

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Our Leadership Planning Meeting will be held on March 26. On that day Shiloh's leadership will gather, pray and plan for our next year's work as a church.

In preparation for this day a core leadership team has been meeting with me to begin thinking about our 3-5 year strategic plan. In the last few years we have concentrated on deepening our spirituality while expanding our responsibility and accountability to God, our community and our church family. This initiative has yielded much fruit in our understanding of what it means to be disciples for Christ.

As we move toward March 26th, as a church family, we will read *The Five Star Church* to sharpen our understanding of what our strategic plan should encompass. In *The Five Star Church*, the authors push us to understand that excellence in all aspects of ministry is what marks the truly effective congregations. The premise of the book is that successful businesses know the importance of offering superlative service to their clientele. In fact, the primary distinction between hotels like the Ritz Carlton and others is that successful hotels know that their growth and expansion is built on repeat business. Repeat business is a result of excellent service.

As we prepare for our strategic planning, we encourage all Shiloh members to ask the question, "How can we be excellent in all we do?" Mediocrity will not suffice. When we are planning our programs, or just determining the type of devotionals we will offer, the question we must always ask is how we can be excellent in all that we do.

Some might say this is a business model; what does a business model have to do with the church. The fact of the matter is excellence is not exclusive to businesses. Jesus came into the world to model excellence of commitment, devotion and faithfulness. Who would argue that a death on a cross was undisputedly the greatest sacrifice anyone could make.

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Sunday, March 6, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

Transfiguration of the Lord – March 6 (White)

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

1st Sunday in Lent – March 13 (Violet)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 20 (Violet)

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 27 (Violet)

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

New Members Received by Bethel Circle





Sunday, March 6, 2011
Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School and Senior High School Classes	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Sunday School Classes	LL/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.)	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Bethel Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	Library/FLC
150 th Church Anniversary Organizational Meeting	Sanctuary
Nurses Unit Meeting	LL/FLC
One Body Sign Up	HH/FLC

Monday, March 7, 2011

Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting.....	208/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid Week Bible Study.....	Deacons' Room
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting.....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 – Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting.....	Turner Conference Rm.
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, March 10, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting.....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Women's Day Worship Service.....	Sanctuary

Friday, March 11, 2011
Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 2011

10:00 – Women’s Wellness Conference	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting	Mezzanine Conference Room
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers’ Room
10:00 – One Body Workshop.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	Library/FLC
11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting	LL/FLC
12:00 – Step Team Meeting	Ushers’ Room
12:30 – Children’s Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
1:00 – Family Life Center Missions Meeting	Mezzanine Conference room
1:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation of Praise Dancers	LL/FLC

Sunday, March 13, 2011
Women’s Day

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
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Rm. 216/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Calvary Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	<i>Private Residence</i>
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Mezzanine Conference Room
Mount Sinai Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
One Body Sign Up	HH/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Amanda Beatrice Jackson – Antioch Circle
Margo Clarke – Faith Circle

Thank You Notes

Dear Shiloh Family - "The effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much." – James 5:16. Your prayers have joined mine in asking God to manifest His will for me in a health decision that I had to make. I thank Him for hearing my prayers. In my spirit I heard Him say "Wait! I'm working on your situation!" I have been given proof that He is indeed working it out. So, thanks so very much for your cards, calls and most of all your prayers. Please continue to praise him and to pray for me. In His Name,

Arlene McEachnie

On behalf of the HBCU Council of Shiloh I extend a special thanks to our Pastor, the ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, Worship Ministry, Usher Board and our entire Shiloh family for your support of a wonderfully Blessed HBCU Sunday 2011. GOD is GOOD! I also wish to thank each of the members of the HBCU Council for your support and hard work to ensure that HBCU Sunday was a success. As you know, success cannot be spelled without "U"! God bless each of you for your time and talents.

J. Otis Harris, Jr.
HBCU Council

My thanks to Pastor Smith and Chairman Chuck Hall for your support as my family mourned the death of my sister, Karla D. Smith, who was laid to rest last Wednesday. Also, I thank Shiloh for the prayers, cards, calls, and contributions to the Trinity Baptist Scholarship Fund, on behalf of my sister. God bless you.

Jerome Navies

Words seem so inadequate when we attempt to express our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, generosity, love, and support that you showered on our family during the illness and subsequent passing of our beloved, Bertina Yager.

We extend our sincerest thanks to: Pastor Smith, Deacons Sandra Jowers-Barber, Patricia Cherry, Sonja Ray, Diana Roach, Earnestine Smart, Ronald Felton, and George Hardy. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and assistance were a significant source of comfort for us in our time of sorrow.

