

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

The Lectionary text for the Old Testament this week is from Nehemiah 8 and deals with the reading of the Book of the Laws of Moses at the dedication of the walls of the rebuilt city of Jerusalem. The people have been released from their exile in Babylon and permitted to return to their ancestral home in Palestine. The work has been arduous and dangerous, but after significant challenges they complete the task. The city and the Temple have been rebuilt.

The story is insightful in that it outlines the effect God's word had on the people. For six hours they stood during the dedicatory service as the Scriptures were read. There was joy intermingled with tears. They were reminded that their individual lives, and the life of their nation, were dependent on the word of God. They recollected the reality of sin and its consequences. One author states that the book of Nehemiah is one of the few places where Scripture talks about Scripture. It shows us what happens when a community comes together to hear the written word proclaimed. The people blessed God. They affirmed their faith. They raised holy hands. They fell on their faces in humility.

Mostly, they wept because they saw that the God of justice had been merciful to them, in spite of the fact that justice would have demanded their destruction.

This lesson reminds us of how critical the word of God is in the life of God's people. It corrects us, it inspires us and it humbles us. When Scripture is read in worship services it must never just be something to do. It must always be understood as an aspect of God's providential care for God's community.

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 24, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

January 31

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

February 7

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1
Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 14

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2
Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

New Members Received by
Mt. Sinai Circle



This Week at Shiloh

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 – <i>Mt. Sinai Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting	1120 42 nd Street, NE
Fellowship Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting.....	HHC/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	COH/FLC
Men's Day Committee Meeting.....	RBC#1/FLC

Monday, January 25, 2010

11:00 – Census Bureau Employment Interviews/Testing	HHS/FLC
6:30 – Joint Board Meeting.....	HHC/FLC

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

9:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
3:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
7:00 – Church Business Meeting	HH/FLC

Wednesday, January 27, 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
6:30 – Family Life Center Board Meeting	216/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, January 28, 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 29, 2010

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9:00 – Health Ministry Exercise Class.....	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	216/FLC
10:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00 – Hand Dance Class.....	RBC#1

Sunday, January 31, 2010

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

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

Discipleship News

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Michelle Finley in the loss of her father, John C. Finley (Golden Rule Circle) and the family of Deaconess Carrie Felton (Grace Circle) – Thurlow Felton, son (Alpha Circle); Reverend Robert Felton, son (King's Messengers Circle) and Deacon Ronald Felton, son (Helping Hand Circle)

Thank You Notes

Reverend Smith, Ministerial staff, Queen Esther Circle, Unit II Ushers, General Usher Board, Unit 6 Ushers, Youth and Sunshine Circles, Deacon Board, Gospel Choir, friends and family of Shiloh – our family would like to thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, calls and the overwhelming acts of generosity, kindness and love in the passing of our father, George S. Balton. Thank you and may God continue to bless all of you.

Mark, Charlotte Balton-Hicks & Family

Pastor Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacon Board, Friendly Circle, Usher Board, Gospel Choir and our church family – during a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered in the passing of my sister, Shirley Parks. May God continue to bless all of you.

James C. Starks & Family

My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Smith, the Ministerial staff, Board of Deacons, Communications Ministry and the Shiloh Church Family for your prayers and expressions of sympathy to my family and me on the loss of my mother, Hazel M. Smith, of Warsaw, NC on January 6, 2010. Special appreciation is extended to Phoebe Circle members under the leadership of James Janifer and Clara Felton, Trustee Maudine R. Cooper and Mt. Sinai Circle Leader Marlene Johnson. Please know that your thoughtfulness has touched us deeply. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Janice E. Smith and the Smith Family

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

January 28King's Messengers & Mt. Sinai Circles
February 4Naomi & Olivet Circles
February 11Omega & Phoebe Circles
February 25Queen Esther & Ruth Circles.

Circles Receiving New Members

January 24..... Mt. Sinai Circle
January 31 Naomi Circle
February 7Olivet Circle
February 14Omega Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

January 24Gideon Circle
January 31Golden Deed Circle
February 7Golden Rule Circle
February 14Grace Circle

From Our Ministries

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 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.

January 31, 2010 (Matthew 13:54-58) Revealed in Rejection – People in Jesus' hometown thought they knew Him. Their limited knowledge of Him as the Son of God led them to be skeptical of His teachings and deeds of power. The people's rejection of Jesus hampered Jesus from continuing His ministry in His hometown. People respond to rejection in different ways. What have we done when we have been rejected? Jesus faced the rejection and moved on to continue His ministry.

February 7, 2010 (Matthew 15:21-28) Recognized by a Canaanite Woman – A Canaanite woman approached Jesus about her demon-possessed daughter. Even though Jesus explained that He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel, He rewarded the woman's persistent faith with the healing of her daughter.

