

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Today we begin our new church year with the installation of those who will help to give leadership to our work during the coming year. We thank God for each of these outstanding Christian disciples and we solicit your prayers and support as we move into this exciting venture of a new church year.

Our theme for the year just past was *Deepening our Spirituality* and we certainly want to continue to work toward this goal as we develop our theme for the coming year.

The Gospel of Mark gives rich insights into the theological realities of the first century church. In these Scriptures, Jesus addresses accusations that have been raised by the Pharisees who question why His disciples do not wash their hands before meals. The text is replete with a number of theological issues that were beneath the surface of the theology of the first century church. Most people in the times of Jesus understood the gravity of the Ten Commandments and their vital dictates. However, their essential question was what is the relationship between what God requires and what organized religion has said that God mandates.

In the first five books of the Old Testament Moses laid down the inviolable requirements for a spiritually righteous life. These precepts were never to be violated, under any circumstances, and included murder, theft, and adultery. However, over the centuries Jewish theologians, whom Mark calls the elders, offered countless ways to understand more fully God's directions. For example the laws of Moses contained basic principles about cleanliness. One was not to touch a dead body or consume unclean animals.

The elders, who were priests and scribes, defined and redefined cleanliness laws to include a strict adherence to such things as hand washing prior to meals. We know from recent scientific advancements that frequent hand sanitation is a good idea for all people. However, where does a good idea, end and the essential requirements for our eternal lives, begin? Jesus responded to the accusations of these elders that it is not what goes into the body that defiles a person, but what comes from the heart.

When Mark wrote his Gospel, some 50 years after Jesus' death, Gentiles (non Jews) had begun to join the Christian movement by tens of thousands. These new church members raised the question of how much they were obligated to observe Jewish traditions. Mark recalled Jesus response to the priests who accused His disciples on their lack of adherence to church requirements as a way to encourage new converts, that it is not how much we wash the outside of the plate that determines our spirituality. The essential question is how we purify and maintain our hearts.

A friend of mine was fond of using the term excessive scrupulosity to describe some Christians' fascination with the things that have nothing to do with eternal life but with the business of daily living. Christians will always be tempted by excessive scrupulosity. We must remember that it is not washing the outside of the plate, but keeping the heart pure that matters in our spiritual growth.

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Sunday, October 3, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

October 10
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
1 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 17
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8



New Members Received by
Hope Circle

This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, October 3, 2010
Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.



Holy Communion

Installation of Officers

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes.....	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School & Senior High Church School Classes.....	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Church School Classes.....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Hope Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting.....	Library/FLC
YACS Meeting.....	HHN/FLC

Monday, October 4, 2010

8:00 – CORP Job Training Class.....	Library/FLC
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Tuesday, October 5, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	LL/FLC
12:00 – CORP Job Training Class.....	Library/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting.....	HH/FLC
6:30 – Communications Committee Meeting.....	TF/FLC
6:30 – Sign Language Class.....	Library/FLC
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar.....	Mezzanine Conference Room
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program.....	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study.....	COH/FLC
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
12:00 – CORP Job Training Class.....	Library/FLC
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HH/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	Library/FLC

Thursday, October 7, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting.....	HH/FLC
12:00 – CORP Job Training Class	Library/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:15 – Bible Institute.....	Sanctuary
7:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary

Friday, October 8, 2010

8:00 – CORP Job Training.....	Library/FLC
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Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:00 – 2010 Leadership Conference	HH/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers' Room
1:00 – FLC Mission Department Meeting	Turner Conference Room
2:00 – FLC Fellowship Meeting.....	Library/FLC
2:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	COH/FLC
2:00 – New Generation of Praise Dance Rehearsal	LL/FLC

Sunday, October 10, 2010

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	216/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 Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Caleb Church School Class	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Church School Class	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Church School Class	Conference Room-Above Library - Gym/FLC
Excelsior Church School Class	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Church School Class	Library - Gym/FLC
John A. Miles Church School Class	Library – Gym/FLC
Littlejohn Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Young Adult Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>King's Messengers Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting	HHS/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
<i>Divine Service</i> (3:00 p.m.)	HHS & Sanctuary

Discipleship News

Join the Shiloh Choirs in Nassau Bahamas
July 21-25, 2011!

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended Reverend Earl Trent & the Florida Avenue Baptist Church Family in the loss of Reverend Trent's mother, Lola Trent and Gloria Johnson in the loss of her father, Deacon Robert Johnson, Sr.

Thank You Notes

To My Shiloh Family – Words cannot fully express my appreciation for the love and support you have extended to my family after the passing of my dear aunt, Audrey Hamme. Pastor Smith, your letter was read at the beginning of her homegoing service and it was a source of great comfort to all who were present. Deacon Sonja Ray, Glenn and Alease, you can't imagine our joy at your presence at my aunt's homegoing service in Greensboro, NC. You will never know how much it meant to have you there. Trustee Christine Clark, your contribution to my aunt's favorite charity, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will support a cause that was near and dear to her heart. To the many members of my Shiloh family that called, took the time to mail a card, or send an e-mail expressing your condolences, please know that they helped my family through a difficult time and the love that we felt from Shiloh surely lifted our spirits. May God continue to bless and keep such a loving and thoughtful church family.

