

The Shiloh Spirit



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Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

The third Sunday in March is our annual *Claim the Victory* special offering. For the last 12 years we have joyously and celebratively marched down the aisles of our beautiful new church with our sacrificial debt reduction envelopes in hand. We have presented those gifts with shouts of Hallelujah. The monies we have raised in these special offerings have allowed us to make accelerated payments toward paying off the debt on our sanctuary. We know these are challenging times financially.

Mortgage foreclosures and job loss, as well as sky rocketing prices, have made for extraordinary economic uncertainty in our nation. However, through it all Shiloh has responded tremendously. There were those who said from the beginning of the rebuilding process that we would never complete the project. On March 15, 1998 when we marched into the new building, we proved them wrong. Others then said we would never be able to pay the mortgage. In these last twelve years we not only have never missed a payment (while continuing all our ministries), we also have made accelerated payments each year to eradicate the debt. We have a way to go, but look how far the Lord has brought us. To God be the glory!

The Bible makes it clear that our sacrificial giving must be our faithful response to God for all that God has done for us. God provides everything we need for effective living. God formed us in the divine image. God breathed in us the breath of life. God gave us the responsibility of being wise stewards over all the earth. The air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we consume were all given to us by our loving and compassionate God. All God expects of us in response is our joyous praise and our presenting back to God the first tenth of what God has already provided. God's love is so inscrutable that when we, as God's people, were completely off course God sent his son to die for us on a cross. We can never give enough to thank God for what God has already provided to us.

On this Sunday we march with our gifts to say thank you. We march to praise the Lord for the faithfulness God has shown us. We march to acknowledge that we are God's children and that we love our God with all our hearts minds and souls.

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Sunday, March 21, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

March 21 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8 –
Violet

March 28 – Palm Sunday

(Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118); Isaiah
50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phillipians
2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56) - Red

April 4 – Resurrection Day (1 morn)

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-
18 – Gold/White. (2 morn) Isaiah
65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts
10:34-43; Luke 2:1-12 – Gold/White.
(evening) Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
– White

April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150 or Psalm
118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John
20:19-31 - White

New Members Received by
Ruth Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, March 21, 2010

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop.....	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
Hope Circle Meeting.....	RBC#1/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle & Sacrifice Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Youth Council Meeting.....	Gym/FLC

Monday, March 22, 2010 - Family Life Center Closes at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 – Usher Board Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
7:00 - Boy Scouts Council District Committee Meeting.....	LL/FLC
7:15 – WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, March 24, 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
6:00 – Gospel Choir Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	Deacons' Room
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, March 25, 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, March 26, 2010 - Family Life Center Closes at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27, 2010

9:00 – Debutante Workshop LL/FLC
9:30 – Church School Easter Program Rehearsal COH/FLC
10:00 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting 216/FLC
12:00 – Deacon-In-Training Session Deacons’ Room

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday



DCCF Credit Union LL/FLC
New Members Workshop HHS/FLC
Church School Decision Day Program – Combined Children/Youth Classes LL
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
Young Adult Class HHS/FLC
Guest Hospitality –*Sacrifice Circle* TF/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting HHN/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting 216/FLC
Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting 208/FLC
Gospel Choir Anniversary Praise Concert (4:00 p.m.) Sanctuary

Reception Immediately Following Concert

Don't Forget!!!

March 29-April 1 – Noon Worship Service – COH/FLC

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m. – Metropolitan Baptist Church at Shiloh

Good Friday Service – 12:00 Noon – Sanctuary

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service (Baptism)

8:30 a.m. – Church School Easter Program

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

Discipleship News

From Our Ministries

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Deaconess Eloise Curry (Berean Circle) – James Curry, Jr., Son; Caryn Curry, Daughter; Parthenia Pruden (Haggai Circle), Sister

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

March 25Torch Bearers & Unity Circles
April 1Victory & Willing Workers Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

March 21Ruth Circle
March 28Sacrifice Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

March 21King's Messengers Circle
March 28Mt. Sinai Circle

Thank You Notes

On behalf of the HBCU Council, we thank our Shiloh family for your support of the HBCU Observance. Thanks are also extended to the HBCU Council for your hard work and support. May God continuously bless this branch of Zion and the HBCU Council.

J. Otis Harris, Jr, President

The Deacon Board thanks those who supported the two (2) hour, deacon led Lenten Prayer Vigil on Thursday,, March 4, 2010.

We have been blessed by your attendance, participation, prayers, affirmations and feedback. Our goal, in keeping with the church theme and our pastor's vision, is to reach out to you, the Shiloh congregation and to the community, as we work together to "deepen our spirituality".

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10*

The Shiloh Deacon Board

Message From The Administrative Office

We are respectfully requesting that absolutely no food or drink be brought into or consumed in our Sanctuary.

Nominations for Church Officers

To whom much is given, much is required. Shiloh needs your talents in leadership positions. Beginning Monday, March 22, 2010, nomination forms will be available at the Security Desk in the Family Life Center, on the Shiloh website or from any nominating committee member to fill the annual slate of officers whose vacancies will occur during church year 2010. If you know of someone who will be strong, dedicated, supportive and creative leader, we request that you complete a nomination form and return it to the Security Desk no later than Sunday, May 2, 2010. For questions, please contact Brenda J. Johnson, Nominating Committee Chair at 202/667-7502, or Nominating Committee members – Reather Felton or Mack Pascal.

