All children and youth between the ages of 5- 18 are invited to attend Youth Church Service today at 10:15 am in the Chapel of Hope. Following the service, the Elementary and Youth Sunshine Circles will meet.

### WHAT'S NEW?

The Male Youth Project is finalizing plans for the college & career fair that will be held on Saturday, March 14 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help, meetings are held on Sundays after the 10:55 am worship service and on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Male Youth Project office in the gym. High school seniors if you have not made plans for after high school you will want to attend this fair. This year's theme is, "You Make the Change". Bring lots of copies of your high school transcript, letters of recommendation and ACT/SAT Scores. If you have questions contact Gerard Bingham at [gobingham@verizon.net](mailto:gobingham@verizon.net) or Quentin Stubbs at [gas2101@yahoo.com](mailto:gas2101@yahoo.com).

Also coming soon is the Kaplan SAT practice test and Kaplan taught SAT Prep Class. If you are a high school student you should plan to take the practice test. If you are a high school sophomore or junior you should make plans to enroll in the 6 week course. Stay tuned to the *Spirit* for additional details. Please contact Zenobia Bingham for additional information at [zeebingham@verizon.net](mailto:zeebingham@verizon.net).

### *The Women's Ministry at Shiloh*

On Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., we will once again join with the Women in Prayer Ministry for fasting, prayer and praise as part of the annual celebration of Women's History Month. We invite you to join us as we pray for children, families, the military, our leaders and churches. We believe that prayer changes things and through prayer we can individually and collectively be change agents for Christ.

Women, men, children and youth are invited to attend. You are encouraged to fast on Friday evening (as your health permits). There will be a light repast following the service. Please come – our worship experience will be enhanced by your presence. If you have questions or need more information please call Thelma Pugh (202/232-1430) or Hazel Bland Thomas (202/491-9245).

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints*

Ephesians 6:18

# Women's Day Celebration

March 7 & 8, 2009

**THE CHRISTIAN PEARL....**Like a pearl Christian women are both beautiful and strong. Like the pearl our beauty and strength come from the protection we received. Just like a pearl that begins as an undesirable piece of grit or other foreign substance that embeds itself in a clam, we as women are born with the grit of sin, but we learn to embed ourselves in God's love. While embedded in the clam, the undesirable grit receives several layers of covering that ultimately becomes a beautiful pearl. As sinners each day we receive God's love which provides us with wisdom, mercy and grace, these entities protect us so we ultimately become the beautiful women God intended us to be. Thus we are requesting that you show your acknowledgement of God's love and the beauty you possess by wearing pearls (earrings, necklace or bracelet, etc) to each of the Women's Day events.

**Women's Fellowship Afternoon Tea  
O Street Mansion  
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

❖ **SOLD OUT** ❖

**Sunday, March 8, 2009  
Women's Day at Shiloh Baptist  
Church**

*Reverend Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller*  
7:45 & 10:55 a.m. Worship Services



**Don't Forget.....  
Wear Your Pearls**

## The Best Experience of Our Lives

Our trip to Washington, DC for the historic Inauguration of President Barack Obama was truly a blessing, one that only God could have planned for our lives. We thank God for being so good to us, and we thank our aunt, Dr. Sharon Parker, for being so gracious to make it possible for us to celebrate the Inauguration in DC and not far away in our homes. Being In Washington made it very special and more real.



On Tuesday, January 20, 2008, we stood on Capitol Hill and saw for ourselves Barack Obama become the first African American President of the United States of America. This was a big deal for us, but we also know that this was an even bigger deal for African Americans who came before us. It was our most memorable moment of the entire trip, although we had a great time at the Shiloh Inaugural Ball and the other activities our aunt had planned for us! It was also a treat to hear Congressman John Lewis speak at Shiloh Baptist Church. We did not know who he was before then; we did not know he fought for civil rights with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But since then, we have been following him in the news and are proud to be able to recognize him and understand what he did for civil rights. We had a lot of fun, but the trip was also very educational. Although we are young, what we witnessed and experienced in Washington, DC was meaningful and life-changing events.

*Ashley N. Harris, Joseph M. Furman, Jr., Alexis G. Parker, Brianna M. Webster, Ricardo A. Centeno, Jr.*



# *Claim The Victory Campaign Contribution*

**In Fond and Loving Memory of  
a Sweet Angel**

*Carolyn M. Harris*

**Family & Friends - \$1,800.00**

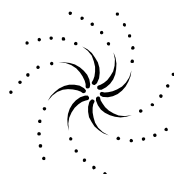
## **HBCU Carolyn M. Harris Scholarship Fund Contributions**

*Remembering A Cherished Loved  
One*

Members and Friends of the Senior Choir  
who traveled to Powhatan, Virginia for  
Carolyn's Committal  
\$600.00

Diane P.W. Barker  
Susan E. Bracey  
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LaDora A. Cobb  
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Lula Mundy Sanderlin  
Iris F. Saunders  
Hazel Bland Thomas  
Grace M. Toler  
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## **When I Walk With Jesus**

When I walk with Jesus,  
This much is clear,  
I feel He is with me,  
I am sure He is near.

When I walk with Jesus,  
This much I know,  
He walks beside me  
Wherever I go.

When I walk with Jesus,  
All fear tends to cease.  
Just having Him with me  
Gives me perfect peace.

When I walk with Jesus,  
It makes me feel fine.  
Knowing He is there  
Makes me walk a straight line.

When I walk with Jesus,  
I do not have to wait.  
Whenever I need Him,  
He is never late.

When I walk with Jesus,  
He makes me shout.  
He gives me answers  
When I am filled with doubt.

When I walk with Jesus,  
I am never alone.  
He sends down His love  
From His Heavenly throne.

When I walk with Jesus,  
He is more than a friend.  
His holy guidance  
Will last until the end.

When I walk with Jesus,  
I hope all will see,  
The life that I live  
Shows that He walks with me.

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**Whatever God Gives You Is Enough**