

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Palm Sunday is a pivotal time in the life of the Christian church. Jesus is now on a collision course with the Temple authorities, a course which will lead to his crucifixion.

Jesus is no stranger to the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Luke 2 informs us that his parents traveled to that city every year for the observance. At twelve years old he was separated from his parents on their return trip to Galilee and was found by them several days later dialoging in the Temple with the Doctors of Law.

On this Passover, Jesus, now at the height of his ministry rides triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey, the symbol that a King is coming in peace. The jubilant crowd shouted Hosanna, praise God and placed Palm branches on his path. They believed that Jesus was coming to claim his rightful place as King of the Jews. His rock star status insured huge crowds wherever he ventured. This was certainly the case on this day.

However, after the jubilation of Palm Sunday the mood turned sinister. Jesus entered the Temple, the same place where as a twelve year old he had confounded the elders. Now, they go beyond confounding to consternation as Jesus overturns the tables of the money changers (the booths at the entrance of the Temple where foreign currency was exchanged for Temple currency at exorbitant rates) and made the famous declaration "*My house shall be called a house of prayer. You changed it into a den of thieves*".

There are many subtleties in this story. Recall that in Luke 4 when Jesus delivered his first sermon he preached about justice for the poor. In Matthew 5-7 in the Sermon on the Mount, he preached that God was on the side of the disenfranchised. That day in the Temple he observed how poor pilgrims were taken advantage of because the money necessary to buy lambs for the Passover sacrifice had to be Temple currency. Poor people lost substantial amounts of resources at these exchange booths. Additionally they had no choice but to do business there because the only animals acceptable for sacrifice were those that were sold in the Temple.

The injustice of the scene caused Jesus' radical response, a response which would give the Temple authorities the ammunition they needed to charge him with blasphemy, the sentence for which he would die.

Palm Sunday displays human sin at its vilest, jubilation followed closely by hate filled recriminations. Yet, thanks be to God, crucifixion did not end this story-stay tuned for Easter.

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Sunday, March 28, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

March 28 – Palm Sunday
(Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118); Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 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



This Week at Shiloh



Sunday, March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

Dinner Available Following Morning Worship Service

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Church School Decision Day Program (Children/Youth Classes).....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop.....	HHS/FLC
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
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting.....	208/FLC
Gospel Choir Anniversary Concert (4:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Reception Immediately Following Concert

Noonday Services ✝ Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 29, 2010

12:00 Noon - *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane* – Chapel of Hope

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

12:00 Noon - *Jesus Takes Up His Cross* – Chapel of Hope

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	216/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:30 – Men’s Day Committee Meeting.....	208/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Rom

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

12:00 Noon – *Simone of Cyrene* – Chapel of Hope

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
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, April 1, 2010

12:00 Noon – *Jesus Dies on the Cross* – Chapel of Hope

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship Service – *Metropolitan at Shiloh*

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting.....	HH/FLC
12:00 – Holy Week Noon Service	COH/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC

Friday, April 2, 2010

***Seven Last Words of Christ* – 12:00 Noon - Sanctuary**

Saturday, April 2, 2010

9:30 – Church School Easter Program Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 – Deacon Board Meeting	Deacons’ Room
10:00 – Internet Security & E-mail Class	HH/FLC
10:00 – Investment Club #2 Meeting.....	Library/FLC
10:00 – WiFi Techno Café.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulleting Prep.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownie & Daisies.....	LLA&B/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Juniors.....	208/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts.....	21/FLC
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers	LL/FLC

Sunday, April 3, 2010

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service – 6:00 a.m. (Baptism)

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

Morning Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion



Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Michelle Denise Lampkins – Ruth Circle
Kimberly Edna Powell – Haggai Circle

Baby Dedication

Congratulations to Jala Miley Crutchfield (Lashavia Dixon & James B. Crutchfield – parents) who was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, March 21, 2010. We pray that Jala will grow to be a strong and dedicated Disciple of Christ.

