

The Shiloh Spirit



Wallace Charles Smith, D.Min.
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Twenty-nine members of Shiloh attended a hearing at the City Council to raise concerns about proposed tax changes to the city's vacant property laws. Another 200 of our members, who are District residents, signed a petition to support our efforts.

The hearings were called by Council members Muriel Bowser and Jack Evans. At issue was a proposed change in the laws that would make the distinction between vacant or unoccupied properties and blighted or nuisance properties. The preponderance of those who testified saw the laws as urgent because of the special concerns of those who have inherited properties, those who are renovating properties for sale at a time when the real estate market is at its lowest point in years, and those whose economic fortunes prevent them from securing the loans necessary for renovations.

Some of the stories were tragic. One elderly resident used up significant savings to renovate a home only to find that the changing regulations made the work already done inadequate. Another person testified that an accident caused by city construction work led to the collapse of a restraining wall, leaving him with a \$30,000 bill to fix the wall. The funds he was forced to borrow to make the repairs spiked his monthly mortgage payment up to \$7,000, leaving him with no finances for further renovations. The horror stories went on and on.

Shiloh's issue was that if our unoccupied properties are considered blighted, tax rates could go from 86 cents per 100 dollars of assessed value to \$10. This would lead to tax additions on our properties that could total in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A particularly egregious aspect of this bill is that it would allow for no exceptions. Monies that we have raised for property improvement would have to go to pay taxes. This conundrum is absurd at best. Why would the city force residents to pay exorbitant taxes when recent property tax sales have been total failures?

Some cities have found that the heavy handed approach being proposed here has led those municipalities to become slum landlords. These same cities have then discovered they could not sell these properties and wound up turning them back to community groups for a dollar a piece. Let's hope Washington applies the brakes before it finds itself winding up in a worse position than it presently occupies.

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Sunday, January 31, 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
Naomi Circle



This Week at Shiloh

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 – <i>Naomi Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Book Club Meeting.....	LL/FLC

Monday, February 1, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
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Tuesday, February 2, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting	HH/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

10:00 – 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
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, February 4, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting.....	HH/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	HH/FLC
7:15 – Bible Institute.....	HH/FLC

Friday, February 5, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
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Saturday, February 6, 2010

9:00 – Health Ministry Exercise Class	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Board of Deacons Meeting	Deacons Room
10:00 – Investment Club #2	Library/FLC
10:00 - Girl Scouts Brownie & Daisy	LL-A&B/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts Junior	208/FLC
10:00 – Wi-Fi Techno Café	TF/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting	216/FLC
11:00 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
12:00 – Hand Dance Class	RBC#1/FLC
2:30 – New Generation Praise Dancers	Gym/FLC



Sunday, February 7, 2010

Deacons' Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m. /Deacons' Room
Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Sunday School Class (9:00)	Sanctuary
Middle School & Senior High Sunday School Class (9:00)	TF/FLC
Children's Sunday School Class (9:00)	LL/FLC
Youth Church	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality – <i>Olivet Circle</i>	TF/FLC
YACS Meeting	HHN/FLC
Youth Council Meeting	COH/FLC
Youth & Elementary Sunshine Circles Meeting	RBC#1/FLC

Discipleship News

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Denise Tucker in the loss of her grandmother, Deaconess Dorothy Lawery (Haggai Circle); the family of Associate Deacon David Hankins (Dorcas Circle) - Deaconess Ostein Hankins (Bethel Circle), mother; Eppie Hankins (Unity Circle); and Joseph Hankins (Bethel Circle), brother; and Joyce Starks (Torch Bearers) in the loss of her aunt, Hilda James.

Dr. Smith and Shiloh Family – thanks so much for the e-mails, letters and telephone calls expressing words of sympathy and caring during the Algood Family's period of bereavement in the loss of our brother, Milton Algood.

