

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

As we continue our understanding of spirituality, the New Testament reading for August 30, the Gospel of Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23, gives rich insights into the theological realities of the first century church.

In these Scriptures, Jesus addresses accusations that have been raised by the Pharisees who question why His disciples do not wash their hands before meals. The text is replete with a number of theological issues that were beneath the surface of the theology of the first century church. Most people in the times of Jesus understood the gravity of the Ten Commandments and their vital dictates. However, their essential question was what is the relationship between what God requires and what organized religion has said that God mandates.

In the first five books of the Old Testament Moses laid down the inviolable requirements for a spiritually righteous life. These precepts were never to be violated, under any circumstances, and included murder, theft, and adultery. However, over the centuries Jewish theologians, whom Mark calls the elders, offered countless ways to understand more fully God's directions. For example the laws of Moses contained basic principles about cleanliness. One was not to touch a dead body or consume unclean animals.

The elders, who were priests and scribes, defined and redefined cleanliness laws to include a strict adherence to such things as hand washing prior to meals. We know from recent scientific advancements that frequent hand sanitation is a good idea for all people. However, where does a good idea, end and the essential requirements for our eternal lives, begin? Jesus responded to the accusations of these elders that it is not what goes into the body that defiles a person, but what comes from the heart.

When Mark wrote his Gospel, some 50 years after Jesus' death, Gentiles (non Jews) had begun to join the Christian movement by tens of thousands. These new church members raised the question of how much they were obligated to observe Jewish traditions. Mark recalled Jesus response to the priests who accused His disciples on their lack of adherence to church requirements as a way to encourage new converts, that it is not how much we wash the outside of the plate that determines our spirituality. The essential question is how we purify and maintain our hearts.

A friend of mine was fond of using the term excessive scrupulosity to describe some Christians' fascination with the things that have nothing to do with eternal life but with the business of daily living. Christians will always be tempted by excessive scrupulosity. We must remember that it is not washing the outside of the plate, but keeping the heart pure that matters in our spiritual growth.

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Sunday, August 30, 2009

### Reading Through The Bible

September 6

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24:37*

September 13

*Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

September 20

*Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:8a; Mark 9:30-37*

New Members Received by  
Alpha Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, August 30, 2009**

**Deacon Board Morning Prayer Service – 7:30 a.m. /Deacons’ Room**  
**African American Heritage Program – 9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary**

DCCF Credit Union ..... LL/FLC  
Church Anniversary Committee Meeting ..... 216/FLC  
Guest Hospitality ..... TF/FLC

## **Monday, August 31, 2009**

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

## **Tuesday, September 1, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach..... 216/FLC  
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....Sanctuary  
5:00 - Male Youth Project..... Gym/FLC  
5:30 - Messiah Committee Meeting..... Deacons’ Room  
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal .....Sanctuary  
6:30 - Circle Leaders Council Meeting ..... HH/FLC  
7:00 - Tornado Taekwondo Class ..... RBC/FLC  
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal .....Choir Room

## **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach..... 216/FLC  
5:00 - Male Youth Project..... Gym/FLC  
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary/FLC  
6:30 - **ALANON Family Meeting**..... 208/FLC

## **Thursday, September 3, 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  
7:00 - Church Anniversary Revival Service .....Sanctuary  
*Reverend Lloyd McGriff – Galilee Baptist Church – Guest Speaker*

## Friday, September 4, 2009

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

## Saturday, September 5, 2009

10:00 - Usher Board Bulletin Preparation..... Ushers' Room

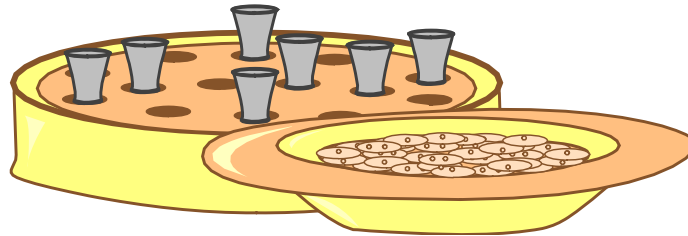
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting ..... 215/FLC

