

The Shiloh Spirit



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Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

On this Mother's Day Sunday, our attention is drawn to both contemporary women in the Bible whose imprint on their families and communities substantially impacted the course of human history.

Deborah was a judge of Israel. God spoke to her and encouraged her to lead a revolt against the brutal, repressive Canaanites. When she spoke to General Barak, we can only assume he expressed reluctance at the size and scope of such an undertaking because he told Deborah that he would only go if she would go with him. Deborah pledged that she would stand shoulder to shoulder with him as they faced the enormous task. With Barak by her side Israel triumphed. In the history of our faith, women have worked together with men. They have been led by God to preach and teach about the awesome might and majesty of God's will.

Much has been written about Mary Magdalene and her role in the formation of the church. Although she was not one of the Twelve, she displayed uncompromising courage after the resurrection, being the first at Jesus' grave, the first to witness the empty tomb and the first to have a conversation with the risen Savior. Although the male disciples thought her tale of Jesus' resurrection to be "fanciful", unflinchingly she told the disciples what she had seen and refused to allow their reluctance to deter her in her joy. She holds the distinction of being the first to witness that the crucifixion had not thwarted the will of God.

The Bible speaks continually and consistently about the ways God works through women and men to accomplish God's purposes.

In our own era, faithful women have continued to stand beside men in the quest for societal justice and fairness. Through slavery African American women endured the lash; in Reconstruction they founded mission societies. Through a Great Depression and countless recessions they took in laundry, scrubbed floors, sewed or worked the fields to assist in putting bread on their family's tables. African American women never enjoyed the luxury of being placed on pedestals. They lived in the trenches alongside their men and they kept faith and hope alive in their families.

Mothers have faced extraordinary challenges. All have not been stellar icons. The pressures of economics have turned some women to drugs, prostitution and other illegalities. Everyone does not have warm fuzzy recollections of their mothers. However, as a church we salute all women/mothers, regardless of mistakes they might have made. Our world is what it is today because of the effects of women who rose above abuse, poverty, and unjust laws to do their very best to make a difference in this world.

A special Church meeting will be held immediately following the 10:55 am Worship Service today to vote on the ordination requests from Minister NaKeisha Sylver and Minister Adam Taylor.

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Sunday, May 10, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

May 17

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

New Members Received by
Naomi Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Mother's Day

All Church School Classes Begin at 9:30 a.m.

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
Caleb Church School Class.....	Sanctuary/P Street Side
E.L. Harrison Sunday School Class.....	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Sunday School Class.....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Sunday School Class.....	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Sunday School Class.....	208/FLC
Littlejohn Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Sunday School Class.....	216/FLC
Young Adult Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Sunday School Class.....	LL-A&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Sunday School Classes.....	LL/FLC
Middle School Sunday School Class.....	RBC/FLC
Senior High Sunday School Class.....	TF/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Guest Hospitality.....	TF/FLC

Monday, May 11, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
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Tuesday, May 12, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	HH/FLC
7:00 - Tornado Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
7:15 - Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

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

Thursday, May 14, 2009

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

Friday, May 15, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
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Saturday, May 16, 2009

10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting.....	216/FLC
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting.....	Turner Conference Room
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting.....	Library/FLC
11:00 – Church Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	COH/FLC
11:00 – Shiloh Step Team Rehearsal.....	RBC/FLC
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal.....	LL/FLC
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers.....	RBC/FLC

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Youth & Young Adult Emphasis

All Church School Classes Begin at 9:30 a.m.

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
Caleb Church School Class.....	Sanctuary/P Street Side
E.L. Harrison Sunday School Class.....	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Sunday School Class.....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Sunday School Class.....	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Sunday School Class.....	208/FLC
Littlejohn Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Sunday School Class.....	216/FLC
Young Adult Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Sunday School Class.....	LL-A&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Sunday School Classes.....	LL/FLC
Middle School Sunday School Class.....	RBC/FLC
Senior High Sunday School Class.....	TF/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Deacon's Room
Thompson Reception.....	Gym/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Helping Hand Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Eagle Scout Ceremony (2:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Reception Immediately Following Ceremony – HH/FLC

Thank You

The Business and Professional women are deeply grateful for the superb service they received on their Annual Founders Day Observance on April 18, 2009. Ms. Mattie and her food service staff rendered excellent service. The food was tasty and hot. Mr. Rufus Locks and Mr. Camilo and the staff at the front desk were so courteous and excellent with their splendid service. A special thank you is extended to Ms. Muriel Lewis and Mrs. Sarah Jackson for their patience and service to our organization. Ashley Gourdine, who is a member of Shiloh, received her fourth scholarship from the Business and Professional Women. Thanks to everyone who helped to make our program a great success.

Euna L.J. Smith

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deaconess Carolyn Reuben Prioleau (Pilgrim Circle) in the loss of her sister, Dr. Isabel Reuben Dixon, aunt of Gwendolyn Prioleau; Pearl L. Bailey (Bethel Circle) in the loss of her sister, Ellen L. Bolling and Charlene Ivy Boarman (Ever Ready Circle) in the loss of her brother, Daniel Ivey, Sr.

Circles Receiving New Members

May 10.....Naomi Circle
May 17.....Olivet Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

May 10.....Grace Circle
May 17.....Haggai Circle

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.)

May 14.....Sunshine Elementary & Sunshine Youth Circles
May 28.....Torch Bearers & Unity Circles

An Evening of Jazz

The Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors will host a fundraiser, *An Evening of Jazz*. Featuring DC's legendary jazz pianist, **Dick Morgan (Three Plus One)** on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Tickets (\$35/per person) can be purchased at the Event Center on Sundays, from today through Sunday, May 30th. Or you may purchase tickets via "Will Call" by contacting Bradley Grogan at 301/593-8171 (press 3) or irv1447wdc@yahoo.com.

