

The Shiloh Spirit



*The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister*

The Pastor's Pen

The Gospel text for this Sunday's lectionary selection is Matthew 2:13-23.

In the past few weeks we have emphasized how the selections are arranged to show the orthodox (ortho-right, doxa-praise, therefore, right praise) pertaining to the worship of God. The texts are intentionally set to disavow some of the heretical views that the church has stood against since the time of Jesus.

The Gnostics said Jesus was not real, but a phantom. The Ebionites believed that he did not become the son of God until his adoption by the Father at the time of his baptism. The Aryans held that he was subordinate to the Father and therefore not coequal. Our praise and worship throughout the year affirms that Jesus was fully God, that he came in the flesh, that he was bodily resurrected after his death, and that he reigns with the Father through eternity.

With these realities in mind we get a fresh perspective on today's text from Matthew. The baby Jesus has now been born. Wise men from the East have come to pay him homage. Joseph is warned by the angel in a dream that he must take Mary and Jesus to Egypt because King Herod seeks to take his life.

Herod was a murderous brute. The emperor Claudius said that it was safer to be Herod's pig than his children, as Herod had his male children slain to prevent them from taking away his throne. Herod's blood lust led to his decree that all the male children in Bethlehem, up to the age of two and under, be killed.

The text points out several truths that are consistent with orthodox faith. The first is that Jesus was clearly born in the flesh and therefore vulnerable to Herod's death sentence. Secondly, he was fully God and in spite of the murderous threats of evil was under God's protection so that God's will could be accomplished through him. Thirdly, his life was an embodiment of prophecy.

He was the new Moses whom God called out of Egypt. His family went back to Nazareth, not to Bethlehem, so that he would be known as Jesus of Nazareth. The prophecy said that he would be called a Nazarene. The text, in its deep insightful meaning, affirms that Jesus will be known as a Nazarene. But the true significance is that he will be known spiritually as a Nazarene, one who is set aside from birth for a life committed totally and completely to the service of God.

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Sunday, December 26, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

*Christmastide–December 26 (White):
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23*

*Epiphany-January 2 (Gold/White):
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*

*1st Sunday of the Year – January 9
(White)
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 3:13-17*

New Members Received by Shiloh Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, December 26, 2010

DCCF Credit Union	LL/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>Shiloh Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC

Monday, December 27, 2010 FLC Facilities Closes at 2:00 p.m.

10:00 - **Kingman Boys & Girls Club**..... Gym/FLC

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program LL/FLC
10:00 - **Kingman Boys & Girls Club**..... Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project..... Gym/FLC
6:00 – Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting Ushers' Room
6:00 – Tornado Taekwondo Class RBC/FLC
7:00 - Usher Board Meeting..... Ushers' Room
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....Choir Room

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program LL/FLC
10:00 – **Kingman Boys & Girls Club**..... Gym/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study Mezzanine Conference Room/FLC
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project..... Gym/FLC
7:00 – **Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting** COH/FLC

Thursday, December 30, 2010
Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities
Close at 2:00 p.m.

10:00 – Kingman Boys & Girls Club Gym/FLC

Friday, December 31, 2010



New Years Eve

Administrative Office and Family Life Center
Closed

Watch Night Service-10:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Saturday, January 1, 2011

New Years Day

Administrative Office and Family Life Center Closed

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion



DCCF Credit Union LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School ClassesSanctuary
Combined Middle School & Senior High Church School ClassesTF/FLC
Combined Children’s Church School Classes LL/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.)COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (*Social Reapers Circle*).....TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting Library/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting LL/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Member

Jacquelyn Rivers – Sacrifice Circle

Thank You Notes

Dear Shiloh Family - I can't begin to express how much appreciation I have for my Shiloh family. Each one of you has somehow contributed to my future and well-being through words of encouragement, advice, reality checks (smile) and monetary gifts. Nonetheless, I want to give a special thanks to Pastor Smith and the Ministry of Deacons for giving me the Visa Gift Card. Again thank you for being my extended family and supporting me through my journey as a college student. Merry Christmas,

Aaron E. Williams

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation to the members of this great Shiloh Baptist Church that I say thank you for showing the Shaw there is a difference in the heart of one touched by the finger of God. Thank you circles, ministries and individuals who made donations toward the food baskets distributed on December 18 for your concern and love which is an extension of the God we serve. God Bless each of you.

Reverend Robert Felton

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

December 30.....Sacrifice & Shiloh Circles
January 6Silent Mission & Social Reapers Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

December 26.....Shiloh Circle
January 2.....Social Reapers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

December 26.....King's Messengers Circle
January 2Mt. Sinai Circle

Meet the Trustees

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Come meet the Trustees in Heritage Hall after the January 2, 2011 Unity service. Learn more about what the Trustees are doing on behalf of Shiloh.

LOST & FOUND

Turquoise silk and wool scarf lost on Sunday, December 19, 2010. If found, please return to Betty Jean Jones or the Security Desk of the Family Life Center.

