

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

One principle the Bible lifts up continually is that life is never certain. We may have weeks and even months of peace and tranquility and then from seemingly nowhere something comes and knocks us for a loop. Where is God in those times of disorientation?

In 1 Kings 17:8-24, there is an account of the widow of Zarahab and the prophet Elijah, which dramatizes this point. The story takes place during the reign of a wicked king in Israel named Ahab. He is the weak and pathetic husband of Jezebel. Because of his wickedness, God instructs Elijah to call for a famine throughout the land.

During this time of drought, Elijah himself reaches a point of starvation and is directed to the house of the widow of Zarahab where he requests food. She has only enough for herself and her son to eat one last meal before they die, but in obedience to the prophet she gives him her last food. Miraculously, as a result of her faithfulness, her olive oil and grain are sustained and they are able to eat from that same meal barrel until the end of the famine.

This would seem to vindicate this women's faith and God's reward for committed living. However in the very next vignette, the son takes sick and dies and Elijah himself questions God's judgment of rescuing the boy from famine and then permitting his death. Elijah brings the boy back to life, but the question remains, why are there times when we have done everything correctly and still experience what feels like the absence of God?

There is no clear answer. The Bible does not sugar coat hard questions. It simply leaves us to ponder. What we must do in times of disorientation is to understand God is never absent. Even in the trenches of despair God remains with us. God promises that He will never fail us or forsake us. Whether it is in times of famine or untimely death, God continues to love us and is on our side.

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Sunday, June 6, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

June 6

1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146;
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17 –
Green

June 13

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8;
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3 –
Green

June 20

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 and
43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-
39 – Green

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

New Members Received by
Berean Circle



This Week at Shiloh



Sunday, June 6, 2010

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Sunday School Classes.....	Sanctuary
Combined Children’s Sunday School Classes.....	LL/FLC
Combined Middle School & Senior High Sunday School Classes.....	TF/FLC
Youth Church.....	COH/FLC
YACS Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Youth Council Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Elementary & Youth Sunshine Circles Meeting.....	RBC#1/FLC
Guest Hospitality – <i>Berean Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting.....	Library/FLC
YACS Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting.....	208/FLC
Men’s Day Committee Meeting.....	216/FLC
Eagle Scout Ceremony (3:00 p.m.).....	HH/FLC

Monday, June 7, 2010

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

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
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Tuesday, June 8, 2010

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Survival Self Defense for Adults.....	RBC#1/FLC
6:00 – Pastor’s Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	HH/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 9, 2010

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
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 – Spring Explosion Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	COH/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, June 10, 2010

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
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service.....	HH/FLC
7:15 – Bible Institute.....	HH/FLC

Friday, June 11, 2010

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
6:45 – ASINGA Play Rehearsal.....	COH/FLC
6:30 – New Generation of Praise.....	Gym/FLC
5:00 - Children’s Day Friday Fun Activity.....	COH. Gym, HH/FLC

Saturday, June 12, 2010

7:00 – Tennis at Shiloh.....	Banneker Tennis Courts
9:00 – Competition Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting.....	Library/FLC
10:00 – Children’s Day Production Meeting.....	208/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulleting Preparation.....	Ushers’ Room
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting.....	216/FLC
11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting.....	LL/FLC
11:30 – Stomp Team Practice.....	RBC/FLC
12:00 – Deacon Candidate Training.....	Deacons’ Room
12:30 – Children’s Choir Rehearsal.....	COH/FLC
1:00 – ASINGA Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
1:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
1:30 – Angels of Glory.....	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation Praise.....	RBC/FLC

Sunday, June 13, 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.....	HHS/FLC
New Members Workshop.....	Deacons’ Room
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Mary E. Robinson Missionary Group Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Spring Explosion Reception.....	HH/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Member

Darius DeLeon Carr – Adah Circle

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Aniece McClure (Helping Hand Circle) in the loss of her cousin, Atha Jackson.

Thank You Note

I want to say how thankful I am for receiving the John W. Robinson, Jr. Scholarship. I am thankful to the Scholarship Committee and Reverend Wallace Charles Smith. My freshmen year at Lincoln University was definitely an experience for me. I learned the ups and downs of college life and the trials and tribulations of friendships. However, with all of those things going on, I remembered that I came to college to further my education and to make my family proud. So I just have to push through and I also know with God and my family by my side that I will make it.

India Barber

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

- June 10*Helping Hand & Hill Climbers Circles*
- June 17*Hope & King’s Messengers Circles*
- June 24*Mt. Sinai & Naomi Circles*

Circles Receiving New Members

- June 6*Berean Circle*
- June 13*Bethel Circle*
- June 27*Sunshine Youth Circle*

Circles Serving Breakfast

- June 6*Shiloh Circle*
- June 13*Silent Mission Circle*
- June 20*Social Reapers Circle*
- June 27*Sunshine Youth Circle*

From Our Ministries.....

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 abc19thpac@gmail.com or (301) 559-5030.

