

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

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Reading Through The Bible

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name, proclaim his salvation day after day." Psalm 96:1-2 (NIV)

June 27
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62 – Green

As we continue to build God's Village, we know that the first purpose of the church is to magnify and glorify God. When Moses led Israel out of Egyptian bondage it was so they might worship God in the desert.

July 4
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 - Green

One of the key elements of worship is music. We are truly blessed by all of our wonderful choirs and musicians. As we celebrate Music Appreciation Day, we thank God for the wonderfully talented Thomas Dixon Tyler, all of our musicians, and the members of all of our choirs. Our worship is greatly enhanced by their faithful and dedicated service. We are truly blessed by the music we are privileged to enjoy each Sunday.

Our church theme is *Deepening our Spirituality*, which is certainly an appropriate theme as we build God's Village. The Bible tells us that *"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain"* (Psalm 127:1). That is also true as we build God's Village. Unless we dedicate ourselves wholly to God, our attempt to build God's Village will also be in vain.

The book of Exodus is anchored in the fateful event of God's encounter with Israel on Mt. Sinai. The entire story outlines how the people were to approach God. Moses the leader, the one called by God, was to ascend the mountain. The elders of Israel were to come part way up the mountain. The people were to remain at the base of Mt. Sinai and await the word from God. Moses was given the laws, sacrifices were made and blood sprinkled on the altar. When the people received the word of the law, they collectively said *"Amen"*, meaning all this we will do.



The implications for our present worship are profound. What took place on Mt. Sinai is the basis of all worship of Jews, Catholics and Protestants. Just as Sinai was the sacred space where God summoned Israel to meet with them, our sanctuary is the space where God calls us to meet Him. Moses, like present day pastors, was called by God to receive the word that He and he alone was to interpret to the people. He helped them understand God's will for their lives, as he was directed by God's word.



The structure of accountability was led by elders, in our case deacons and key officers, who ascended part way, but not all the way up the mountain.

As the word was delivered to Moses, he made a sacrifice acknowledging that following God's directives requires some cost of one's time and resources. Finally, the entire event was ratified by the congregation waiting at the base of the mountain, who responded with the *Amen*, signifying their willingness to do all that God commanded.

Worship is the first purpose of the church and it is the reason why our sanctuary is the anchor for our village that represents God's Kingdom.

This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, June 27, 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
New Members Workshop.....	HHS/FLC
Guest Hospitality – <i>Dorcas Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Music Ministry Appreciation Concert (4:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Monday, June 28, 2010

7:30 – Hands on Science.....	208/FLC
8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
5:30 – Vacation Bible School.....	Various Locations/FLC

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

7:30 – Hands on Science.....	208/FLC
8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program.....	Gym/FLC
5:30 – Vacation Bible School.....	Various Locations/FLC
6:00 – Survival Self Defense for Adults.....	RBC#1/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 – Competition Taekwondo.....	RBC#1/FLC
7:15 – WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

7:30 – Hands on Science.....	208/FLC
8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
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

5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program Gym/FLC
 5:30 – Vacation Bible School Various Locations/FLC
 6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:00 – **Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting** 208/FLC

Thursday, July 1, 2010

7:30 – Hands on Science..... 208/FLC
 8:00 – Job Readiness Program..... LL/FLC
 10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program 216/FLC
 10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting.....HH/FLC
 4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program Gym/FLC
 5:30 – Vacation Bible School Various Locations/FLC

Friday, July 2, 2010

7:30 – Hands on Science..... 208/FLC
 8:00 – Job Readiness Program..... LL/FLC
 5:30 – Vacation Bible School Various Locations/FLC

Saturday, July 3, 2010

8:00 – Tennis at Shiloh..... Banneker Tennis Courts
 10:00 – Investment Cub #2 Meeting..... Library/FLC
 10:00 – WiFi Techno Café..... TF/FLC
 10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation..... LL/FLC
 10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies & DaisiesLL-A&B/FLC
 10:00 – Girl Scouts – Juniors..... 208/FLC
 10:00 – Boy Scouts..... 216/FLC

Sunday, July 4, 2010

Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

Youth Church – 10:00 a.m./Chapel of Hope

Holy Communion



DCCF Credit Union..... LL/FLC
 Combined Adult Church School Classes Sanctuary
 Combined Middle School/Senior High Church School Classes TF/FLC
 Combined Children’s Sunday School Classes LL/FLC
 Guest Hospitality - Eula Mae Harrison Circle TF/FLC
 Youth Council Meeting COH/FLC

*Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Closed – Monday, July 5, 2010
 in observance of Independence Day*

Discipleship News

From Our Ministries.....

