

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

Effective family living, according to the ancient Jewish traditions, involved an interaction between nuclear family, community and religious environment, as evidenced in Luke 2:21-24.

The first reality this text points toward is the rigorous attention given in ancient Judaism to the awareness of health as foundational to effective families. Eight days after Jesus' birth he was circumcised. Circumcision was not exclusive to Judaism, in spite of that impression that one might assume from the way it is constantly put forward in Hebrew scripture as a defining point between the Hebrew people and their Canaanite neighbors. Actually, Egypt and other surrounding communities held this act up as critical to male children's health and well being as well. The important point is that an awareness of health is a basic part of what the Jews held as a part of their family rituals of socialization.

At this eight day ceremony, the child's name is established. According to the text he is called Jesus, a name given by the angels. There is a profound insight in this concept of naming. The name was not just selected by a family; it was given because it had some cosmic significance. In Hebrew, it was Joshua, In Greek it was Jesus, but the significance is in the root of the name Yahweh, *shua*, God saves.

For family ministry, the key is that a name is the primary identity by which one derives his or her place in the world. Among African American young people the craze is to give children names that are African sounding but devoid of significance. Churches would do well to mentor parents in selecting Effective names for children. African names often have profound significance. These names should represent values, not just be African sounding.

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### Reading Through The Bible

**August 29**  
*Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 1:10-16;*  
*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,*  
*7-14*

**September 5**  
*Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,*  
*13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-*



New Members Received by  
Golden Rule Circle

# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, August 29, 2010**

DCCF Credit Union..... LL/FLC  
African American Heritage Program (9:30 a.m.).....Sanctuary  
Book Club Meeting..... LL/FLC  
Guest Hospitality (*Golden Rule Circle*).....TF/FLC

## **Monday, August 30, 2010**

8:00 – Job Readiness Program..... Library/FLC  
6:30 – Joint Board Meeting.....HH/FLC

## **Tuesday, August 31, 2010**

8:00 – Job Readiness Program..... Library/FLC  
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... LL/FLC  
7:00 – Church Business Meeting .....HH/FLC

## **Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... LL/FLC  
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union ..... LL/FLC  
6:30 – Church Anniversary Committee Meeting ..... LL/FLC  
7:00 – **Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting** ..... Library/FLC

## **Thursday, September 2, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... LL/FLC  
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service ..... LL/FLC

**Friday, September 3, 2010**

**No Activities Scheduled**

Family Life Center Closes at 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 4, 2010**

8:00 – Tennis at Shiloh .....	Banneker Tennis Courts
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation .....	Ushers’ Room
10:00 - WiFi Techno Café .....	TF/FLC

**Sunday, September 5, 2010**  
**Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.**



*Holy Communion*

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL
Combined Adult Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....	Sanctuary
Youth Combined Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....	TF/FLC
Children’s Combined Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality – <i>Grace Circle</i> .....	TF/FLC
Book Club Meeting.....	LL/FLC

*New Members - Please Note*

**The New Members Workshop begins on Sunday, September 12, 2010  
9:30 a.m. (Deacons Room)**

# Discipleship News

# 147<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

## Welcome New Members

Emma B. Cox – Golden Deed Circle  
Donna L. Valentine – Golden Deed Circle  
Kindalin Smith – Sunshine Elementary Circle  
Kaulin Wade- Golden Deed Circle

## Thank You Note

To the General Usher Board: You were special to Earl! I thank you for your presence at his services. You were there in great numbers, standing tall with dignity and respect for your liaison deacon. My family and I deeply appreciate your expressions of love, support, and comfort during his illness and at this time of bereavement. God bless you.

Deaconess Hattie Davis and Family

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

September 2..... Alpha & Antioch Circles  
September 9 ..... Berean & Bethel Circles  
September 16 ..... Calvary & Dorcas Circles

### Circles Receiving New Members

August 29 .....Golden Rule Circle  
September 5 ..... Grace Circle  
September 12 ..... Haggai Circle

### Circles Serving Breakfast

August 29 ..... Bethel Circle  
September 5 ..... Calvary Circle  
September 12 .....Dorcas Circle

## General Contractor Proposals

The Victory Village Development Corporation is soliciting proposals from General Contractors to construct the Wallace Charles Smith Community Service Building located at 1533 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. Request for Proposal packages are available at the Shiloh Baptist Church Family Life Center (1510 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW) on Monday, August 23, 2010 at a cost of \$100.00. Cash and money orders only – please. Please contact Ms. Muriel Lewis (202/232-4288).

