

The Shiloh Spirit



The Pastor's Pen

Children's Day began before either Mother's Day or Father's Day was observed. Although there is no national observance of Children's Day, it is honored by nearly all of the principle religious denominations and is usually celebrated on the second Sunday in June. Unlike many other nations, our observance of children is not connected with the United Nations Children's observances.

Children's Day began in the US in 1856 when Pastor Charles Leonard of the First Universalist Church of Chelsea, Massachusetts set aside the second Sunday in June for the dedication of children for the Christian Life and the rededication of parents and guardians to raising their children in Christian environments.

In September of 1867, the entire Universalist Convention passed a resolution encouraging all churches to set aside one Sunday a year for an annual observance. In 1868 The Methodist Conference endorsed the proposal, the Presbyterians did so in 1883, and other denominations followed.

Do we really need a Children's Day? Some have observed that every day should be Children's Day. Unfortunately, the evidence suggests to the contrary. In Biblical times, children were the most undervalued and unprotected members of society. Children without parents were relegated to lives of begging, or crime. When the Disciples tried to keep the children from Jesus, it may not have been as much the Disciples' mean spirits as it was to protect Jesus from children who often were accomplished thieves.

In our so called enlightened 21st century, children remain the most vulnerable members of society. In the year 2007, 13.3 million children lived in poverty, up from 11.6 million in 2000. Nearly one in five children lives in homes that exist at or below the poverty level.

The downward spiral of poverty leads children on the cradle to jail trail. In his book **The Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys** Kwanza Kunjufu postulates that the US education system begins to track Black boys into special education at around second grade. From there, it is a short pilgrimage to dropping out of school and then moving into incarceration of one kind or another. Do we need Children's Day observances? The answer is a resounding yes!

Further, we need more than just Sunday celebrations. The very roots of poverty and family dysfunction must be addressed ceaselessly. Preschool, stay in school, tutoring, values clarification and self image enhancement programs must be developed and promoted across the board at both civic and religious levels. As Dr. Marian Wright Edelman has said, "We must leave no child behind."



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Sunday, June 13, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

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
Bethel Circle



This Week at Shiloh

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
Guest Hospitality – <i>Bethel Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Spring Explosion Reception.....	HH/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Mary E. Robinson Missionary Group Meeting.....	Library/FLC

Monday, June 14, 2010

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

8:00 – Job Readiness Program.....	LL/FLC
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Tuesday, June 15, 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#1/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:30 – Shiloh ITC Council 8 Meeting.....	COH/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting.....	Turner Conference Room
7:00 – Competition Taekwondo.....	RBC#1/FLC
7:15 – WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, June 16, 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.....	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, June 17, 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	Sanctuary
7:00 – Men’s Day Thursday Night Live	Sanctuary

Friday, June 18, 2010

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

Saturday, June 19, 2010

8:00 – Tennis at Shiloh.....	Banneker Tennis Courts
9:00 – Men’s Health Fair	Gym/FLC
9:00 – Competition Taekwondo.....	RBC/FLC
10:00 – ASALH Carter G. Woodson Branch Meeting	208/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies & Daisies	LL/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts.....	216/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulleting Preparation.....	Ushers’ Room
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	Turner Conference Room
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting.....	Library/FLC
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
12:00 – WiFi – Open Mic Workshop.....	Computer Lab/FLC
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers	LL/FLC

Sunday, June 20, 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
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Walker Memorial Sunday School Class	216/FLC
Young Adult Sunday School Class.....	HHS/FLC
New Members Workshop	Deacons’ Room
Guest Hospitality – <i>Calvary Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	216/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting	LL/FLC

Discipleship News

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

June 17Hope & King's Messengers Circles

June 24 Mt. Sinai & Naomi Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

June 13 Bethel Circle

June 20 Calvary Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

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

sbc19thpac@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.



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The Ushers' Corner

May/June/July 2010

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

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

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

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.

Location: 3636 16th Street, NW

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.

For further information call 202/265-9829.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

June 20 – **Sustained Through Encouragement** (1 Thessalonians 3) – Paul frequently sent Timothy to visit churches on his behalf. The Thessalonians were undergoing a serious test of commitment and faith. Encouraging news, delivered by Timothy, motivated Paul to continue to pray for the church at Thessalonica. This text shows that Christian commitment is sustained in part through encouragement from others.

June 27 – **Demonstrated in Action** (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12) – Paul told the Christians in Thessalonica to live holy lives, sanctified unto Christ. In doing so, Paul explained that their actions would be pleasing to God and beneficial to the body of Christ. Some of the characteristics that would demonstrate their commitment to Christ included love, honesty and generosity toward others.

