

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

The tragic earthquake in Haiti is a disaster of unspeakable proportions. The nation has been so devastated that even its government has not been able to respond. The royal palace is destroyed, and the police and firefighters rendered virtually inoperative. Death counts at the time of this writing have been only speculative as we wait for more definitive reports. It is unimaginable what this has done to a nation and a people. We must pray for this beleaguered nation and trust God to direct them out of this horrifying nightmare. We, as a congregation, will do everything in our power to assist with emergency resources. We encourage everyone to come to church Sunday prepared to make sacrificial gifts to our disaster relief effort.

Haiti has experienced overwhelming challenges throughout the years. Recently, the tragedy of the boat people and the United States' unwillingness to treat those asylum seekers as political refugees has been a blot on our nation's credibility as a country of freedom and justice. At our prayer service on Thursday, we devoted time to concentrating on the good people of this island nation.

On this week of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, we are reminded that we are a global community and that where there is suffering anywhere, there is suffering everywhere. We know that God is able. We do not understand why such tragedies occur, but we do know as people of faith we must trust God, roll up our sleeves and do what we can to bring God's love to people when they are at the breaking point. Let's all pray mightily for this nation and its people.

Joint Board Meeting – Monday, January 25 – 6:30 p.m.
Church Meeting – Tuesday, January 26 – 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, January 17, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

January 24

*Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke
4:14-21*

January 31

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke
4:21-30*

New Members Received by
King's Messengers Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Deacons' Morning Prayer – 7:30 a.m./Deacons' Room

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
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
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
Guest Hospitality – <i>King's Messengers Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting	RBC#1
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Golden Deed Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Helping Hand Circle Meeting.....	RBC#2/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Sacrifice Circle Meeting	Library/FLC

Monday, January 18, 2010

Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Closed

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

9:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Shiloh ITC Meeting – Council 8.....	COH/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting	Turner Conference Room
7:00 – Tornado Taekwondo Class	RBC#1
7:15 – WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

9:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
11:45 – Mid Week Bible Study.....	LL/FLC
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union	LL/FLC
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HH/FLC

4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, January 21, 2010

9:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting	HH/FLC
3:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	HH/FLC
7:15 – Bible Institute	HH/FLC

Friday, January 22, 2010

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:00 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting	Sanctuary
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	216/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting	LL/FLC
10:00 – Social Justice Ministry Meeting	208/FLC
11:00 – CSOSA Panelist Discussion	HH/FLC
12:00 – Tennis At Shiloh Drill Session	Gym/FLC
12:00 – Hand Dance Class	RBC#1

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Deacons' Morning Prayer – 7:30 a.m./Deacons' Room

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.)	Deacons' Room
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
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
Guest Hospitality – Mt. Sinai Circle	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting	216/FLC
Fellowship Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting	HHC/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	COH/FLC

Discipleship News

From Our Ministries

Welcome New Member

Jeanette P. Ware – Hope Circle

Baptism

Congratulations to Nya G. Person (Sunshine Elementary Circle) who was baptized on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank the Silent Mission Circle, the Deaconess Board, and the Shiloh Church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls and acts of kindness shown to me during my period of incapacitation. God Bless you all.

Deaconess Margaret Williams

To God Be the Glory!

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16 NIV

The Deacon Board thanks those who supported the three (3) hour, deacon led Prayer Vigil on Saturday, January 9, 2010. We have been blessed by your attendance, participation, prayers, affirmations and feedback. Our goal, in keeping with the church theme, is to reach out to you, the Shiloh congregation and to the community as we work together to "deepen our spirituality".

Deacon Sonja Ray, Chairperson

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

January 21Hill Climbers & Hope Circles

January 28King's Messengers & Mt. Sinai Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

January 17King's Messengers Circle

January 24..... Mt. Sinai Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

January 17Friendly Circle

January 24Gideon Circle

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Applications for scholarships offered through the Shiloh Scholarship Committee are available on the church website (go to the "Church Forms," the "Current Events," or the "Scholarship Committee" pages) as well as at the front desk of the Family Life Center. Deadline for submitting completed applications: Sunday, February 14, 2010.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

January 17, 2010 (Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6) **Demonstrated in Acts of Healing** – Two blind men showed persistence in getting Jesus' attention. After asking them for a statement of belief in His ability to heal them, Jesus opened their eyes. The crowds were amazed and could not explain the healing of the man who was unable to hear. The fault-finding Pharisees believed that Jesus' good act of healing was evil.