147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet tickets are available for purchase at the Event Center beginning today immediately following the 7:45 and 10:55 a.m. services. Tickets are \$40.00 and can also be purchased from the Anniversary Committee members. We are preparing a Church Anniversary Souvenir Booklet. If you wish to purchase space in this publication, please see Ramon Acosta, Vernell Lewis, Harold Harris or any committee member. The price for space is shown below:

- Full page - \$100.00
- Half page - \$75.00
- Quarter page - \$50.00
- Business card - \$30.00

The deadline for submission of greetings or ad is August 30, 2010.

## HBCU Corner

The HBCU Council will collect school supplies during August to donate to an area school and your donations are appreciated!!! A bright yellow box has been placed in the lobby of the Family Life Center every Sunday for you to drop off your donations! Here's a listing of what is needed: pencils, paper, pens, sharpies, book covers, dry erasers, dry eraser pens, dry eraser boards, pencil pouches, back packs, index cards (lined and unlined), flash drives, compasses, pencil sharpeners, etc. You can also check your local Staples or Office Depot to see what schools are requesting that students should have. On behalf of the HBCU Council of Shiloh, we would like to thank you in advance for your support!!!

## College Tour is Back!!!!

The Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shiloh Baptist Church College Tour on October 28 through October 31, 2010. Interested high school students will visit eight campuses including: Virginia State University, Winston-Salem State University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Tech University, Emory University and Tuskegee University. The total cost of the trip is \$250.00 (includes dinner, activities, transportation, lodging and more). A deposit of \$125.00 (non refundable) is required to reserve your seat and registration begins today after each service in the Event Center. We expect a sell-out, so please make your deposits today. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or being a chaperone please visit the Event Center. Referrals are welcome – please call Jamil Smart (240/601-1920) or Tracey Walker-Sullivan (202/427-5717) for more information.

## eGiving Comes to Shiloh

Shiloh Baptist Church is launching an eGiving program as a wonderful new tool that will help you grow in your walk with Christ. We know that many members enjoy paying utility and other bills electronically, now you can contribute to the church the same way. The eGiving program allows you to pay your tithes and offerings in the privacy of your home using your computer. You may give to the scholarship fund, missions, or Claim the Victory campaign simply by using our eGiving program. You decide whether the contributions are weekly, twice a month, monthly, or whenever the Lord leads you to do so.

Just a few clicks of a mouse will get you there! To sign up, go to Shiloh's website: <http://shilohbaptist.org>, click on the eGiving button at the bottom of the page to contribute. Your donation will be drawn directly from your account only with your authorization and at intervals you designate. Your giving doesn't need to stop because of absence from church services due to illness, vacations, or inclement weather.

- **Step out on faith**—Sign up for eGiving so you can decide in advance to faithfully give.
- **Simplify your life**—Your contributions will be made automatically based on your decision about the amount and frequency.
- **Help the church**—Using eGiving makes recordkeeping easier and helps with our cash flow.

*"...Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."  
2 Corinthians .8:7 (NIV)*

To learn more about Shiloh's new eGiving program, please attend the August 31<sup>st</sup> Church Meeting or join us in Heritage Hall following the worship service on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, contact  
[eGiving@shilohbaptist.org](mailto:eGiving@shilohbaptist.org)

## ARE YOU MAINTAINING YOUR DEBT ON PURPOSE?

Many of us carry debt because it is manageable. Many of us do not invest time and energy in reducing the debt we have. Many of us will let an opportunity to rid ourselves of debt pass us by. Manageable debt is still debt.

Credit card reform took place last week, unfortunately the lenders increased rates prior to the reform to maintain their profit margins. Did you know those that extend credit count on you to manage and maintain your debt. By managing and maintaining your debt you are affecting your credit score (positively or negatively) and building unbelievable wealth for the lender.

Financial Peace University (FPU) will show you how to eliminate debt and start the process to build wealth for you and your family. FPU will show you how to live financially correct. Organizing your debt, developing an all-inclusive budget and giving like never before are just a few of FPU's goals for you.

This course is starting the third week of September 2010. Time is running out to register. Find out more information by contacting David Hayes (888/324-4018 ext. 777 or [dhayes@hoperei.com](mailto:dhayes@hoperei.com))

## Mark Your Calendar!!

**Monday, August 30, 2010**

- **Joint Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2010**

- **Church Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**SUPER SUNDAY!!!  
September 12, 2010**

- **Ground Breaking Ceremony – Wallace Charles Smith Community Service Center – immediately following the 10:55 a.m. Worship Service**
- **Deacon Board Ordination Service – 4:00 p.m.**