Carl L. Algood

Pastor Smith and Shiloh Family – thank you for the christening of Gabriel Isaiah Jackson on July 19, 2009. It was especially memorable to return to Shiloh to thank God for our little miracle. He is 17 months old now and loves to read and be read to. One of his favorite books are those given to him by Shiloh – he can sit and read the alphabet books over and over for 10-15 minutes at a time!!! Thank you for the donation to start a lifetime of savings. We love you and miss you

Niamibi, Carlos and Gabriel Jackson

Gratitude is expressed to the Unit II Sister Ushers of the Shiloh General Usher Board for their generous contribution of \$100.00 to be used, via Reverend Felton, for emergency human service causes in the community. These funds were collected at our annual holiday fellowship as a means of modeling our spirituality through giving to the needy.

Edna Cash, Unit Captain

*Charlotte Balton-Hicks & Rosa Jeter, Unit Vice Captains
Mack Paschal, General Usher Board President*

Thank You Notes

I would like to express my fondness and gratitude to my entire Shiloh Baptist Church family, Excelsior Circle and Dr. Crystal Kuykendall for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and support extended to me and my family during the passing of my grandfather, Mr. William Thomas. It is an absolute joy to know that God has blessed me with a loving, supportive and praying church family, the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Dr. Wesley Delaine Thomas

The love and comforting words were wonderful reminders of the true meaning of God's love. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we face the days ahead. Thank you always,

The Harris Family

Our sincere thanks is extended to our members for your support and attendance at the Tax Abatement Hearing held at the DC City Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. We are also grateful for those who signed the petition which we submitted on Friday, January 29, 2010. God bless each of you.

Pastor Wallace Charles Smith, Trustee Christine B. Clark,
Deacon Gregory Prioleau

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

February 4Naomi & Olivet Circles
February 11Omega & Phoebe Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

January 31 Naomi Circle
February 7Olivet Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

January 31Golden Deed Circle
February 7Golden Rule 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 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.

February 14, 2010 (Matthew 16:13-27) Declared by Peter – Jesus asked His disciples about His reputation. Peter identified Him as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Many people are curious about the Jesus of history – who He really is. Jesus affirmed that Peter’s declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, was a revelation by God.

February 21, 2010 (Matthew 17:1-12) Witnessed by Disciples – Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him to the top of a mountain and was transfigured (changed) before them. He encouraged them not to be afraid and instructed them not to share the experience. In reality, Peter, James and John experienced a spiritual encounter that confirmed Jesus is the Son of God.

February 28, 2010 (Matthew 26:6-13) Anointed by a Woman in Bethany – A woman poured an expensive jar of perfume on Jesus’ head. The disciples were indignant and asked why she wasted so much money. Jesus told them that she had prepared His body for burial. People who truly love find ways to demonstrate that love. Such was this woman, commended by Jesus, who gave extravagantly out of her love for Jesus as Messiah.

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.

Senior Choir & Gospel Choirs

On Monday, February 15, 2010, the Senior and Gospel Choirs will travel by bus to Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA to support Pastor Smith in presentation of the Mitchell Lecturer 2010/Black History Month Lecture Series, which was started by Pastor Smith. Seats are now opened to the congregation. Tickets are \$36 per person round trip and may be purchased at the Events Center today and next Sunday. Reservations must be made and secured by next Sunday, February 7, 2010. The bus will depart Shiloh at 6:30a.m., and return in the afternoon at approximately 5:00p.m. Continental breakfast will be provided prior to departure from Shiloh, and lunch will be served at Palmer Theological Seminary.

The Ushers' Corner
January/February/March 2010

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

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 28 – Unit 4 Serves

Thursday, March 4 – Unit 4 Serves

Sunday, March 7 – Unit 5 Serves
Unity Service

Memorial Contributions

Scholarship Fund

Gift

Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority
Kappa Gamma Chapter

\$50.00

General Fund

Gift

My Thanks to God for His Grace &
Mercy

Eva M. Stewart
\$1,000.00

**Claim The Victory
Campaign**

In Memory
of

Preston L. Johnson, Jr.

September 7, 1957-January 20, 2009

Mother & Brother
\$100.00

Community News

AIM Initiative (Aversion Incarcerating Males) – for
male students, age 8-12

Thurgood Marshall Center
12th & S Streets, NW
Saturday, February 13, 2010
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Donation: \$5.00/free for students