January 24, 2010 (Matthew 11:25-30) **Declared in Prayer** – Jesus prayed for the weary. He began with thanking God, joyfully recognizing that great truths were being revealed to those who were open to them. Jesus expressed His desire to reveal God's truths to those who would come to Him in humility. Learning from Jesus brings rest from weariness and heaviness; Jesus then invited all to find rest in Him.

Hand Dance Classes

Certified Hand Dance Instructor, Ms. Tippi Maveritt, will be teaching the art of hand dancing at Shiloh. The classes will be held in the Family Life Center, Racquetball Court, each Saturday through Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Classes are open to all, ages 13 to anyone who can still walk ☺, and will cost \$7.00 per class. Even if you have three left feet, but a sense of humor, you can learn to hand dance. Pre-registration will be held at the Event Center following both services.

Shiloh Emergency Preparedness Plan

Several weeks ago, we advised the church that we are in the process of updating our emergency preparedness plan and that we are seeking participation from the congregation in this effort. If you would like to be a part of the emergency preparedness team, please place the information forms in the offering plate today.

Gospel Choir Fellowship

The Shiloh Gospel Choir is sponsoring an excursion to the Lancaster, PA Millennium Theatre to see the new musical production "Joseph" on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Motor Coach buses will depart Shiloh at 8:00 AM and return around 10 PM. *The trip includes breakfast snack, transportation, tickets to theatre, a two and a half hour stop at Rockvale Shopping Outlet, and Lunch at an Amish Family Style Restaurant.* Costs: Adults: \$125.00 Teens (13 yrs -18 yrs) \$105.00 Children (under 13 years) (\$80.00). We've extended the date for your minimum deposit of \$75 per person. Please contact R.J Benn, 301/330-8682, masabarj@yahoo.com, JoAnne Beasley, 301/809-2698; joannebeasley@hotmail.com, or any member of the Gospel Choir. Full payment is due no later than March 10, 2010.

HBCU Corner

The HBCU Council of Shiloh presents Three Scholarships:

- Reverend Wallace Charles Smith HBCU Scholarship (academics)
- HBCU Heritage Scholarship (financial need)
- Carolyn M. Harris HBCU Memorial Scholarship (music)
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For more information and an application, please contact Rochelle Hardy (301/464-5222 or GRBBHardy@aol.com.) Applications will be available at the front desk of the Family Life Center or you may visit www.shilohbaptist.org. The deadline date for submission of applications is February 5, 2010.

Tom Joyner presents a full ride scholarship to an HBCU. Students will receive full tuition and a stipend for up to 10 semesters to cover room and board (on campus) and books. Students must meet the required academic standards each semester to renew the funds each year. Graduating high school seniors can apply for the scholarship by going to www.blackamericaweb.com. The deadline date is January 23, 2010. For more information email:

fullridescholar@blackamerica.com

The Ushers' Corner January/February/March 2010

*For training, call Charlotte Balton-Hicks
(301/499-0628)*

Sunday, January 17 – Unit 2 Serves

Thursday, January 21 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, January 24 – Unit #4 Serves

Tuesday, January 26 – Usher Board Meetings
6:00 p.m. – Executive Board
7:00 p.m. – General Board

Thursday, January 28 – Unit 4 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, January 31 – Unit 5 Serves

Thursday, February 4 – Unit 5 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 7 – Unit 6 Serves
10:00 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, February 11 – Unit 6 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 14 – Unit 1/3 Serves

Thursday, February 18 – Unit 1/3 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 21 – Unit 2 Serves

Thursday, February 25 – Unit 2 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 28 – Unit 4 Serves

Thursday, March 4 – Unit 4 Serves

Sunday, March 7 – Unit 5 Serves
Unity Service

The Health Ministry

FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOUNDATION OFFERS CLASSES

Exercise Class

The average American gains ten pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years Day. Did you eat too much and exercise too little over the holidays? Well, there is hope for you right here at Shiloh! The Health Ministry announces a new fitness class, Basic Fitness With Proven Results, from Saturday, January 23 to Saturday, March 13, 2010 in Racquetball Court #1 in the Family Life Center.