## Sunday, September 6, 2009

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

**Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.**

*Holy Communion*



DCCF Credit Union..... LL/FLC

Guest Hospitality .....TF/FLC

### *Please Note*

*Monday, September 7, 2009 – Labor Day  
Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Closed*

***Mutual Aid Members** - Please meet Annie Johnson on Sunday, September 13 or  
Sunday, September 20, 2009 (9:30-10:45 a.m.) in Heritage Hall – Business of  
Importance*

### **Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service**

*(Thursday Evenings)*

September 3 ..... *Olivet & Omega Circles*  
September 10 ..... *Phoebe & Pilgrim Circles*  
September 17 ..... *Progressive & Queen Esther Circles*

### **Circles Receiving New Members**

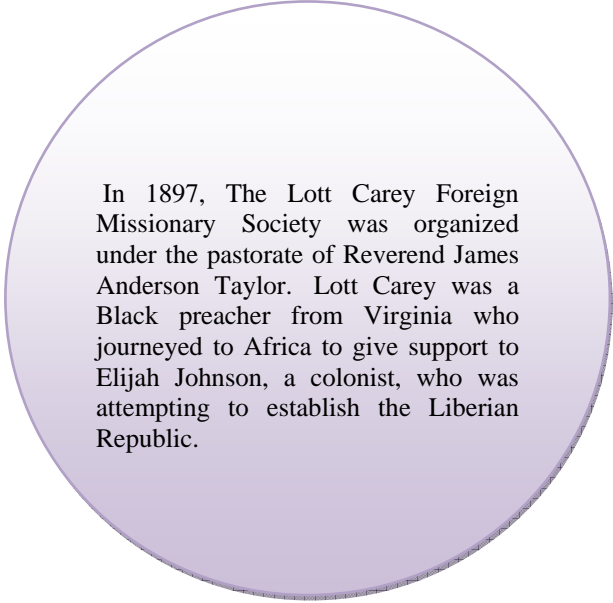
August 30 ..... *Alpha Circle*  
September 6 ..... *Antioch Circle*  
September 13 ..... *Berean Circle*

### **Circles Serving Breakfast**

August 30 ..... *Shiloh Circle*  
September 6 ..... *Silent Mission Circle*  
September 13 ..... *Social Reapers Circle*

## **A Look At Our History**

Submitted by the Church Anniversary Committee



In 1897, The Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Society was organized under the pastorate of Reverend James Anderson Taylor. Lott Carey was a Black preacher from Virginia who journeyed to Africa to give support to Elijah Johnson, a colonist, who was attempting to establish the Liberian Republic.

### **From The Church Anniversary Committee....**

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC will celebrate 146 years of Gospel ministry in a series of services and events throughout the month of September. Services will include the Thursday Night Revival Series (each Thursday night in the month), the Anniversary Sunday kick-off service (September 20), the Service of Remembrance (September 20 at 3:30 p.m.), the Loyalty Day Program (September 26 at 5:00 p.m.) and Anniversary Sunday on September 27, including a Shiloh historical display in Heritage Hall.

Tickets for the Loyalty Day program will be available TODAY at a cost of \$30.00 per ticket.

In addition, this year the committee will offer ads for inclusion in the program booklet. These ads can be purchased in three allotments – full page (\$50), half page (\$35), and quarter page (\$25). Individuals, circles, organizations, committees, etc are welcome to purchase ads for memorials, recognitions, or the like. Your ads should be camera-ready and payment is due upon placement of the order. We apologize that we will not be able to accommodate ads highlighting businesses/venues or business cards.

Also, the committee will have a limited number of souvenir 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary paperweights for purchase. Loyalty Day tickets, ads and paperweights will be available after services at the Event Center TODAY.

