

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

The Old Testament text for this week's lectionary revolves around the story of Amos, a herdsman from Tekoa. Amos is in the prophetic tradition that goes back into the ancient history of Israel. Prophets were persons inspired by God to convey messages to the nation that were directives from on high.

As Israel developed into a settled nation in Palestine, there were three distinct categories of political and spiritual leadership. There were the kings whose job was to command the armies and secure the borders. There were priests, who attended to the sacrifices and maintenance of the laws and there were prophets, the charismatic religious leaders who functioned as the conscience of both the kings and the priests.

Amos was of the school of prophets of Judea, the southern kingdom. However, the Lord has directed him to travel to Samaria the capital of Israel, the northern kingdom, and warn them of the imminent danger they faced from the aggressive and warlike Assyrians from the north.

When Israel split into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon, it was the northern kingdom which practiced the most egregious sins against God. Their leaders, allowed the worship of pagan gods, and the abominable customs of the people of Canaan, child sacrifice, temple prostitution, etc. Because of the sins that have weakened their moral fiber, God sent Amos to call them back to God's will and ways.

However, Amos was rejected by the religious leader of the north and instructed to return to his home in Judah. The lectionary text recounts one of the Bible's best known speeches. Then Amos answered Amaziah, *I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,*<sup>15</sup> *and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'*<sup>16NRSV</sup>

The tradition of the prophets was that they were to be courageous in the face of overwhelming opposition.

In today's world, God continues to call on the prophetic tradition to say to British Petroleum and its gushing oil wells, the Defense Department and its thirst for war, the Supreme Court and its bent to injustice, that God still punishes sin and allows the destruction of all who refuse to heed God's Word!

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Sunday, July 11, 2010

### Reading Through The Bible

July 11  
*Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37 – Green*

July 18  
*Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42 – Green*

July 25  
*Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13*

August 1  
*Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21*

New Members Received by  
Eula Mae Harrison Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, July 11, 2010**

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes.....	LL A&B/FLC
Senior High Class.....	TF/FLC
Alpha Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Caleb Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Sunday School Class.....	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Sunday School Class.....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
John A. Miles Sunday School Class.....	208/FLC
Littlejohn Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Sunday School Class.....	216/FLC
Young Adult Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Guest Hospitality - <i>Eula Mae Harrison Circle</i> .....	TF/FLC

## **Monday, July 12, 2010**

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

7:30 – DC is Building Green Bridges.....	208/FLC
8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	COH/FLC
8:30 – MusicianShip Marching Band Camp.....	Choir Room
9:00 – Child Development Center.....	LL/FLC

## **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**

7:30 – DC is Building Green Bridges.....	COH/FLC
8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	208/FLC
8:30 – MusicianShip Marching Band Camp.....	Choir Room
9:00 – Child Development Center.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Pastor’s Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	HHS/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Executive Board Meeting.....	Ushers’ Room
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

## **Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
8:30 – MusicianShip Marching Band Camp.....	Choir Room
9:00 – Child Development Center.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
7:00 – <b>AI-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

## Thursday, July 15, 2010

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
8:30 – MusicianShip Marching Band Camp.....	Choir Room
9:00 – Child Development Center .....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	216/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Pastor’s 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service .....	Sanctuary

## Friday, July 16, 2010

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

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
8:30 – MusicianShip Marching Band Camp.....	Choir Room
9:00 – Child Development Center .....	LL/FLC

## Saturday, July 17, 2010

8:00 – Tennis at Shiloh.....	Banneker Tennis Courts
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts, Brownies & Daisies .....	LL A&B/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation.....	Ushers’ Room
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting .....	Turner Building Conference Room
10:00 – Boy Scouts.....	216/FLC
12:00 – Missions Ministry Fellowship Meal .....	LL/FLC
1:00 – Pastor’s 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration .....	Washington Navy Yard

