

# The Shiloh Spirit



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Senior Minister



## The Pastor's Pen

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### Reading Through The Bible

*First Sunday of Advent-November 28:*  
*Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans*  
*13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44*

*Second Sunday of Advent-December*  
*5: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-*  
*19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12*

*Third Sunday of Advent-December 12:*  
*Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or*  
*Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10,*  
*Matthew 11:2-11*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent-December*  
*19: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-*  
*19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-15*

### New Members Received by Progressive Circle



Thanksgiving is the season when we pause to thank God for our many blessings. Our family is especially grateful for our daughter Christen's wedding this week in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Her fiancé is Brazilian. They met in that country where she has lived and done extensive work in her academic field of Cultural Anthropology. Please keep them and our family in prayer as we celebrate this wonderful time in our lives. Holidays will be fun and challenging as his family speaks very little English, and ours next to no Portuguese. Rosetta Stone here we come!

On a more somber note, this has been a difficult season for the Smith family as just two months ago we dealt with our mother, Zelma's, death. Although she lived to be eighty five years old, when the final hour came, it still seemed too soon. Our Shiloh family was wonderful in wrapping their arms around us and showing us tremendous love and concern. However, this year's holidays will be tough.

Many of you who have lost parents have shared that the first holiday season without them is particularly difficult. In spite of that, the Lord does move in mysterious ways. In the midst of grief and anguish, Job declared, "*The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord.*" God took our mother, and now he has sent us a son. It will take wiser minds than mine to interpret the economy of God's universe. We prayed mightily that Mom would live to see the wedding. That, of course was not in God's plan. But, the circle of life continues. Death comes, and so do weddings. Grief strikes and then joy springs forth.

Dr Richard Dent of the First African Baptist Church of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania places phone calls, answers the phone, writes letters and begins his discussions at church with the same word, "Joy". He says he does that because he wants all Christians to know that regardless of what life may look like, they still have joy.

In this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, in spite of the lingering grief at our mother's death, a wedding in Brazil of an only daughter to a wonderful loving husband reminds us that through it all, we still have joy.

# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, November 28, 2010**

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.) – Adult & Youth.....	HHS/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class .....	Gym/FLC
Elementary Class .....	LL-A/FLC
Upper Elementary Class .....	LL-Front/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes.....	LL-B/FLC
Senior High Class .....	LL-Rear/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 .....	TF/FLC
Guest Hospitality ( <i>Progressive Circle</i> ).....	TF/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC

## **Monday, November 29, 2010**

**FLC Facilities Closes at 2:00 p.m.**

## **Tuesday, November 30, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Tornado Taekwondo .....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar .....	LL/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

## **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study .....	Mezzanine Conference Room/FLC
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
6:30 – Women’s Day Committee Meeting .....	LL/FLC
7:00 – <b>AL-ANON Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	COH/FLC

## Thursday, December 2, 2010

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

## Friday, December 3, 2010

10:00 - EFEC <b>Basketball</b> .....	Gym/FLC
2:00 - Pick Up Basketball (Minister Bowen) .....	Gym/FLC

## Saturday, December 4, 2010

9:00 – Tornado Taekwondo .....	RBC/FLC
9:00 – <b>100 Black Men Saturday Leadership Academy</b> .....	Gym/FLC
10:00 – <b>BZB Holiday Gift &amp; Art Show</b> .....	HH/FLC
10:00 – Senior Choir Messiah Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
10:00 – Ministry of Deacons Meeting .....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Investment Club #2 .....	Mezzanine Conference Room
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies .....	LL A/B/FLC
10:00 – Ushers Bulletin Preparation .....	Deacons’ Room
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting .....	Library/FLC
10:00 – Church School Christmas Play Rehearsal .....	COH/FLC
12:30 – Children’s Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
12:30 – Strategic Planning Meeting .....	216/FLC
1:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers .....	LL/FLC

## Sunday, December 5, 2010

### Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

# *Holy Communion*



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
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.) .....	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality ( <i>Queen Esther Circle</i> ) .....	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting .....	Library/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting .....	LL/FLC
Gideon Circle Meeting .....	HHS/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Welcome New Members

Jerry Cleophus Jones – Pilgrim Circle  
Delores Minor – Pilgrim Circle

## Baby Dedication

Congratulations to Otto Leo Barber (Ashley Michele Barber & Justin Hernandez – parents) and Khloe Simone Turner (Katherine & DeRon Turner – parents) who were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, November 21, 2010. Our prayer is that Leo and Khloe grow to be strong Disciples of Christ.