Youth Ministry

About Our Youth.....

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.

Darius Garrett was recently awarded second place and received a bronze medal in the *DC Special Olympics* Soccer Finals held at Catholic University. Darius is the son of Warren & Lillie Garrett.

Stomp Team

The Shiloh Baptist Church Stomp Team has been practicing diligently over the last 10 weeks to prepare for today's Youth Explosion and Men's Day activities. The team ministered at the 10:55 service on Sunday May 15th. Current active members of the Stomp Team are:

- Sanford S. Booth II
- Grant Evans
- William Evans
- Travis Jones
- Leslie Petersen, Jr.
- Joya Petersen
- Julian Rigsby
- James White
- Aaron Williams
- Ilyas Anthony Woolbright, Jr.

The Stomp Team's leader is John Cunningham and the coach is Joe Embree, a BSU senior and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The team has also received instruction from BSU graduate Bryant Stewart, formerly Mr. Bowie State University and Step Master Reginald Barrington, a BSU graduate student; both are members of Phi Beta Sigma.

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



The Leadership Challenge

May 2010

The Challenge has ended. We have had faithful attendees who have been blessed by the study of God's word. To God Be The Glory!

	Ministers	Deacons		Trustees		Sr. Choir		Other	Total Present
1 st Thursday (Minister Bowden)	0	#		#		#		32	49
		12	21%	3	30%	2	3%		
2 nd Thursday (Reverend Reeves)		Deaconess		Circle Leaders Council		Ushers		16	34
		#		#		#			
		4	4%	6	6%	8	TBA		
3 rd Thursday (Minister Bowden)		Village Council		Ministry (Group) Leaders		Gospel Choir		34	44
		#		#		#			
		5	23%	1	TBA	4	5%		
4 th Thursday (Reverend Mensah)		Church School Teachers		WCS Ensemble		Young Adult Ministry		25	28
		#		#		#			
		3	8%	0		0			



Congratulations to the Trustees who won the Leadership Challenge with the highest average attendance for the Bible Institute from November 2009 to May 2010.

Ministry	Number of Members	Average # of Members Attending	Average Attendance
First Place- Trustees	10	4	44%
Second Place- Deacons	56	16	29%
Third Place - Village Council	21	5	23%

Bible Institute classes have ended. We thank all our teachers **Reverend Smith, Reverend Mensah, Reverend Bowden, Reverend Blount, Minister Bowen and Reverend Reeves.** Thanks to those of you who completed our survey. Classes will resume in the new church year. Have a great summer!

From Our Members

My Thoughts On Life

The following is an essay written by Alonzo T. Grigsby (Faith Circle)

The quest for a good life has been the goal of man since the beginning of time. How to achieve that prize has been a constant struggle because of either a lack of understandings or a refusal to direct efforts in following guidelines to pursue such an ideal.

Consider this:

In the 20th and early 21st centuries, civilization has experienced a multitude of events described as disasters and man's inhumanity toward each other. World conflicts and other hurtful and deadly activities all have caused a steady decline in the growth and ultimate goal of mankind.

Where there exists a failure to accept the creed that everyone deserves respect and the right to unselfishly be allowed an opportunity to contribute to the dignity that all should expect, without reservation, which always becomes a priority.

All negative attitudes and activities in that vein creates chaos, which leads to pernicious maladies causing tensions of insecurity and a diminishing of human rights, which is contrary to the belief that we should be cooperative in the pursuit of what one perceives as the good life.

How, then, should one define this difficulty? When this nation was struggling in its early development, Thomas Paine, the eighteenth century writer, wrote an essay describing the angst of a new country experiencing that which faced its citizens. He expressed the notion that, "These are the times that try men's souls," in is periodical entitled, **The American Crisis**.

I submit that the essay is just as appropriate now, as then, for its appears we wallow in self-pity and apathy in reacting to positive directions for change for the common good.

As people, we should not forget that in His creation of man, God, endowed each of us with talents for developing a happy and productive life.

If there is a deficiency of character, it is because so many have either not discovered, fine tuned, or refused to use those talents in a positive way to help resolve the difficulties of everyday life.

To continue the quotation by Thomas Paine, "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have the consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

So, if we, the human race, continue to have hope by keeping the faith and being diligent and energetic in participating with a caring resolve toward one another, then we will overcome adversity because we will be strong enough to turn away from any deviation by keeping a sharp focus of our eyes on the ultimate prize.

