

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

Throughout churches and worship centers in all corners of the world, the refrain for the day is "Christ the Lord is risen today Hallelujah." Easter is the culmination of the greatest story ever told. As we look back on the liturgical year, *Advent* began it by proclaiming that the Messiah was coming into the world. Following *Advent* came *Epiphany* when the ministry of Jesus was announced to the non-Jewish world. Next was *Lent* the time of fasting, praying and sacrificing as we asked God to cleanse our souls in preparation for the resurrection; and now, *Holy Week* and *Easter*, the climax of the drama of salvation, redemption and eternal life.

There are many lessons that the Liturgical Year teaches us about the life of Jesus. During *Advent* we learn that as a baby He came needing to be loved and cared for like any other child. He came poor and lowly, born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. However, with *Epiphany* we witness rich and powerful men, *Magi*, who came thousands of miles to worship the King of the Jews. Jesus may have been born helpless and poor, but the rich and powerful bowed their knees before him. During *Lent* we acknowledge through our sacrifices, the awesome sacrifice that he made for us, literally emptying himself and becoming obedient to the cross. Now we stand at the season of *Resurrection*. In spite of all that Jesus endured for us, the torture, the insults, the crucifixion, death and evil could not win, He overcame death and the grave and he is alive forever more.

To those who govern their lives by strict logic, none of this makes sense. Jesus was never what we look for in our monarchs. He was not imposing. He did not ride on white stallions. He did not carry a sword or spear. Yet, through a power outside human comprehension he changed the world. To those same people, bound by a four cornered universe that behaves in predictable ways, the concept of a dead man returning to life is inconceivable. However, for those of us who believe, although we can't explain it and don't understand it, we know Jesus rose from the dead. Because he rose, all the seasons of the liturgical year point to the essential fact, when we view the life of Jesus we witness the greatest story ever told.

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Sunday, April 4, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

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
Shiloh Circle



This Week at Shiloh



Sunday, April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

Baptism

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

DCCF Credit Union..... LL/FLC
Church School Easter Program (8:30 a.m.) Sanctuary
Guest Hospitality – Shiloh Circle TF/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting..... Library/FLC

Monday, April 5, 2010

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

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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/FLC
6:30 – Computer Basics for Adults..... Computer Lab/LL-FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting HH/FLC
7:00 – Competition Taekwondo..... RBC#1/FLC
7:00 – Survival Spanish for Adults 216/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal Choir Room

Wednesday, April 7, 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
4:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:00 – **Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting** 208/FLC

Thursday, April 8, 2010

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, April 9, 2010

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

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9:00 – Debutante Workshop	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting.....	Library/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation.....	Ushers' Room
10:00 – Gideon Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	216/FLC
11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting	LL/FLC
11:30 – Step Team Practice	Gym/FLC
12:00 – Deacon-In-Training Session	Deacons' Room
1:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers	RBC/FLC
2:30 – Children's Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Sunday, April 11, 2010

DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes.....	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes	LL A&B/FLC
Senior High Class	TF/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
Adah Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Calvary Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Unity Circle Meeting	216/FLC
Youth Council Meeting	COH/FLC
Ordination Ceremony – <i>Minister NaKeisha Sylver Blount</i> (5:00 p.m.)	Sanctuary

Reception Immediately Following Ceremony

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Kahmi Adom Austin – Sunshine Elementary Circle
Gwen Carter-Johnson – Adah Circle
D'Angelo Delane Epps – Sunshine Elementary Circle
Elijah Thaddeus Singletary – Sunshine Elementary Circle
Asha Rosaline Yates – Sunshine Elementary Circle

Thank You Notes

Dear Shiloh Family Members and Friends - We find our vocabulary void of the proper words to express genuinely our thanks and gratitude for the overwhelming way you tendered your love and resources to comfort and encourage us at the demise of our loved one, Simeon Bennett Tillman (brother of Carrie Dublin). We are forever grateful, and pray that God will keep you in His loving care now and always.

The Tillman Family

To my Shiloh Family- Words cannot express the appreciation I have from the kindness shown to me during my recent hospitalization. God bless you all.

Luther Lust

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

April 8 Adah & Alpha Circles
April 15 Antioch & Berean Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

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.

From Our Ministries

DVDs Available!

DVDs of the Women's Day Thursday Evening, Sunday Morning Worship Services and the Gospel Choir Anniversary Concert are available for \$20.00 each. If you would like to have memorable keepsakes 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.

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, 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

Pastoring the President

Meet The Deacon Board Leadership Team

The leadership team of the Board of Deacons serves at the behest of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who guides our Pastor, Reverend Wallace Charles Smith and congregation. The deacon leadership team has ordered its steps in line with our Pastor's vision of *deepening the spirituality, responsibility and accountability* for our actions as Christians and members of Shiloh. In advancing our Pastor's vision, the leadership team has aligned its responsibilities accordingly:

Deacon Charles (Chuck) Hall, as Chairman of the Board of Deacons and in accordance with the Holy Spirit, leads the Board in meeting the needs of the congregation and leads all efforts in support of our Pastor's vision for our congregation.

Deacon Sonja Y. Ray, as Vice Chairman of Spirituality, implements projects and programs that encourage Deacons to demonstrate an intimate relationship with God, care for our Pastor, fellow Deacons, and our congregation, through prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and service. Her service supports our Pastor's vision for our church and the needs of our congregation.

Deacon Richard T. Coleman, as Vice Chairman of Responsibility, assigns and supervises Deacons in the performance of their duties to assure efficiency, safety and comfort when our congregation gathers. His service supports our Pastor's vision for our church and the needs of our congregation.