The Ushers' Corner February/March/April 2010

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

Sunday, March 21 – Unit 6 Serves

Tuesday, March 23 – Usher Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Executive Board; 7:00 p.m. – Usher Board

Thursday, March 25 – Unit 6 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise – Bible Institute

Sunday, March 28 – Unit 2 Serves
Palm Sunday
4:00 p.m. – Gospel Choir Anniversary
Thursday, April 1 – ALL USHERS
7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service (Unit 2 Lead)
Friday, April 2 – ALL USHERS
12:00 Noon – Good Friday Service (Unit 2 Lead)

Sunday, April 4 – Unit Captains/Officers
Easter Sunday
6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service
8:30 a.m. – Church School Easter Program
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

Thursday, April 8 – Unit 4 Serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise – Bible Institute

Sunday, April 11 – Unit 5 Serves

Congregational Care Ministry Observance Circle Leaders Council

The Shiloh "Circle" concept was established by the late Reverend Earl L. Harrison, to symbolically describe the smaller church family within the global Shiloh family. The Circle is a complete figure with Christ in the center and each member equally near Him. The Circle's overall purpose is twofold: (1) to help the church membership grow socially, spiritually, morally and financially; and 2) to involve and motivate its members in promoting the ministries and programs of the church. In essence, the "Circle" provides the church with its "heartbeat" which is defined as Christian fellowship.

The Shiloh Circle Leaders and Vice Leaders comprise the Circle Leaders Council. They are led by the Spirit of God and have a sense of wholeness, harmony and well-being, produced through care, concern and appreciation of both self and others. The Circle Leaders Council (CLC) involves the entire congregation because each member is assigned to a circle.

Over the past year the CLC has been very diligent in participating and supporting the activities of the various ministries and groups in Shiloh. In addition to promoting membership participation on the various committees/ministries within the church, thickly took a full page ad in the Gospel Choir's 30th Anniversary Souvenir Program and the Family Life Center Annual Art Show and Auction Program, attended the Women's Day Tea at the O Street Mansion, participated in the Angel Tree Program, and sponsored five young people to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast. We also purchased five tickets to allow five Debutantes to attend the Women's Day Tea at the Willard Hotel. In addition to supporting the various activities of the church we are committed to deepening our spirituality by attending both Church School and the Bible Institute.

The Circle Leaders Council sponsors one activity during the Church year in the Spring. The 2009 Spring Activity was one of joyful Christian fellowship by all aboard the Land Cruise and during our flea market. Outstanding support of this activity results in the CLC making a major donation to the Claim the Victory Campaign. The 2010 Spring Activities scheduled for Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2010. Friday we will have a Salad Fest/Karaoke/Poetry Slam and on Saturday we will have a Historical Carnival/Flea Market and Cookout. This will provide the circles with an opportunity to display the historical memorabilia of their circle. Please mark your calendar with these dates so that you will be sure to support our Spring Activity on April 23 and 24, 2010.

*Reather Felton, President
JoAnne Beasley, Vice President*

Fun and Friendship Today... Courage, Confidence and Character Tomorrow!

Maybe you're a science genius or an aspiring writer. Ever wanted to try rock climbing or archery? Do you like to horseback ride or perform in theatre productions? Perhaps you'd like to learn camping or scuba diving. Does a slumber party at the Mall or the zoo sound like a blast? Girl Scouts is the place for you! All girls ages 5 to 17 are invited to join! The Girl Scouting Program at Shiloh is recruiting girls ages 5 to 17. If you are interested in enrolling a girl(s) please contact Keisha Jackson at 301-265-8008 for more information.

HBCU Corner

The Morehouse College Summer Program – Project Identity – takes place from June 7th to June 28th. The program, for African American males entering the 10th and 11th grades in the Fall of 2010, includes creative writing, SAT Prep, debate, pre-calculus, leadership development, enrichment activities, etc. The fee is \$400 which includes meals, housing and activities.

For more information visit
www.morehouse.edu/projectidentity.

Leadership Renewal Conference

Saturday, April 17, 2010

For all Church Leaders
Howard University School of Divinity

About Our Members

Congratulations to Daryl Williams, son of Deacon John and Reverend Loretta Williams, who won a Gold Medal with a score of 444 in the Regional Special Olympics Tournament in Ellicott City, MD on March 7, 2010.

Claim The Victory Campaign

Sermon Notes

Preacher

Scripture

Old Testament –
New Testament –

Happy Birthday

Susie B. Lyon

We Love You
Your Family - \$50.00

In Memory of the Holmes Family

Ella Mae Caskill

Aunt – September 20, 2008

Edward Holmes

Uncle – February 3, 2009

Joe Davis

Father – April 26, 2009

Vernie Holmes Deleston

Aunt – May 10, 2009

Buelah Holmes Davis

Mother – October 25, 2009

Delores A. Holmes

Wife – January 9, 2010

Melvin Holmes - \$125.00

In Loving and Everlasting Memory
of

Derrick T. Fox

On his birthday – March 23
Ruby Burke - \$500.00

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**God,
What
would you
have me
do?**