Deacon George Hardy & Family

A special thank you is extended to Shaunda Patterson-Strachan and daughter, Dasia for your generous donation of toys to the Shiloh Sunday Nursery.

Joy Petersen

I want to convey my special thanks to the 147th Anniversary Committee, Thomas Dixon Tyler, the Choirs of Shiloh and Dr. Hattie Davis for your support and participation in all of the activities commemorating our 147th Church Anniversary. Pastor Smith, Mrs. Smith, Reverend Mensah, Minister Bowen and Reverend Grogan I am especially thankful to you for your guidance, support and love. To God be the Glory!!!

Mildred M. Reid, Chair
147th Church Anniversary Committee

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

October 7 Fellowship & Friendly Circles
October 14 Gideon & Golden Deed Circles
October 21 Golden Rule & Grace Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

October 3 Hope Circle
October 10 King's Messengers Circle
October 17 Mt. Sinai Circle
October 24 Naomi Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 3 Excelsior Circle
October 10 Faith Circle
October 17 Fellowship Circle
October 24 Friendly Circle

Church members and friends are invited to join the Shiloh Choirs when they travel to Nassau Bahamas on July 21-25, 2010. Relax and enjoy a lovely vacation on the island of Nassau and then join the choir in Sunday worship services at Grant's Town Wesley Methodist Church and a praise concert. The trip package cost starts at \$975 (based on double occupancy) including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, meal plan, transfers, and more. Accommodations will be at the beautiful Wyndham Resort on Cable Beach. Children package rates are also available. Group airline arrangements are with US Airways from Washington National Airport (direct and connecting flights). *Note: Priority selection for the direct flight will be given to those paying initial deposit on first come, first served basis.* A deposit of \$150 is required before October 15th to hold a reservation. Contact Otis Harris, Muriel Lewis, Aldith Coleman or Geormine Stanyard-Crawford for more information and payment. Payments will be accepted at the event center after the 10:55am service on Sundays. Payments may also be mailed and made out to DeGeor Services, PO Box 26462 Washington, DC 20001. **Passports are required for travel.**

Church Anniversary DVDs

DVDs of the 147th Church Anniversary activities are now available (Service of Remembrance, Anniversary Banquet and the Worship Services) from Dr. Hattie Davis. Cost: \$20.00

Shiloh Baptist Church Leadership Conference

Saturday, October 9, 2010

Family Life Center
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Register in the Events Center following each worship service
Registration fee: \$20.00
All current and incoming church leaders (Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, Circle Leaders, and Ministry Leaders) are requested to attend

ARE YOU MAINTAINING YOUR DEBT ON PURPOSE?

Many of us carry debt because it is manageable. Many of us do not invest time and energy in reducing the debt we have. Many of us will let an opportunity to rid ourselves of debt pass us by. Manageable debt is still DEBT.

Credit card reform took place five weeks ago, unfortunately the lenders increased rates prior to the reform to maintain their profit margins. Did you know those that extend credit count on you to manage and maintain your debt? By managing and maintaining your debt you are affecting your credit score (positively or negatively) and building unbelievable wealth for the lender.

Financial Peace University (FPU), a biblically based program, will show you how to eliminate debt and start the process to build wealth for you and your family. FPU will show you how to live financially correct. Organizing your debt, developing an all-inclusive budget and giving like never before are just a few of FPU's goals for you.

This course will start Tuesday, October 5th. Find out more information by contacting David Hayes on (888)324-4018 ext. 777 or at dhayes@hoperei.com. Registration forms are at the security desk.

March for Jobs & Justice

The National Urban League has asked Americans to take the *I Am Empowered Pledge* to help close the gaps on education, employment, housing and health care. On October 2, one of the biggest rallies in decades, focused on these goals, was held in Washington, DC

The National Urban League partnered with more than 150 progressive organizations and many individuals to mobilize the nation in the name of economic empowerment. They joined the human and civil rights groups, unions and trade associations, non-profits and religious groups and many more.

The rally began at 12:00 Noon at the Lincoln Memorial. Buses and carpools were organized from every corner of the country for this incredible event.

The Urban League is fighting to put Americans back to work and to pull this country back together again.

A Time To Mourn

The Pastoral Bereavement Support Group led by Dr. Eileen Crawford (Sacrifice Circle) will begin its next six-week session Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

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 inquiries please call 202/667-8363 (office) or 202/265-9829 (home).

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REQUEST

The Historical Commission would like to put in a new display in the lower level of the church. We would like to invite church members to share some of their photographic memories of Shiloh related activities. (Examples such as: church anniversary, festivals, circle outings, musical concerts, etc.) If you have any photos, or artifacts that you would like to share with the church and have them displayed, please contact Judy Williams at 202-526-8521. In order for the photos to qualify, they must be **at least** 4x6 inches, framed, have a brief narrative of who, what, where and when and the name of the donor. Space is limited and it will be on a first come basis.

If you have not seen the current display, **THE BLACK CHURCH AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**, please take time to see it before it is removed!