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

April 1 Victory & Willing Workers Circles
April 8 Adah & Alpha Circles
April 15 Antioch & Berean Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

March 28 Sacrifice Circle
April 4 Shiloh Circle
April 11 Social Reapers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

April 4 Naomi Circle
April 11 Olivet Circle

Message From The Administrative Office

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

DVDs Available!

DVDs of the Women's Day Thursday Evening and Sunday Morning Worship Services are available for \$20.00 each. If you would like to have a memorable keepsake of these events, please see Dr. Hattie Davis at the Event Center today to place your order or to pick up your previously ordered DVDs.

From Our Ministries

Nominations for Church Leaders

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 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

FROM THE TRUSTEES

God is Good!

We are happy to inform you that the first installment from the Deputy Mayor's Neighborhood Investment Fund has been received. This has allowed us to engage consultants for our feasibility study to advance our development plan.

A lovely young couple anxious for their first home purchased our property at 1543 8th Street N.W. This completes the approved sale of property.

Finally, we have been successful in receiving the appropriate tax rate assessed on our 9th Street properties for fiscal year 2010.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Shiloh Step Team

We're very excited to announce that the Shiloh Step Team is **re-energized, expanding, practicing and ready to perform!** Under the guidance and inspiration of Youth Ministry members Rita Bibbs-Booth and Fern Clark, the Step Team has selected two new co-leaders. They are Mr. John Cunningham and Mr. Bernard Thomas. The Step Team practices every Saturday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the FLC gym and has a busy and very exciting season promised for all who want to be a part of these activities. Praise the Lord as our Shiloh young people are preparing to step for Jesus Christ!!! Please contact John Cunningham at 301-875-7619 or Bernard Thomas at 202-294-4882 if you are interested in joining.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOUNDATION SAVE THE DATE!

You don't want to miss the long awaited return of Jazz Pianist extraordinaire, Dick Morgan to Heritage Hall! The Board of Directors and staff of the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF) are pleased to announce the return of Jazz to Heritage Hall! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, May 1st, 5:00-7:30pm. Dick Morgan and his soul stirring musicians will once again delight jazz aficionados and all who enjoy *good music!* Save the date and watch future issues of the **Shiloh Spirit** for more details. You may also contact Linwood Moore, Event Coordinator (Linwood.Moore@va.gov ;301/390-7702); FLCF Board of Directors Chairperson, Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057) or FLCF Executive Director, Lorraine H. Settles (202/ 232-4288 ext. 21.)

Family Life Center Foundation Classes

Survival Self Defense for Adults

Racquetball Court - \$120 for six classes – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing and come prepared to learn how to defend yourself in everyday situations.

Advanced Taekwondo

Racquetball Court - \$100/month - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Students should attend who are interested in a continuous program involving rigorous practice.

Survival Spanish for Adults

Room 216 - \$200 for eight classes – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Ideal for anyone interested in learning basic Spanish for common everyday conversation.

Computer Basics for Adults

Computer Lab - \$150 for six classes – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This class will provide new computer users with basic knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and the Internet.

Classes are conducted on Tuesday evenings beginning April 6, 2010. Registration forms are available at the Event Center or by contacting the Foundation Office (202/232-4288, ext. 21).

Pastoring the President

Over the last few weeks we have mentioned that an initiative to pastor to President Barack Obama, his family, and his Administration is being planned. On Sunday, April 4, 2010, sample letters for this effort will be made available for you to sign and mail or e-mail to President Obama. While we expect that a number of you will desire to sign these letters, their use is not mandatory. You may choose to send correspondence of your own. We only ask that since we are concerned only about providing prayers and supportive messages, we ask that no political concerns be addressed in your letters. Let our prayers and words of encouragement serve as the bulwark he, his family, and those surrounding him need as they face challenges now and in the future.

Since President Obama is only in the second year of his term, we want this initiative to continue. The Circle Leaders Council, led by Reather Felton and JoAnne Beasley, plan to install a structure within the Circle Leaders Council that will accommodate a continuous flow of letters to the White House. Additional guidance will be presented at the April Circle Leaders Council meeting on how they plan to proceed. You can connect with President Obama by e-mailing him at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>, or by sending him a letter at:

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