A Note from the Music Ministry's Award Committee

The Music Ministry here at Shiloh is a key component of worship. The music rendered by the Choirs magnifies the message of salvation in song and serves as a true companion to the preached Word. Planning for worship, as well as for special services, requires dedication to excellence and an exorbitant amount of preparation. All of the members of the Ministry are loyal and dedicated volunteers of their respective Choir(s). A few, however, are unsung heroes/heroines, who work tirelessly and faithfully behind the scenes to ensure quality of service is rendered. In this Music Appreciation year, we pause to recognize two individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service and outstanding leadership in support of the Music Ministry. Please join us in saluting these individuals in an **Awards Gala** on Friday, **June 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m.** in **Heritage Hall**. Tickets are **\$35 per person** and will be available in the Events Center each Sunday through **June 20th**. A commemorative journal is also being developed; forms are available for ads (memorial, celebratory, business, etc.). The weekend's celebration will culminate on **Sunday, June 27**. All Choirs will sing at both services. At **4:00 p.m.**, *Dawn E. Robinson*, soprano, will be presented in an "Evening Song". We are most grateful for your support of the Music Ministry throughout the year and look forward to your continued support in this endeavor.



Graduates Reception

A **Reception for Graduates** will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Please sign up to attend by submitting the registration form below at the FLC Security Desk, Attention: Scholarship Committee. *Deadline for submitting forms: Sunday, June 13.*

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

I will be graduating from (check the appropriate school)

Elementary Junior/Middle High School
 College/University

The Ushers' Corner

May/June/July 2010

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

Sunday, June 6 – Unit #2 Serves
10:00 a.m. – Unity Service

Thursday, June 10 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service; Bible Institute

Sunday, June 13 – Unit 3/4 Serves

Thursday, June 17 – Unit #4 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service; Bible Institute

Sunday, June 20 – Unit #5 Serves

Thursday, June 24 – Unit #5 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service; Bible Institute

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

HBCU Corner

Join the HBCU Council for a *Sweet and Jazzy* evening high under the summer sky. Dressed in your best summer white attire, you will enjoy the great entertainment by Lori Williams and Friends and delectable desserts and more...all in the spirit of fellowship. Proceeds benefit the HBCU Council Scholarship Fund. Date: June 26, 2010...Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm...Where: Roof top Terrace of the Family Life Center...Cost: \$40.00 per person. Tickets are available at the event booth after each service. Hope to see you there.



Pastoral Bereavement Support Group

We cordially invite members of the Shiloh family to participate in a bereavement support group. The focus of the group will be one of learning together how to cope with grief. This is not a therapy group. It is a pastoral support group. The intent is to learn together and in the process to receive and offer support within the framework of God's unfailing presence. We know that grieving is the hardest part of the healing process. Yet, the greatest gift we can give one another is the sure knowledge that our spiritual and loving support of one another and our personal commitment to faithfully live our lives can provide personal meaning in times of grief and stress. Our vision is to come together in the spirit of God's grace and love, ready to listen with our hearts and ears. It is also to make available a setting in which you can receive and offer support in dealing with your loss and grief.

Who is eligible? All those who have suffered losses. Grief is painful. Sharing the pain with others is taking care of yourself, giving a gift of trust, and being a Christian witness of others. We will contact those members of the Shiloh community who have suffered losses asking them to join our support group.

Schedule: The Pastoral Bereavement Support Group will meet once weekly in ninety minute sessions for eight weeks in a place to be assigned. Following the eight weeks of meetings, participants are invited to meet on a monthly basis with the Pastoral Bereavement Network. The purpose of this monthly Bereavement Network is to continue to build a loving pastoral community of people who provide a safe place for you to continue to grieve and to open up to feelings that might still be locked inside of you.

Facilitator: Eileen Crawford (Taylor), Ph.D., has been a psychotherapist in private practice in Washington, D.C., for fourteen years. Additionally she is a Seminarian in her final year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA where she received a Masters in Divinity in May 2010. Dr. Crawford is a graduate of The Union Institute where she received a Ph.D., in the humanities; she also received Masters Degrees from The University of the District of Columbia (Counseling); and Howard University (African Studies). Additionally, Dr. Crawford has been an Associate Professor of English at the University of the District of Columbia for over 23 years.

Children's/Youth Day

The Children/Youth Day Committee is planning a Fun Night for all Children and Youth. Come out and enjoy games, food, music, movies, fun and fellowship.

Date: *Friday, June 11th*

Time: *6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm*

Place: *FLC - Gym and Chapel of Hope*

Parents and high school students are needed as volunteers. Please contact Zenobia Bingham or Towanna Friend at cycd.shiloh@gmail.com if you are able to help out. Community service hours will be granted for students.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Children/Youth Committee Co-Chairs: Zenobia Bingham or Towanna Friend.