## Thank You Notes

To the members Shiloh Baptist Church - thank you for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls during my surgery and recovery. With your prayers my surgery and recovery has been successful, which provided me with kindness and love and support during this time. Again thank you for keeping me and my family in your prayers.  
Deacon Herman Gaines

The Grogan and Hamilton Families wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, the Ministerial team, the Administrative staff, the Deacons, the members of Olivet and Fellowship Circles, the Ushers, the Music Ministry, the FLC Culinary staff, and to every member of Shiloh who surrounded our dearly departed Donna Marie Hamilton Grogan with your love and generous expressions of kindness, both during her illness and in support of her Home Going Service of Victory on October 29, 2010. Please continue to keep both families in prayer, as we continue to look to God for the peace that surpasses our understanding and for the joy that comes in the morning~!  
Reverend Desire P. Grogan

### Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

December 2 .....Naomi & Olivet Circles  
December 9 .....Omega & Phoebe Circles  
December 16 ..... Pilgrim & Progressive Circles  
December 23 .....Queen Esther & Ruth Circles

### Circles Receiving New Members

November 28 ..... Progressive Circle  
December 5 ..... Queen Esther Circle  
December 12 ..... Ruth Circle  
December 19 .....Sacrifice Circle

### Circles Serving Breakfast

November 28 ..... Haggai Circle  
December 5 .....Helping Hand Circle  
December 12 .....Hill Climbers Circle  
December 19 .....Hope Circle

# Our Trustee Board

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Maudine Cooper  
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Ralph Lee  
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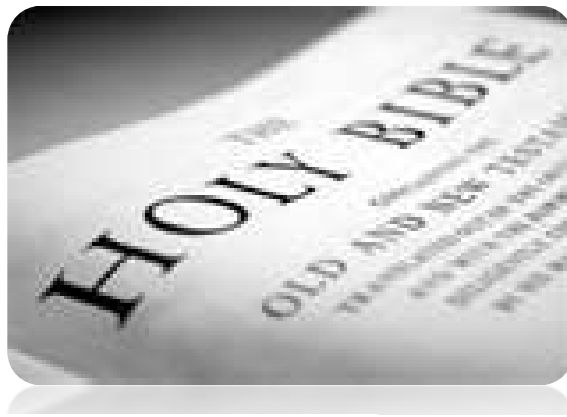
## Messiah Poinsettias



Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for the *Messiah*. If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of your loved one(s), in honor of a birthday or a special occasion, orders are being taken today through Sunday, November 28, 2010. Poinsettias are \$15 each; please place your order through Dolores Sawyer at the Events Center. **All orders MUST be submitted TODAY.**

## Food Service Volunteers Needed

We need your time and talents!! The food service committee is looking for dedicated Shiloh members to assist in the serving of food during special events at church. The job qualifications include having a spirit of cooperation, being dependable, having a flexible work schedule, must enjoy working with food and have a willingness to help your church with your special talents. Training will be provided and we will assist you in obtaining a food handlers permit. If you are interested, please contact Rochelle Hardy at [grbbhardy@aol.com](mailto:grbbhardy@aol.com) (evenings 301-464-5222). We welcome your talents to improve the delivery of food service at Shiloh!!



## Church School Lesson At-A-Glance

**November 28** – *God is All-Knowing* (Psalm 139:1-6, 1-16, 23-24). The psalmist, David, praises the all-knowing, all-seeing, ever-present God, who knows everything about him and us, including the number of hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). David recognizes and appreciates that even though God knows everything about us – including our failures – He still accepts and loves us. He is our Creator, who is worthy to be praised.

### Comfort for God's People

*Comfort for God's People* draws on selected texts from Isaiah 40-44 with the exception of the Christmas week lesson. The Christmas lesson focuses on Isaiah's words concerning Jesus' birth (Isaiah 9:1-7 and 11:1-9)

**December 5** – *The Highway for God* (Isaiah 40:1-5, 25-26, 29-31) God commands Isaiah to speak words of comfort to the people of Jerusalem. He tells them that obstacles will be removed to give them hope. Isaiah encourages Israel to wait on the Lord and to be patient; God will strengthen them and fulfill His promises.

**December 12** – *I Am Your God* (Isaiah 41:8-10, 17-20) God chose Israel so they would serve Him. He established His presence with them and desired to have a relationship to help them prosper, achieve victory and know that He is God.

**December 19** - *The Mission of the Servant* (Isaiah 9:7; 11:1-8) God promised to raise a ruler from the lineage of David and that this kingdom would never end. Jesus, the Messiah, is the fulfillment of this promise.