## Sunday, July 18, 2010

### *Pastor’s 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class .....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes .....	LL A&B/FLC
Senior High Class .....	TF/FLC
Alpha Sunday School Class .....	Gym/FLC
Caleb Sunday School Class .....	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
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Waldron/Gill Sunday School Class .....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Sunday School Class .....	216/FLC
Young Adult Sunday School Class.....	Gym/FLC
Pastor’s 19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception.....	HH/FLC
Pastor’s Anniversary Committee Luncheon .....	HHS/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Welcome New Member

Wista A. Gooden – Ever Ready Circle

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lois Davis (Naomi Circle) in the loss of her grandmother, Rebecca Brown and Iris Saunders (Grace Circle) in the loss of her cousin, Norlisha Jackson.

## Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

July 15..... Progressive & Queen Esther Circles  
Pastor's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service  
July 22 ..... Ruth & Sacrifice Circles

## Circles Receiving New Members

July 11 .....Eula Mae Harrison Circle  
July 18 .....Excelsior Circle  
July 25 ..... Faith Circle

## Circles Serving Breakfast

July 11 ..... Unity Circle  
July 18 ..... Victory Circle  
July 25 ..... Willing Workers Circle

## Volunteers Needed

The Communications Visual Media Team is looking for volunteers to project for the 7:45 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Worship Services. Please leave your contact information at the Security Desk in the Family Life Center for Christine Barker or Warren Pyles.

## Claim The Victory Campaign Contribution

In Memory  
Of

Bobby "Bob" Jones – Sunset July 2, 2003  
Rita Chavis – Sunset May 21, 2010

*The Beloved Husband & Sister of My Special Friend and Faithful Gospel Choir Member – Vada Jones*

Eunice Minor - \$50.00

## The Ushers' Corner

July/August 2010

For training – call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks (301/499-0628)

Thursday, July 15 – Unit 2 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
Pastor's Anniversary Worship Service

Sunday, July 18 – Unit 4 Serves  
Pastor's Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, July 22 – Unit 4 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
Sunday, July 25 – Unit 4 Serves

Thursday, July 29 – Unit 5 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
Sunday, August 1 – Unit 6 Serves  
10:00 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, August 5 – Unit 6 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
Sunday, August 8 – Units 1/3 Serve

Thursday, August 12 – Units 1/3 Serve  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service  
Sunday, August 15 – Unit 2 Serves

Thursday, August 12 – Units 1/3 Serve  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service

## Church School Lessons

### At-A-Glance

July 18 – **Chosen and Called** (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17) – Paul urged the church to remain firm in what they had been taught about salvation, through Jesus Christ, and not to be deceived by false teaching. He encouraged the Thessalonians to be thankful for being chosen and called of God for salvation. Finally, he reminded them that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and empowers Christians for service and that eternal comfort and good hope is available in Christ.

July 25 – **God's Own Faithfulness** (2 Thessalonians 3:1-15) – The apostle Paul set an important example of working for his livelihood. He warned the church against idleness as they wait for the coming of Christ. Further, he encouraged the church to keep in mind God's faithfulness despite the opposition they face.

# An Invitation to Our Shiloh Family

*The honor of your presence  
is requested at the services and program  
celebrating the Reverend Wallace Charles Smith 's  
19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church  
of Washington, DC*

**Thursday, July 15, 2010 - Prayer and Praise (6:30 PM) and Worship (7:00 PM) Services**

## **Featuring**

~ A special singing group  
~ participation of Deacon Candidates, Deacons and Deaconesses  
~ Surprise Guest Soloist  
~~ Guest Preacher - Dr. Earl D. Trent, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Florida Avenue Baptist Church

**Saturday, July 17, 2010 - Fellowship Luncheon  
~ Travel with us on the good ship Fellow Ship!**

**Sunday, July 18, 2010  
7:45 and 10:55 AM Worship Services**

~~ Guest Preacher, Reverend Cedrick Hughes Jones, Jr., Pastor  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA

**R.S.V.P. - Your Prayers**

*Come with your prayers of thanksgiving to God and appreciation and encouragement for our  
Pastor*

**The Pastor's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