Please note the ASALAH African American Heritage Program will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m. All classes should meet in the Sanctuary. Also, Sunday, February 7 is Unity Sunday. All adult classes will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for combined study. The regular Church School schedule will resume on Sunday, February 14, 2010.

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.

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.

Women's Day

Plans are underway for Shiloh's Women's Day, Sunday, March 14, 2010. The next Women's Day committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm at the home of Chair Anna Rigsby: 1316 Iris Street, NW, Washington, DC. Please RSVP if you will attend, to LaVerne at 202-879-2731.

The Ushers' Corner January/February/March 2010

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

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

Sunday, January 24 – Unit #4 Serves

Usher Board Meetings - CANCELLED

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 General Usher Board meetings scheduled for January 26 have been postponed because of the church meeting. A new date for this meeting will be announced later.

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 the 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

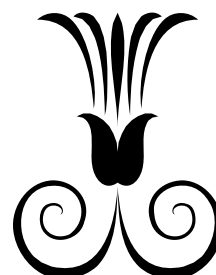
This new eight week program is a non-academic, non-grammar class presented by "Lessons from Abroad". This class is for persons who want an easy and quick way to learn limited amounts of everyday Spanish. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 26th in the Family Life Center from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Each class 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.



Employment Opportunities

An immediate opening for an **Accountant** for property management business. Send resume to Vernon Oakes at vo@oakesmanagement.com.

Wesley Theological Seminary is looking for an **Information Services Librarian**. They would like someone with a Master's degree with a minimum of five years of experience in public services. Experience in library instruction is desired. To view the entire position announcement go the Wesley website at www.wesleyseminary.edu/employment.

Positions are available with the 2010 Census: **Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants and Census Clerks**. Flexible hours, paid training, reimbursement for authorized mileage and other work-related expenses. Help your community have a successful 2010 Census. Representatives will be at Shiloh on January 25, 2010 (11:00 a.m.) to receive applications and administer examinations. (bring two forms of identification). For more information, including a practice test, visit www.2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010.

Educational Opportunity

All-expenses paid program at Princeton University summer program for high school student journalists from low-income backgrounds will take place for 10 days in August on the campus of Princeton University. The program is entering its ninth year; since 2002, more than 165 students from high schools across the country have been selected to participate in the program

To be eligible for the program, students must meet the following qualifications: must currently be juniors in high school; must live in the continental United States; must have at least an unweighted 3.5 grade point average (out of 4.0) and must have an interest in journalism.

The combined income of their custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) plus child support payments, if any, must not exceed \$45,000.

This program is for students from low-income backgrounds. If the combined income of the custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) plus child support payments, if any, exceeds \$45,000 and a student still wishes to apply, he or she may attach a letter explaining why his or her family qualifies as financially under-resourced.

If there are questions e-mail sjp@princeton.edu. The applications should be sent to sjpapplication@gmail.com. All application materials-as well as additional information about the program-are available at www.princeton.edu/sjp.

Memorial Contributions

Memorial Donation to the Communications Ministry

In Loving Memory
Of

May Bell Carter

on the 100th anniversary of her birth

Mother, Educator, Missionary, Senior Choir Member

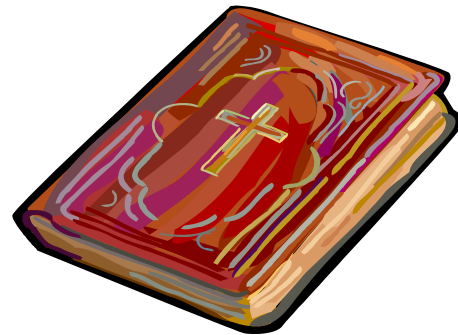
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Your Loving Daughters

Mrs. Joy M. Patterson
Deacon Janice Carter-Bowden

\$2,600.00

(for the purchase of a projector for Shiloh's Visual Media Committee)



Cirtie Mae Turner Memorial Trust

In Memory
of
Ada Wilson, Mother
November 10
\$1,000.00

In Memory
of
Willie Wilson, Brother
May 25
\$1,000.00

In Memory
of
Reverend Earl L. Harrison,
Pastor
November 4
\$500.00

In Memory
of
Cirtie Mae Turner
March 14
\$2,000.00

Trustees Howard L. Carter, CPA
&
Reverend Ronald Austin

Scholarship Fund
\$1,000.00

HBCU Fund
\$1,000.00

Antioch Circle
\$350.00
*(for assistance to circle members,
benevolence projects)*

General Fund
\$250.00
(for upkeep)

Missions
\$250.00

Beautification/Flower Fund
\$250.00

John Aaron McCauley, Jr.



Coming Events

Bible Institute

The Lectionary Link: The Power of Study

Thursday, January 28 – Reverend Jasmyn Bowden, Instructor

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

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

Circle Leaders Council Spring Festival – April 23-24, 2010