Please contact Mack A. Pascal, Chairman of the 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee at 202/722-6225 for more information on anniversary activities.

### **Hosts & Hostesses Needed**

The 146<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Committee needs volunteers to serve as hosts/hostesses for the various programs associated with the celebration scheduled throughout the month of September. If interested, please contact Doreen Upshur (301/249-2869) or Barbara Dunnigan (301/439-8552)

### **Shiloh Choirs to sing at the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Hawaii in 2010**

The Choirs of Shiloh are preparing to take another trip! Come join us at the 20<sup>th</sup> Baptist World Alliance Congress in Honolulu beginning on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. The basic trip of 7 days and 6 nights will leave from Washington on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> and return on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Brochures with complete information on the trip will be available the first Sunday in September at the Event Center.

### **DVDs Available**

Based on requests from several individuals, DVDs of the homegoing celebration for Dianne Grainer are available. If you are interested, please see Dr. Hattie Davis today.

# Welcome

## New Members

*Esther DeAnn Coleman – Adah Circle  
Laura Diggs Gardner – Adah Circle  
Jerome Whiting – Adah Circle*

## Thank You Notes

To Reverend & Mrs. Smith and the Congregation at Shiloh Baptist Church – Thank you very much for the wonderful hospitality that you showed us during our visit to your church on July 19<sup>th</sup>. It was very special. The meal that you served us was delicious. We were even more blessed by your manner of service in Jesus name. We praise God for churches such as yours and ask His continued blessings. Love – in Christ,

*Robert & Anita Ingle*

Dear Shiloh – thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and during my confinement and stay at Veterans Hospital. Special thanks to Reverend Felton, Reverend Mensah, Reverend Calbert and Deacon Lionel Stephens and deacons who call and visit regularly along with Antioch Circle. I am at home now and doing much better – looking forward to the day when I can return to Shiloh. Not quite there yet. Keep me in your prayers – they mean so much when you are shut-in.

*Deacon Charles S. Amis*

Deepest gratitude to the Shiloh family for your love, prayers, calls, e-mails, cards, gifts and visits to comfort my family and me during my mother's (Elizabeth M. Frederick) illness and our bereavement. Special thank you to Reverend Smith, Board of Deacons, Ministerial staff, Dorcas Circle, Reverend Kuykendall, Deacon Stanley Williams, Shirley Coleman, Deaconess Annie Phillips, Deacon James Grigsby, Deacon Sonja Ray, Earl and Betty Watkins, Gospel Choir and the Shiloh Interpreters. Words cannot express how much we appreciate everything.

*Bernadette & James Banks*

## Ushers' Corner August/September 2009

Sunday, August 30 – Unit #4 Serves  
Thursday, September 3 – ALL USHERS  
146<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Revival Service  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise  
7:00 p.m. – Reverend Lloyd McGriff, Galilee Baptist Church

Sunday, September 6 – Unit #5 Serves  
10:00 a.m. – Unity Service  
Thursday, September 10 – ALL USHERS  
146<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Revival Service  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise  
7:00 p.m. – Reverend Shirley Pulley, St. Mark United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 13 – Unit #6 Serves  
Thursday, September 17 – ALL USHERS  
146<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Revival Service  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise  
7:00 p.m. – Reverend Dexter Nutall, New Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday, September 20 – Units #1/3 Serves  
Pre-Anniversary Sunday  
Reverend Harry Wright (7:45 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.)  
3:30 p.m. – Service of Remembrance – ALL USHERS

For Training Call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks  
(301/499-0628)

## Claim The Victory Contribution

With Love – We Remember You

*Ernest Dixon, Sr.*

August 31, 1927-September 20, 2008

Your Children  
\$569.00

## HBCU Scholarship Fund

In Memory  
of

*Carolyn M. Harris*

On the occasion of her birthday September  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Geraldine N. Phillips  
\$100.00

