

# The Shiloh Spirit



Wallace Charles Smith, D. Min.  
Senior Minister



## The Pastor's Pen

The Shiloh family has been incredibly supportive through the difficult time of my mother's passing. The cards, the flowers, the visits, the donations, have all been tremendously helpful and greatly appreciated.

Over the years many have observed that Shiloh is at its best when a member faces a crisis. This was certainly true for what our family experienced during this sad time. Everyone who contacted us was supportive and caring; it was simply beyond belief. The capstone of all the support was the attendance at last Wednesday's memorial service. Three full busloads came to pay their respects, as well as a number of members and friends who drove their own cars. When Shiloh stood during the service it looked as though the entire church was filled.

Thank you is such a small word but it comes from the bottom of our hearts. We will always remember the love we felt from our church family during our time of grief and sadness. May God bless all for being so supportive.

Cancer is the disease that took my mother's life. It started as a melanoma on her scalp and slowly began to advance to other organs. The illness developed slowly at first and at one point seemed to respond to the chemotherapy. Ultimately that did not prove to be the case. Toward the end, the cancer progressed rapidly and claimed her life in just a few short weeks. Fortunately she was never in a great deal of pain.

Cancer still strikes millions of Americans each year. Many survive, unfortunately many do not. When families face this illness they cannot help but be reminded of how powerless we are against the forces of nature. However, there are some things we can do. We can avoid lifestyles that are conducive to the spread of the disease, such as obesity which would include excessive fat consumption as well as salts and sugars. We can live moderate and temperate lives avoiding substance abuse of any kind. We can keep stress down and work on reducing excessive episodes of worry and anxiety. And, we can get regular checkups often.

In most cases, the cure of cancer is dependent on early detection and rapid response. God is a healer but God has given us tremendous medical support. It is up to us to utilize what God has already provided for our health and well-being. Adherence to these simple suggestions might make all the difference in preserving one's life.

Volume XVIII, No 42

Sunday, October 17, 2010

### Reading Through The Bible

October 24

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 31

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 7

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 98 or 15:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38



New Members Received by  
Mt. Sinai Circle

# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, October 17, 2010**

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-Mezzanine Level/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
DCCF Credit Union.....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality ( <i>Mt. Sinai Circle</i> ).....	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting .....	Library/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Haggai Circle Meeting.....	Choir Room
Helping Hand Circle Meeting.....	10307 Garson Terrace, Lanham, MD
Olivet Circle Meeting .....	HHN/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting .....	RBC/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting .....	LL/FLC

## **Monday, October 18, 2010**

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

## **Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:30 – Family Life Center Board Meeting .....	Turner Conference Room
6:30 – Shiloh ITC Meeting – Council 8.....	COH/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting.....	216/FLC
6:30 – FLC Sign Language Class .....	Library/FLC
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar .....	LL/FLC
7:15 – WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Wednesday, October 20, 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 – FLC CORP Job Training Class.....	Library/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 .....	Library/FLC
7:00 – <b>AL-ANON Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	LL/FLC

## Thursday, October 21, 2010

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

## Friday, October 22, 2010

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

## Saturday, October 23, 2010

8:00 – Usher Board Annual Prayer Breakfast.....	HH/FLC
10:00 – Social Justice Ministry Meeting .....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting .....	Library/FLC
10:00 – College Tour Committee Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation.....	Ushers’ Room
10:00 – Gideon Circle Meeting .....	COH/FLC

## Sunday, October 24, 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-Mezzanine/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>Naomi Circle</i> ) .....	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting .....	Conference Room – Mezzanine/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting .....	COH/FLC
Golden Deed Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Willing Workers Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC

# Discipleship News

# Claim the Victory!!

## Welcome New Members

*Tokunbo Jean Aderoya – King’s Messengers Circle  
Russell Gillis Diggs – Silent Mission Circle  
Arthur Lee Goff – King’s Messengers Circle  
Wally J. McKinzy – King’s Messengers Circle*

## Condolences

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of our long time friend and visitor, Willie L. Reeves, Sr. and the family of Milli Edwards (Helping Hand Circle).*

## Thank You Notes

To My Shiloh Family- I cannot thank the Ministers, Ministry of Deacons, Fellowship Circle and each of you for the calls, emails, cards, words of encouragement and most of all prayers related to my recent eye surgery. I praise God that the cornea transplant went well and I am on the road to recovery, believing that God will allow me to see more and more clearly each day. I thank you all deeply for your love and concern. May God richly bless each of you. Thank you,

*Deacon Janice Carter-Bowden*

Thanks! Thanks! and more Thanks!!! On behalf of the HBCU Council of Shiloh Baptist Church, we would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support of our annual "Back to School Supply Drive"!!!! We were elated to donate our gifts to the following: Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School, which is PreK-8th grade and headed by Jubria Lewis (principal) and to the Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Day Care Center where Barry Tillman is the administrator. Again, thanks for your support and donations.