Leadership Nominations

Nominations are requested to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees and as Circle Leaders and Vice Leaders. The most competitive candidates will be committed Christians who are filled with the Spirit and are faithful to Shiloh. Successful nominees will have exceptional leadership skills, a deep commitment toward moving Shiloh forward and an unquenchable thirst to serve as a team player in doing the good work of the church. If you know of someone who has these attributes and meets Shiloh's Leadership Criteria (which is attached to the nomination form), please nominate them by completing a leadership nomination form that can be found in a folder at the Family Life Center Reception Desk. Please return the completed form, with signatures, to the folder no later than Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Farewell "Reverend Jackie"

The Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors will host a farewell reception for the Reverend Jacqueline Thompson, Sunday, May 17, after the 10:55 a.m. service in the gymnasium. The reception will be co-hosted by Olivet Circle, who will receive new members. Please join us in bidding a fond farewell to our beloved "Reverend Jackie".



Family Life Center Executive Director Position Available

With the departure of Reverend Jacqueline Thompson, the Board of Directors of the Family Life Center Foundation is preparing an extensive search for a permanent Executive Director. In the interim, the Family Life Center Foundation will utilize the professional services of Lorraine C. Holmes Settles. An executive with extensive experience in assisting non-profit organizations in human resource management and income development, Mrs. Settles will serve the Family Life Center Foundation in an interim capacity for a two month period.

Persons who desire more information on the Family Life Center Executive Director search should contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057).

About Our Members....

Congratulations to **Jubria Lewis** (Hill Climbers Circle Leader) on being selected as the Prince George's County College Summit Educator of the Year.

Cheap Eats Healthy Eating On A Budget

With food prices soaring, even staples such as bread, milk and eggs are causing shoppers to dig deeper in their pocket. You may wonder, "*How can I buy nutritious foods without breaking the bank?*" Well, before you stock up on Ramen Noodles and boxed macaroni and cheese, or eat off the dollar menu at the local fast food joint, sign up for the seminar **Cheap Eats: Ready, Set, Save**. You will learn strategies that will help you enjoy the benefits of eating healthfully while spending less. Natalie A. Webb, made that statement when she agreed to demonstrate healthy food preparation for this year's Men's Health Tune Up on Saturday, June 20 in the Family Life Center. A renowned certified nutritionist Ms. Webb will cook up delicious, low cost samples that we can all prepare at home to stay healthy.

Men of Shiloh, you must attend this year's Shiloh Men's Health Tune Up on Saturday, June 20 for good food and useful health advice.

Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC)

The Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from August 3 to August 8, 2009. Housing reservation and convention reservation forms are now available. If you would like to attend the convention this year, please contact Deacon Diana Roach (droach325@aol.com; 202/635-3132) to obtain your housing reservation form before May 15, 2009.

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Memory
of
My Mother

Mrs. Hettie-McCoy Wortham

Euna L.W. J. Smith
\$500.00

In Loving Memory
of

My Dear Mother

Bessie Phillips Rogers
(1894-1930)

Eleanor Rogers Samuda
\$100.00

In Memory
of

Ashland Vaughn
1928-2002

*He had a smile for everyone,
A heart as pure as gold.
To those who knew and loved him best
His memory will never grow old.*

Elva Vaughan, Mother - \$200.00
Carvella Beavers, Sister - \$200.00

Celebrating the Life and Memories of

Carolyn M. Harris

In honor of Mother's Day, we want to acknowledge the following individuals who made memorial contributions to the *Claim the Victory Campaign* and the *Carolyn M. Harris HBCU Scholarship Fund*

Claim the Victory

Areva Boyd - \$50.00
Chuck & Judy Hall - \$10.00
Carolyn D. Jones - \$50.00
Richard & Celeste Kell & Family - \$25.00
Martin L. King, Jr. Middle School - \$30.00
Sonja Ray - \$25.00

HBCU Scholarship

Eloise S. Curry - \$50.00
Christopher Hough - \$25.00
Carolyn D. Jones - \$500.00
Larry & Tanyna Saxton - \$50.00

Pastor's Anniversary Committee

The Pastor's Anniversary Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and management this event. As a reminder, we will celebrate the Pastor's 18th Anniversary as the leader of this Branch of Zion during the 3rd week in July. Please contact George or Rochelle Hardy at 301/464-5222 or grbbhardy@aol.com.

Mother's Day

*How can we thank our mothers
For the loving care they give
For the sacrifices day by day
As long as mothers live*

*We never outgrow their tenderness
Nor their great concern
As long as we observe them
There is so much we can learn*

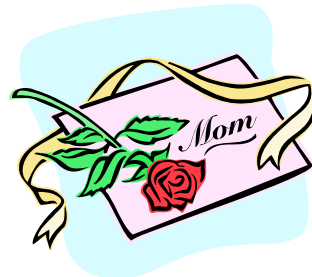
*Watch how they give their very best
To see that we survive
They teach us by example
As they just let God abide*

*When we are sad or lonely
A hug from Mom will do
It matters not how old we are
Her hug will see us through*

*And naturally on this great day
Let us bow with one another
To thank our God for giving us
The precious gift of our mothers*

By: Carrie T. Dublin

Happy Mother's Day To All!!





Reception immediately following ceremony in Heritage Hall

Troop 524

Announces the

EAGLE SCOUT INVESTITURE CEREMONY

for

**Malik King Williams &
Leslie A. Petersen, Jr.**

Sunday, May 17, 2009 – 2:30 p.m.