**December 26** – *I Will be with You* (Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-12) God professes His love for Israel and His commitment to them. He called, redeemed, protected and saved them.

## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30AM in The Tuning Fork for the New YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 20-30-40's Welcome!

If young Christians are going to grow in Christ and maximize their blessings from the word, they **MUST** be intentional about seeking understanding, education and power from the word, through study and fellowship.

The Young Adult Ministry of Shiloh invites you to join a **New Sunday School Class: Let's Talk About God**. Join us each 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday in the Tuning Fork (just inside the Family Life Center) for a lively conversation and exchange, biblical lessons and education which will enrich and empower you through the week. Immediately following first service and prior to second service, at 9:30AM, join your peers and the adults of Shiloh for a young and energized discussion of how to apply God's word to our lives today. Bring your thoughts, challenges and questions. As young adults with professional, family, financial, grad school/educational, relationship, marriage, children or any other issues, benefit from the support of your peers and the power of the word to provide you the whole armor of Christianity. Put down your procrastinations and make knowledge and power through God's word your priority. Be ready to grow as the bible says...

### Proverbs 3:1 Wisdom Bestows Well-Being

- <sup>1</sup> *My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,*  
<sup>2</sup> *for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.*

Add Young Adult Sunday School, to your schedule and be blessed each week. Lesson books will be distributed on our first class TODAY. Contact: Reverend Jasmyn Bowden, Tracey Walker (202-427-5717) or Jamil Smart (240-601-1920) for more information. See you at 9:30AM for New YA Sunday School!!

## THE HENRY C. GREGORY III FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 28 YEARS

Today the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF) celebrates its mission, mandate and marvelous history. Established in November 1982, the FLCF is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation and reflects the belief of its visionary founder, Reverend Henry C. Gregory III that the church is a "family". When the Family Life Center building was dedicated in 1982, it was the first of its kind in the nation. Shiloh quickly became recognized nationwide for its pioneering efforts in institutionalizing community outreach and service. As both a place and an institution, the FLCF will always be known nationally for the ambitious, effective and successful programs it has implemented for nearly three decades. It has served as an exemplary model to many other pastors, preachers and churches across the nation and has enjoyed tremendous success in serving others and transforming lives. Since its inception in 1982, the FLCF has initiated numerous service and community outreach projects, including the much heralded *Church-Community Partners Against HIV/AIDS Project*, and the well lauded award winning *Teen Mothers Take Charge Program*. Long standing FLCF programs, which include the *Male Youth Program*, the *Shiloh Debutantes Program*, the *Child Development Center*, the *Senior Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*, the *Community Computer Center* and the *Human Services Program*, have continued to benefit hundreds of needy adults and children. Additional programs have and continue to include the *Hands-On Science Project for Seaton Elementary School*, *Yoga classes*, *Taekwondo classes*, *Self Defense classes* and *Sign Language classes*. The FLCF still has the services of Walter Medley who has volunteered to tutor needy children at Seaton Elementary School, (adopted by the FLCF), for over 5 years.

The FLCF has also registered hundreds of participants for the ***Help-the-Homeless Walk-a-thon*** over the past 4 years. With the vision of Shiloh's current pastor, Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, to "build a village of caring", the FLCF will continue to enhance the ability of the church to be effective in all community outreach endeavors. Currently, Henry "Clay" Gregory IV, Vice Chairman of the FLCF Board of Directors, has assumed the position of CEO of the FLCF in the absence of an Executive Director. Among the programs being enhanced and/or implemented by Clay are: Job Training for Ex-Offenders, After-School programs for tweens and teens, and other intergenerational program offerings.

Under the leadership of Chairperson Reverend Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, the Board of Directors and staff are focusing on ways the FLCF can enhance its reputation as the premiere foundation of its kind. Other Board Members are: Muriel Gregory, Lisa Gregory-Espinosa, Dr. Barbara Hatcher, Dr. Sharon Parker, Rosa Jeter, Linwood Moore, Keith Anderson, Barry Lumsden, Stanley Williams, Wilbert Holcomb, Diane Pratt (non-Shiloh member), and ex-officio members Gilbert Smith (Chairperson, Shiloh Board of Trustees), Deacon Charles Hall (Chairman, Ministry of Deacons) and Pastor Smith. While most FLCF employees are not Shiloh members, those employees who are Shiloh members have included Eddie Witten, Myra Sampson Reeves, Gerard Bingham, Reverend Robert Felton and Deacon Constance Tate. Glenda Whittaker

recently stepped down as Director of the Shiloh Debutante Program after over 10 years of volunteer service. Numerous Shiloh members have served as volunteers during these 28 years and the FLCF is eternally grateful for their selfless service. All Shiloh members are invited and encouraged to volunteer, if able, and give tax-deductible contributions to the FLCF. Born of Shiloh, the FLCF will always be an integral part of Shiloh's endeavors to be a beacon of light for "*the least, the locked out and the left behind*".