*J. Otis Harris*

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

*October 21 .....Golden Rule & Grace Circles*

### **Circles Receiving New Members**

*October 17 .....Mt. Sinai Circle*

*October 24 .....Naomi Circle*

### **Circles Serving Breakfast**

*October 17 .....Fellowship Circle*

*October 24 .....Friendly Circle*

What would you do for God if you *knew* you could not fail? Would you go back to school? Take that new job? Volunteer to work in a ministry? We should delight over God’s victory over all things because victories have already been won on our behalf. We already have salvation, the hope of Glory and the Holy Spirit. Why, then, do we pray as if we are not sure of God’s ultimate victory in our lives? The Bible tells us that God listens to us. (Jeremiah 29:12), so why don’t we start talking to Him?

I found the words above on the website of New Psalmist Baptist Church of Baltimore. For the last 3 years New Psalmist has had a capital campaign to build a new sanctuary and on October 16<sup>th</sup> they will enter their new church, which seats 4000. I mention them because they have similarities with Shiloh. They are an urban Baptist church, and their congregation is very similar to ours, and they have been faced with the challenge of raising funding to sustain and expand their ministries. Their pastor, Bishop Walter Thomas is a good friend of our Pastor.

I’ve been tracking them because it appears that the hallmark of their campaign is focused and disciplined prayer. It has had a very positive effect on the outcome of their campaign. Prayer changes things! One of my co-workers is a member and he seems so energized about giving and talks about how his faith has increased as a result of their campaign. Prayer is in the forefront of their campaign. It’s not an accessory or an afterthought.

I believe that we will be even more successful in our campaign when we start to talk to God about it more often: in our daily prayers, in our corporate prayers, at our services, in circle meetings, etc. When we do that, we will put constant focus on the campaign through our relationship with God. Most important, God will hear our constant prayers and he will answer them with victories.

This month we start a new church year so let’s begin on a high note by making it a record-breaking month. The New Psalmist website states “During the month of October, we should use our time with God to pray as victorious Christians. We should bathe ourselves in the assurance that our God has already won the victory over everything that concerns us; our finances, our relationships, our health, our future.” I urge Shiloh to do the same. Pray assuredly for victories in your finances, your relationships, your health, your future and also for our campaign to eliminate the mortgage. The God that has blessed New Psalmist is the same God that is blessing Shiloh. We have evidence of God’s victories with other churches and with other campaigns. Let’s claim our victory by intentionally increasing our prayers for the Claim the Victory Campaign.

*Deacon George & Rochelle Hardy, Chairs  
Deacon Ralph & Diane Lee, Co-Chairs*

**It is not too late!**  
**Join the Shiloh Gospel Choir in Nassau**  
**Bahamas July 21-25, 2011**

Church members and friends are invited to join the Shiloh Gospel Choir 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. The trip package cost starts at \$975 (based on double occupancy) including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, meal plan, transfers, tour option, and more. Accommodations will be at the beautiful Wyndham Resort on Cable Beach. Children package rates are also available. Group airline arrangements are from Washington National Airport. A deposit of \$150 is required immediately to hold a reservation. Contact Otis Harris, Muriel Lewis, Aldith Coleman or Geormine Stanyard-Crawford for more information and payment. Payments may also be mailed and made out to "DeGeor Services," PO Box 26462 WDC 20001. Passports are required for travel.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW – Washington, DC – Suite AG-17.

To register for this group or to make inquires please call 202/667-8363 (office) or 202/265-9829 (home).

## **Women's Day**

The planning committee meeting for the Women's Day activities will be held on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center Library. We are looking forward to your input and ideas, working with you and planning this very special annual event. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact LaVerne Atiba at 202-879-2731.

**96<sup>th</sup> Annual Ushers Prayer Breakfast**  
**Saturday, October 23, 2010**  
**9:00 AM**

**Reverend Kendrick A. Anderson**  
**Speaker**  
**St. Mary's Baptist Church**  
**Washington, DC**

Tickets are available for purchase (\$16.00/adults; \$8.00/youth from Betty Vaughan, Chair, Hattie Davis, Co-Chair, Unit Captains, or at the Event Center following each worship service.

## **Calling All Mission Group Leaders!!!!**

Important meeting for ALL Mission Group Leaders: Saturday, October 30, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room – Mezzanine Level/FLC). This organizational meeting will be held to discuss plans and activities for the new Church year. If you are unable to attend, please call Mildred Reid, Chair – Missions Ministry (202/526-7770).

## **HBCU Corner**

Save the Date!!! November 20, 2010...Annual Shopping Trip, sponsored by the HBCU Council. Headed to Woodbury Commons outlet mall in New York (the largest outlet mall on the east coast). If you need to shop for birthday gifts, anniversaries, housewarmings, personals, Christmas gifts, etc., you are bound to find it at Woodbury Commons!!! If you would like a listing of stores, please visit [www.premiumoutlets.com](http://www.premiumoutlets.com) Cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Please see any HBCU Council member to R.S.V.P. Don't miss out!!!