Eagle Scout Induction Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop 524 is very proud of Ilyas Anthony Woolbright, Jr., for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest rank in scouting. Please join us in congratulating Anthony at the Eagle Scout Induction Ceremony on TODAY at 3:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry

June is Youth Ministry month. During this time we will highlight the various activities of the Youth Ministry. Today we are sharing with you the mission of our ministry and the history of the Youth Circle.

Mission

Shiloh's Youth Ministry's mission is to provide an opportunity for youth to grow and become active disciples for our Savior Jesus Christ. Through experiential learning and an ever broadening knowledge of our God, we offer youth the opportunity to develop the spiritual life and personal skills needed to conquer and surpass the challenges that await them on their journey to becoming contributing adults. Building on the proverb, *it takes a village to raise a child*; Shiloh's Youth Ministry encourages every adult in the village to become active participants and role models in our search to locate the key that unlocks the potentials of our youth.

History of Shiloh Youth Circle

The Shiloh Youth Circle was created in 1931 as The Sunshine Circle, developed as a vision of Reverend Earl L Harrison. Dr. Harrison developed the circle concept so that the youth of our church could meet to discuss church news and fellowship. The Circle was one of the original circles for all the youth of Shiloh, but in 1978 it was split into 3 circles: Sunshine Elementary, Sunshine Junior High and Sunshine Sr. High Circles. Deaconess Berlene Newhouse was the Sunshine Circle Leader in 1978 and was instrumental in the Circle's split. The Shiloh Youth Circle, previously known as Genesis Circle and Sunshine Youth Circle received the name Shiloh Youth Circle in 2000.

The Shiloh Youth Circle is currently led by three diligent leaders, Denice Woodruff, Circle Leader; Zenobia Bingham, Vice Leader; Fern Clark, Vice Leader; Edna Cash, Leader Emeritus; Neal Pitts, Deacon; Minister Thomas Bowen, Youth Minister and many parents who provide assistance, snacks and materials for the youth during our meetings. The youth are responsible for conducting their meeting with a welcome, prayer and praise. We often have guest speakers from the church to speak to our youth about their career or organization news. The youth fellowship and establish friendships when conducting special projects such as feeding the homeless, writing letters to President Obama, serving breakfast or creating special care packages for the less fortunate during the Christmas and Easter holidays. The Shiloh Youth Circle meets each first Sunday immediately following Youth Church service from September to June. Also on the third Sunday we participate in the Youth and Young Adult Sunday Worship Service. On this special Sunday the youth and young adults join together to lead both worship services by greeting the guests, reading the Scripture, singing, and dancing. All Shiloh youth between the ages of 12 to 18 are invited to attend the Youth Circle. The Leaders' goals are to assist the youth in being fully engaged in all church activities and to be spiritually uplifted. We encourage the youth to come out and fellowship with one another and be informed about Shiloh Baptist Church.

On April 14, 2010 we were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Archie Prioleau. We will truly miss Archie's enthusiasm to offer our youth spiritual programs. His caring nature and gentle smile will always be a very special part of the Sunshine Youth Circle.

About Our Members.....

Trayon M. Barber, the son of John A. Barber, Sr. and Sandra-Jowers-Barber has been accepted to the Young Scholars Program at the University of Maryland at College Park. He will earn college credits for attending the three week summer program. Trayon will also participate in the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships workshop

at the Washington Hilton Hotel. He is a sophomore at Friendship Collegiate Academy, a member of the Youth Circle, the Unit 6 Usher Board and the Boy Scouts.

Congratulations to **Loren Belle Saxton** who received her Master of Arts in Journalism/Mass Communication at the University of Georgia on Saturday, May 8. Her Master's thesis was entitled, Katrina's Story: A Narrative Analysis of News Coverage and FEMA's Crisis Response Strategies. Loren has been awarded an assistantship to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia, where she will begin teaching an undergraduate class in August while working on her doctorate. She is grateful to Shiloh for the prayers and support given to her thus far on her journey, and asks that you continue to keep her in your prayers as she embarks upon this new challenge.

Reverend Debra Winston Lopez is being sponsored by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention to participate in the 2010 National Literacy Missions Leadership Workshop in Oklahoma. The workshop is administered by the Literacy Missions and Refugee Ministry of the North American Mission Board. Reverend Lopez completed sixteen (16) hours of training in teaching adult reading and writing using the Laubach method. On Sunday, May 23, Reverend Lopez presented an award to the Newhouse -Mayfield family in commemoration of twenty (20) years for the Shiloh Debutante program. She also serves as the Spiritual Growth leader. During the Memorial Day weekend, in addition to trying to get to the funeral of Grandon Sherman, she conducted worship service at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Kimball, West Virginia where her father pastored for thirty (30) years. The church has been without a pastor since 1994 upon the passing of her father. He was the eighth pastor and Reverend Henry C. Gregory, Jr. was the seventh pastor.

Coming Soon!

Men's Day Activities

June 17-June 26

Vacation Bible School

June 28-July 2

Pastor's Anniversary Celebration

July 17-July 18