Deacon Charles D. Smith, as Vice Chairman of Accountability, is charged with monitoring Deacons' Christian conduct, participation in evangelistic activities, and pastoral visit support in accordance with Shiloh's approved Deacon Guidelines of April 22, 2009. His service supports our Pastor's vision for our church and the needs of our congregation.

Deacon Diana M. Roach, Secretary of the Board of Deacons fulfills the administrative function for the Board. As a member of the Deacon Leadership Team, her service supports our Pastor's vision for our church and the needs of our congregation.

Deacons are ordained to be servant-leaders, who should model positive behavior in all that they do: in learning, knowing and spreading God's Word; in worship and praise; in tithing; and in care and service to our membership. The Board of Deacons asks for your prayers and diligent support as we continue our work on this Christian journey, where we all expect to grow in Christ and be the beacons God has directed us to be.

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

Children With Special Needs Presentation

If you or if you know of someone with a special needs child who lives in the District of Columbia, you are invited to an information session that may prove helpful in providing support for that child in the D.C. Public School System. Travis Murrell, an attorney and Shiloh member, specializes in representing families who have children with special needs. He has served as a D.C. Public Schools Hearing Officer, who adjudicated hundreds of special needs cases. He later began a legal practice that represented families with children with special needs. He is ready and willing to provide interested members with an explanation of the following: the nature of special education; how you can successfully get special education for children in need; an understanding of the special education evaluation process; a road map through the hearing process, and he can do it all within an hour's time. The information session is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 10, in the Chapel of Hope

Health Ministry Notes

Ten Ways to Stay Healthy

Source: Modified from Kaiser Permanente Wellness

1. Live smoke free. Avoid second hand smoke, especially around children.
2. Stay active: Be physically active for 30 to 60 minutes or more each day. You can do this all at once or in shorter, 10- to 15-minute sessions. Walk more, tracking your steps with a pedometer. Chair exercises are great if you have trouble walking.
3. Eat healthy: Eat 5 or more helpings of vegetables and fruit each day. Choose foods low in fat. Replace juice and sodas with water. Increase fiber by eating beans and whole grains. Take 1000 IU of Vitamin D/day and 1,000 milligrams of Calcium each day.
4. Maintain a healthy weight: If you are overweight, even a small loss of 5 to 10 pounds can improve your health. Focus on eating healthy and increasing your physical activity level.
5. Avoid alcohol and illegal drugs. If you or someone close to you has a drug or alcohol problem, now is the time to get help. Speak with your doctor or counselor.
6. Take time to care for yourself: Find enjoyable things to do. Spend time with family, friends and church doing activities that interest you. Being alone too much can increase your chances of health problems.
7. Practice safety: Use seat belts and helmets. Install and check smoke detectors and make sure your water heater is set no higher than 130°F. Lock up guns, and store ammunition in a separate place. Prevent falls by securing rugs that slip and keeping stairs and hallways free of clutter. Avoid climbing ladders if you have trouble with balance.
8. Use medicines wisely: Let your doctor know all the different medicines, vitamins and herbs you take, including those available without a prescription. This is important to avoid any dangerous reactions. Keep a list of all medicines and their dosages. Include any vitamins or herbs you take.
9. Plan ahead for your health care: Complete an Advance Directive so you can make your health care wishes known if you cannot speak for yourself. Talk with your doctor on how to do this.

10. Protect your skin: Avoid being out in the sun for long time periods. Wear long-sleeve shirts, hats, and sunscreen.

Stay Up to Date with Health Screenings and Immunizations. Get a flu shot every year. Yearly doctor and eye exams. Dentist twice a year.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER



Featuring
Dick Morgan

Saturday, May 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets (\$35 in advance; \$40 at the door) can be purchased at the FLC Events Center between and after services starting today and each Sunday through April 25th. You may also order tickets by contacting Linwood Moore, *Event Coordinator* at lm2377@aol.com (or 301- 390-7702). For more information, contact FLCF Board of Directors Chairperson, Reverend Crystal Kuykendall at (301) 299-2057 or FLCF Executive Director, Lorraine H. Settles at (202) 232-4288 ext. 21.

The Leadership Challenge

March 2010

Leaders, we have two months to go! The Challenge ends in May. The Bible teaches us that study is not optional. Join us! You will be blessed!

	Ministers	Deacons		Trustees		Sr. Choir		Other	Total Present
1 st Thursday (Min. Bowen)								No Class Prayer Vigil	
2 nd Thursday		Deaconess		Circle Leaders Council		Ushers		NO CLASS Women's Day Service	
3 rd Thursday (Min. Bowen)		Village Council		Ministry (Group) Leaders		Gospel Choir		25	32
		#		#		#			
		3	7%	3	TBA	1	<2%		
4 th Thursday (Min. Blount)		Church School Teachers		WCS Ensemble		Young Adult Ministry		26	29
		#		#		#			
		2	6%	0		1	<3%		

Don't Forget.....

Tributes & Memorial Gifts

Leadership Renewal Conference

Saturday, April 17, 2010

For All Church Leaders
Howard University School of Divinity
More information to come

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Memory of Deaconess Carrie S. Felton
Grace Circle - \$100.00

James W. & Eloise S. Curry Scholarship Fund
In Memory of Our Beloved First Soprano
Eloise Shelton Curry

Circle Leaders Spring Festival

April 23 & 24, 2010

Shiloh Senior Choir - \$100.00