Welcome New Member

Clinton Walker – Calvary Circle

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Luther Lust (Berean Circle).

Baptism

God bless **Antonio Alexander McLaren** (Pilgrim Circle) who was baptized on Sunday, June 20, 2010.

Baby Dedication

*Congratulations to **Sydney Abigail Medley** (Clarissa L. Cuffee & Marcus Medley – parents) who was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, June 13, 2010. We pray that Sydney will grow to be a strong Disciple of Christ.*

Thank You Note

I would like to thank Pastor Smith, Reverend Felton, the Deacon Board, Usher Board, the Gospel Choir, Shiloh Circle and the Shiloh family for the cards, gifts and prayers sent on my behalf during the loss of my sister, Rita M. Chavis. This has been a hard time for me because I not only lost my sister but also my best friend. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Vada E. Jones

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

July 1 Olivet & Omega Circles

July 8 Phoebe & Pilgrim Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

June 26 Dorcas Circle

July 4 Eula Mae Harrison Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

June 27 Sunshine Youth Circle

July 4 Torch Bearers Circle

Pastor Anniversary Luncheon Tickets

"A Pastor's Story ...

Summoned, Surrendered, Sustained"

Romans 8: 28-31(KJV)

The Pastor's Anniversary Committee will be selling tickets today to celebrate Pastor Smith's 19th Anniversary. The luncheon will be held at the Washington Navy Yard on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$45.00 and may be purchased in Heritage Hall. For additional information please contact the committee at

sbc19thpac@gmail.com or (301) 559-5030.

The Ushers' Corner

June/July 2010

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

Sunday, June 27 – Unit #6 Serves

Choir Appreciation Day – 4:00 p.m.
ALL USHERS

Thursday, July 1 – Unit 6 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service; Bible Institute

A Time To Mourn

The Pastoral Bereavement Support Group led by Dr. Eileen Crawford (Sacrifice Circle) will begin its next six-week session Saturday, July 10, 2010. If you are mourning the death of a loved one, then dwelling on the prospect of pain and suffering is never an easy task. You do not have to do this alone. You are likely to find new hope in the experiences of others like yourself who are able to rebuild their lives with the support of this group. Please join others who mourn their losses for our weekly ninety minute support group.

The Pastoral Bereavement Support Group meets at 3636 16th Street, NW – Washington, DC – Suite AG-17. To register for this group or to make inquires please call (202) 667-7363 (office) or (202) 265-9829 (home).

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

July 4 – **God's Cosmic Plan** (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) – The return of Christ will come as a surprise to some but not to those who wait for Him. Paul told the church at Thessalonica that Christ has done what is necessary for us to live with Him forever and they should use the hope of salvation to encourage one another. God's plan of salvation is embodied in the divine plan for all creation.

July 11 – **Glory to Christ** (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12) – Paul instructed the Thessalonians that those who have faith in Jesus Christ must exhibit perseverance in faith in times of affliction, knowing that God's justice will be final. In this text, he set an example of intercessory prayer and encouraged the Thessalonians to live faithfully. In addition, Paul taught that God wants our Christian commitment to air always at giving God the glory.

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.

Shiloh – Making History...Again!



The American Guild of Organists (AGO) will celebrate its Centennial Conference here in our nation's Capitol, July 4-9, 2010. Throughout the week, AGO members/participants will attend worship services of various denominations and cultures. Shiloh and its great Senior Choir have been selected as the church and choir of choice, by the Guild, to present the African-American worship service!

Mr. Tyler and Ms. Simpson-Curenton are *pulling out all the stops* to ensure the Choir's readiness for such an occasion. The services will also include the spoken word by Pastor Smith and the Rev. Dr. Lewis Anthony, liturgical dancing and an organ performance by Marvin Mills that will showcase our Casavant organ. Shiloh ushers will be on duty for the services. Our own Evelyn Simpson-Curenton and Everett P. Williams, Jr., are members of the AGO. The late Henry J. Booker, Jr., former organist here at Shiloh, was selected to the AGO in 1937, one of a few black members at that time.

There will be two worship services on **Wednesday, July 7: 10:00-10:45 a.m. and 11:15-12 N.** The worship services serve as workshops for the Guild and will run concurrently; they will start and end promptly!

Over 300 AGO members will attend the worship services here at Shiloh. As the host church, let us come out and greet our esteemed guests, support our church and Senior Choir and be a part of another history-making moment at 9th & P!