THE USHERS' CORNER DECEMBER 2010-JANUARY 2011

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

Sunday, December 26 – Units #1/3 Serve

Friday, December 31 – ALL USHERS
10 p.m. Watch Night Service

Sunday, January 2 – ALL USHERS (Unit #2 in charge)
10 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, January 6 – Unit #2 Serves
6:15 p.m. Bible Institute – 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, January 9 – Unit #4 Serves

Thursday, January 13 – Unit #4 Serves
6:15 p.m. Bible Institute 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, January 16 – Unit #5 Serves



Dear Friends:

Shiloh Baptist Church is a unique house of worship, filled with blessed and prosperous people, grateful to a most gracious and loving God. On behalf of Dr. Hattie Davis and the entire Worship and Music Ministry, I humbly and sincerely *thank you* for your overwhelming gesture of love and gift of sharing on the occasion of Shiloh's "Bring a Gift Sunday."

Because of your generosity, approximately 400 children woke up to a toy this Christmas! We partnered with five organizations to assist us in this worthy cause, namely, the Shiloh Family Life Center Child Development Center, Seaton Elementary School, and the Ramona Center for Battered Women with Children, the Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School and the Family Life Center Human Service Center. *To God be the Glory!*

Again, thank you for your favorable response in sharing the gift of giving. It is my prayer that God's richest blessings are yours with ten thousand beside.

"Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap." Luke 6:38

God Bless,
Thomas Dixon Tyler

DVDs Available

DVDs of Senior Choir Messiah Concert are available today from Dr. Hattie Davis.

Empowering Merchants of Hope

Reverend Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, renowned educator and author of the national bestseller, *From Rage to Hope: Strategies for Reclaiming Black & Hispanic Students*, is coordinating a one-day conference on Saturday, January 29, 2011. This conference, "*Empowering Merchants of Hope*" will take place at the Community Academy Public Charter School, 1400 First Street, NW from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Topics addressed will include:

- Meeting Student Needs
- Motivating the Unmotivated
- School Discipline
- Classroom Management
- Teaching Tips to Improve Student Performance/Achievement
- Empowering Black Boys to be Successful in School & Life
- Giving Girls Tips to be GREAT!
- Early Childhood Education
- Mentoring Magic
- Educating Everyone Takes Everyone
- ...& many more!

Some of our presenters, in addition to Dr. Kuykendall, will be:

- Maurice Sykes
- Barbara Kamara
- Kim Worthy
- Rasheki K. Walker
- Willie Jolley
- Tony Browder

The deadline for early bird registration is December 31, 2010. To register, visit www.crystalkuykendall.com, or call (301) 299-4189 for more information. This conference will benefit educators, administrators, mentors, tutors, parents, business leaders, the faith based community and everyone who loves kids! Plan now to attend. You'll learn a lot, laugh a lot and fall more in love with being a "Merchant of Hope!"[©]

Submitted by Reverend Crystal Kuykendall

Info For Those 55+

Come.....see what you are missing! Join the Sensational Seniors Club. The club meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Scrumptious meals, wonderful fellowship, fun, information that Seniors need to know, deepening our spirituality and much, much more. For more information, please contact one of the following: Lois H. Brown (202/529-1044); Deacon Memory Griffin (202/332-6341); Deaconess Carrie Dublin (202/529-8660) or Elois Lawson (202/829-3906).

Brotherhood of Shiloh Men

Hosts the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 15, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Reservations may be made today at the Event Center
Donation - \$35.00

Contact Persons:

Ed Washington (301/839-1624)
Bob Bates (301/855-2036)
Vernon Oakes (202/415-2062)
Elias Kibler (202/544-6883)

Proceeds will support the Male Youth Enhancement Program.

Memorial Contributions & Tributes

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Memory of My Departed Husband

Roland G. Henderson

Who crossed the bar December 31, 1999

Deaconess Dora M. Henderson
\$500.00

In Loving Memory
of

Absent Friends

Sylvia G. Wiggins - \$500.00

In Memory of My Family Members

Reverend & Mrs. Barry W. Wortham - Parents

Sisters & Brothers

Rose Bell W. Manago

Queen Wortham

Myllinda Wortham

Hettie W. Walls

Joseph Wortham

Barry W. Wortham, Jr.

Rufus M. Wortham

Annie W. Emerson

Lelia W. Davis

Euna L.W.J. Smith - \$500.00

Gift

Deacon Ronald & Deaconess Linda Felton
Celebrating 40 Years of Marriage
December 20, 1970-December 20, 2010
\$400.00

Carolyn M. Harris HBCU Scholarship

In Memory of My Mother

Ruth Wilkerson Lester

Virginia State College – Class of 1933

Sylvia G. Wiggins - \$500.00



Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

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 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.

A Future for God's People

These five lessons present a study of selected texts from Isaiah 45-53. They proclaim God's message of the coming salvation for Israel.

January 2 – *I Am Your Redeemer* (Isaiah 44:21-26) God created Israel and promised not to forsake His chosen people. He freed them and forgave them of their sins.

January 9 - *Turn to Me and Be Saved* (Isaiah 45-18-24a) God is distinguished from all other gods. He is the Creator, Savior, and Truth-speaker. He keeps His promises and people proclaim that He is the source of all righteousness and strength.

January 16- *Reassurance for God's People* (Isaiah 48:14-19, 21-22) God is a teacher and a guide. Peace and righteousness are promised to those who obey His words

January 23 – *The Servant's Mission in the World* (Isaiah 49:1-6) God chose His Servant to redeem His people. The Lord honored the Servant and strengthened Him. God also said that the future Redeemer will do more than restore Israel; He will enlighten Gentiles and bring the salvation of God to the whole earth.

**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

- ¹ *My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,*
² *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. 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!!