The class will culminate at the Women's Wellness Conference on Saturday, March 13, 2010. The instructor is Mr. Kevin James, Licensed Fitness Instructor at Trinity College. The cost is \$5 per class or \$40 for each eight weeks course. Please come to the Events Center in the Family Life Center after both services today to register. Registration will continue each Sunday in January. Please call Dr. Sheryl Lucas for more information (202-210-1932)

50 Million Pound Challenge

Give up the pounds, not the fight! The Shiloh Health Ministry has joined Dr. Ian Smith's 50 Million Pound Challenge campaign against obesity. Get all the details online at www.50millionpounds.com and join Shiloh's team, the Shiloh Fitness Warriors as we fight this battle head on! Statistics for African-Americans show that almost 80% of adult women and 67% of adult men are overweight. Equally worrisome is that 20% of African-American teenagers between the ages 12-19 are overweight and this number appears to be rising. The 50 Million Pound Challenge seeks to change those statistics. More than 5 million pounds have already been shed.

The 50 Million Pound challenge allows you to confidentially keep track of your weight loss, activity and eating habits, while also getting encouragement and support as we join forces to fight the very real risk that being overweight poses to ourselves, our families, and our community. It's about all of us coming together and looking out for each other as we work to take more control of our lives.

Challenge booklets packed with helpful information are available online. A limited number of printed copies are available at the event center today. Remember to search for the Shiloh Fitness Warriors and sign up as soon as possible to begin your journey.

The Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF) is pleased to offer the following classes:

Survival Spanish for Adults

This new eight week program is a non-academic, non-grammar class presented by "Lessons from Abroad". This class is for persons who want an easy and quick way to learn limited amounts of everyday Spanish. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 26th in the Family Life Center from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Each class is \$25 or \$200 for the full eight week program. Interested persons should call Lorraine Holmes Settles, (202/ 232-4288 ext. 21) for more information.

Quilting with the Pros

The FLCF Center for Seniors and Hard-of-Hearing Outreach is pleased to offer this class to all who may be interested in an opportunity to participate in "Quilting with the Pros". The FLCF is teaming up with Sew 'N Vac to offer classes in quilting on state-of-the-art equipment in one of their shops. Workshops at the store and quilting sessions here at the Center will begin the first week of February. To sign up for classes, call Ms. Johnson at (202) 232-4288 ext. 21.

Self-Defense for Adults

The Family Life Center Foundation is offering this class to men and women who are interested in the subject of self-defense and self-protection. A qualified, licensed instructor will teach students how to identify potentially violent situations as well as techniques on how to deal with the verbal aggression that precedes most assaults. This six week class will begin Tuesday, January 26th and will be held in the racquetball courts of the Family Life Center. The cost for the six week session is \$150. Interested persons should contact Lorraine Holmes Settles at (202/ 232-4288 ext. 21) or check the Event Center for registration forms.

Youth Ministry

The Shiloh Step Team is currently seeking a permanent Step Coach with spiritual step choreography expertise. Please contact Rita Bibbs-Booth at 202-256-1094 or Fern Clark at 703-989-9233 to express your interest and obtain additional information.

Coming Events

Bible Institute

The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study

Thursday, January 21 – Minister Thomas Bowen, Instructor

Leadership Challenge: *Village Council, Ministry Leaders, Gospel Choir*

Thursday, January 28 – Reverend Jasmyn Bowden, Instructor

Leadership Challenge: *Young Adults, WCS Ensemble, Church School Teachers*

Morehouse Sunday January 24, 2010 – 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

Reverend Delman Coates, Senior Pastor

Mt. Enon Baptist Church – Clinton, Maryland

Christian Education Sunday – February 21, 2010

Church School Teacher Appreciation (9:30 a.m.)

HBCU Sunday – February 28, 2010

Contact Otis Harris for further information

Women's Wellness Conference

March 13, 2010 – Contact Dr. Cheryl Lucas (202/210-1932)

Gospel Choir Anniversary Praise Service

March 28, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Contact any choir member for information

Scholarship Sunday – March 28 – 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