### Family Life Center Foundation Kreative Cards Fundraiser

As Shiloh observes the contributions of all community outreach endeavors during the month of November, the services of the Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF) cannot be ignored. The FLCF continues to provide major outreach and service to the neediest residents of the Washington metropolitan area. With more financial support, the FLCF could touch so many more lives. Your purchase of some very unique Holiday cards (Christmas & Kwanzaa) will not only delight everyone who receives one, but will also benefit the FLCF. Please contact Reverend Kuykendall at 301/ 299-2057 for information on obtaining a brochure/order form of these very Kreative Cards or call Clay Gregory at 202/ 232-4200. You are sure to find at least 10 cards in the brochure that you will want to give to someone special. A purchase of 10 cards will give \$9.00 and a purchase of 20 cards will give \$12.50 in a tax-deductible contribution to the FLCF in your name. A receipt will be sent to you for your tax purposes. This may seem like a small amount but in the Master's hands a little - given to the least of these - is quite a lot. The Male Youth Program can impact 60 lives with just \$1,200 monthly and a Debutante can be sponsored with \$2,000 a year. Please give prayerful consideration to this unique opportunity to share joy through the giving of these Kreative and inspirational cards and to benefit some needy youth in the process. Your support is greatly appreciated. To God be the Glory!

## THE USHERS' CORNER DECEMBER 2010

For Training, call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks (301) 499-0628

**Sunday, November 28 – Unit #2 Serves**

**Thursday, December 2 – Unit #2 Serves**  
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute

**Sunday, December 5 – Unit #4 Serves**  
10 a.m. Unity Service

**Thursday, December 9 – Unit #4 Serves**  
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute

**Sunday, December 12 – Unit #5 Serves**  
**5 p.m. Messiah Concert – ALL USHERS**

**Thursday, December 16 – Unit #5 Serves**  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

**Sunday, December 19 – Unit #6 Serves**

## Employment Opportunities

**Technical Support Representative** - Gateway Communications Services, Inc. is an advanced technical 24/7 call center and telecommunications company that offers challenging and rewarding career opportunities for success minded individuals. We are a growing company in a high demand industry. Gateway Communications has an immediate need for Technical Support Representatives.

- Responsible for answering customer calls for technical product support in a 24 x 7 call center.
- Customer service skills and basic computer skills experience necessary.
- Technical experience a plus, but not necessary.
- Must have excellent communications skills and phone presence.
- Two week paid training in all systems and scripts. Will train the right person.
- Part-time and full-time positions available.
- Agents may work on-site or remotely

Contact email [info@gatewaycsi.com](mailto:info@gatewaycsi.com) and [deb@gatewaycsi.com](mailto:deb@gatewaycsi.com).

## HBCU Corner

Marking its ninth year, the Honda Battle of the Bands is the only national scholarship program that highlights music education as an important facet of HBCU heritage and culture. The eight winning bands will be awarded \$20,000 by American Honda for their music programs and \$1,000 grant for participation in the pre-qualifying Celebration Tour. Through this program, Honda has awarded \$205,000 to HBCU music programs and has awarded an excess of \$1 million in grant monies since its inception. This year's showcase features for the first time South Carolina State University and eighth time participant VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY.! Band sizes range from 120 members (Clark Atlanta) to the 400 member goliath of Bethune Cookman. The participating bands are as follows: Virginia State University "Marching Trojan Explosion"(CIAA), South Carolina State University "Marching 101"(MEAC), Albany State University "Marching Rams Show Band"(SIAC), Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South"(SWAC), Bethune Cookman "Marching Wildcats"(MEAC), Clark Atlanta "Mighty Marching Panthers"(SIAC) , Winston-Salem State University "Red Sea of Sound"(CIAA) and Tennessee State University "Aristocrat of Bands" (Ohio Valley Conference). Bands will take center stage on January 29, 2011 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA. For more information, visit [www.hondabattleofthebands.com](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com)

## *Memorial Contributions*



## *Tributes*

## 147<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

In Memory  
of

## *Our Deceased Members*

Friendly Circle  
\$147.00