For more information about the AGO Conference, visit: <http://www.ago2010.org/>

The MusicianShip is offering a **Marching Band Camp** for ages 13-18. Students will learn from world-class musicians, will be provided with opportunities to audition for music scholarships to colleges and universities, have opportunity to perform at several local parades and community events and much, much more. Camp starts June 28th and ends on August 6th and will be held at the Family Life Center. The fee is \$225 for the entire six-week camp (some tuition assistance is available to qualifying students on a first-come, first-served basis). To register online, and to get more information, visit: www.TheMusicianShip.org. You may also register by phone at: 703-831-4160.



Youth Ministry – Scouting Program

The Shiloh scouting program is proud to share in the rich history of Boy Scouts of America. The programs at Shiloh have been in existence for almost 70 years and consist of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts. The scouting program is to be an anchor of an urban village that focuses its ministry on body, mind and soul for persons of all cultures and races from the cradle to the grave. The Shiloh scouting program is preparing young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Boy Scouts of America's mission is to prepare young men by developing character, teamwork, problem solving skills, citizenship and personal fitness. The highest honor bestowed upon a Boy Scout is earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks—Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.



Troop 524 is proud to have **12** scouts that have reach the rank of Eagle (**4 in the last three years!!!**) in the history of the troop at Shiloh. They include:

1. Gregory Bingham
2. Letroy Nicholson
3. Terrence Carroll
4. Henry C. Gregory III
5. Herbert Johnson
6. Jerrin Holdip
7. Desmond Cole
8. Jamil Smart
9. Grant Evans - **2008**
10. Malik Williams - **2009**
11. Leslie Petersen Jr - **2009**
12. Ilyas Anthony Woolbright - **2010**

In addition to producing twelve Eagle Scouts, Troop 524 has distinguished itself by being the first African-American boy scout troop to attend the White House Easter Egg Roll in 1980, attendance at the Inauguration ceremony of President Ronald Reagan in 1981, the Lenhoksin High Adventure Trail in 1982 and the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in 1983. Since 1980 the troop has participated at Goshen summer camp in southwestern VA. The Goshen Camp offers a wide variety of camping experiences for all levels of scouting. Scouting troops from all over attend to earn merit badges, participate in high adventure activities and also compete amongst each other to test their scouting skills and leadership.

Our current troop has received numerous honors (Outstanding Troop, Troop of the Week, etc) while attending various camps throughout the area. The troop also participates in the local Washington DC District Fall & Spring Camp-O-See's which they have won 1st Place numerous times.

Shiloh's Boy Scout program includes a wide range of activities – camping, hiking/biking, swimming, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, fishing, sports/fitness and community service. More importantly we thrive on teaching discipline, responsibility, citizenship, leadership, organization, decision making and team work.



Boy scouts are for young men ages 11-18. So if you want to learn discipline and teamwork, organization and leadership skills, then scouting is for **YOU**. If you enjoy the great outdoors and want to experience high adventure activities, then scouting is for **YOU**. Please contact Jamil Smart 240-601-1920 for more information.

We would like to thank the Shiloh family for your support of the Scouting program and for providing a host institution with an environment that strengthens family and individual values and promotes reverence for God. We also would like to thank the countless private contributors in our congregation who have provided monetary and/or service related support to our scouting programs, specifically the Shiloh Friends of Scouting (SFoS). If you are interested in contributing to the support of the scouting program...please contact Deacon Gilbert Joyner or John Barber.



Cub Scouting includes a variety of fun and exciting activities for boys in the first through fifth grades. Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Many of the activities happen right in the den and pack. The most important are the weekly den meetings and the monthly pack meetings. Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.



Shiloh's Cub Scout program includes a wide range of group and individual activities your son will enjoy. More importantly, the activities in the Cub Scout program carefully selected and administered - everything that Cub Scouts do contributes to their moral, physical, and intellectual development:

- Sports such as baseball, soccer, and swimming—develop physical fitness, teamwork, fair play, cooperation, and good sportsmanship.
- Hands-on learning experiences about art, science, music, and computers—inspire the imagination of youth and sharpen a boy's interest in learning.
- Projects in woodworking, leatherworking, and sculpture—teach the value of planning and patience and give boys confidence in their abilities.
- Outdoor adventures such as camping, hiking, and fishing—convey an appreciation for nature's majesty and teach the importance of preserving our environment.
- Pinewood Derby - The pinewood derby is a racing event for Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts, with the help of parents, build their own cars from wood, usually from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels and metal axles.
- Boys in Cub Scouting belong to a small group where they take part in interesting and meaningful activities with their friends. Through these activities, boys learn the value in sportsmanship, good behavior, and cooperation.

The Cub Scout Program will commence in the fall with Saturday meetings at Shiloh. Stay tuned to the Shiloh Spirit for more information!!!