To Haggai Circle, Missions Ministry, Shiloh Senior Citizens, Shiloh Gospel Choir, Caleb Sunday School Class, and other Shiloh members and friends, please know that your participation in each aspect of the planning and execution of Bertina's Homegoing Service was integral in making it the special celebration of her life that we had intended it to be.

In this, our season of grief, we are reminded of what a blessing it is to a part of the family of Shiloh Baptist Church. We will never be able to thank you enough for opening your hearts and sharing yourselves with us when we needed it the most. Know how much it was appreciated, and that it will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless and keep you all, in the way that only He can.

Shirley Beatty (sister) and Keith Beatty (nephew),
On Behalf of the Family of Bertina Yager

Circles Receiving New Members

March 6Bethel Circle
March 13.....Calvary Circle
March 20Dorcas Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

March 6.....Sacrifice Circle
March 13.....Shiloh Circle
March 20Silent Mission Circle

OFFERING ENVELOPES

To ensure that your offerings and contributions are accurately recorded and reported on your Offering Statements from the church, it is important that you place your contributions in the "**church-provided envelopes**", which includes your name, address, church membership number and all the categories to allocate your contribution. Should you forget your church-provided envelope, offering envelopes may be found on the back of the pews, or obtained from an Usher. When using an offering envelope obtained from the pews or Usher, please complete the envelope and add your membership number. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Finance Committee

Ushers' Corner January/February/March

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

Thursday, March 10 – Units #1/3 Serve
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, March 13 – Unit #2 Serves

Thursday, March 17 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, March 20 – Unit #4 Serves

2011 Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

We are excited about celebrating the Revered Dr. Wallace Charles Smith's 20th Anniversary as our Pastor. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact us at (301)559-5030 or sbc20thpac@gmail.com.

150 Anniversary Committee Invitation

Current and Past
Church Anniversary chairs/co-chairs,
committee members
Circle Leaders, Vice Leaders,
Ministry Leaders, Co-leaders and all interested
members.

YOU

are cordially invited to a VERY BRIEF
organizational meeting IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE –
TODAY in the pews behind where the Deacons
sit.

JoAnne Beasley, Chair

Girl Scout Cookies Are Here!!!!

9th & P is the place to be to purchase your favorite Girl Scout cookies for just \$4.00 per box. Tell a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor that beginning today through Sunday, March 27 Shiloh Girl Scouts will sell your favorite cookies following each worship services until the last box is SOLD. For additional information you may contact Keisha Jackson at 240/293-2532.



Employment Opportunities

Please e-mail any hiring opportunities to emplooop@shilohbaptist.org. Employment opportunities will be posted throughout Shiloh's communications.

*"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be open unto you."
(Matthew 7:7)*



The Young Adult Ministry at Shiloh is sponsoring a local Spring College Tour on April 1st through April 2nd. We will be visiting Howard University, University of the District of Columbia, George Washington University, Morgan State University, Bowie State University, University of Maryland Baltimore County, and the University of Maryland College Park. Registration has already begun so signup today!!! Space is limited. The cost of the two day trip is \$100. For more information, visit the event center after service today or contact Jamil Smart at 240/601-1920 and/or Tracey Walker 202/427-5717

Claim the Victory Campaign

In Memory of our Deceased Members

*Theresa Burroughs, Marie Edler, Jean
Whisonant, Horace Thomas*

Calvary Circle
\$147.00



LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FIRST SUNDAY CORPORATE TEACH-IN

Sunday, March 6, 2011 • 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, Teacher
"More than the Mardi Gras"

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 9, 2011 • 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S DAY PORTRAYAL OF BIBLICAL WOMEN

Thursday, March 10, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.
"Women of God Celebrating Spirituality"

LENTEN STUDY CLASSES

March 17, 2011 – April 14, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, teacher
"More than the Mardi Gras" (continuation)

MOREHOUSE GLEE CLUB

Friday, March 18, 2011 • 7:00 p.m.

21 DAYS of PASSION and INTIMACY with GOD

THE DANIEL FAST ~ THE NOONDAY DIAL-UP SERVICE

Sunday, April 3, 2011 – Easter, April 24, 2011
"Feed your Soul, Strengthen your Spirit, Renew your Body"

STATIONS of the CROSS

April 18-21, 2011, 12 noon

PALM SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 17, 2011 • 4:00 p.m.
Gospel Choir Concert – "A Great Day"
Phillip Carter, Guest Director
with Special Guest, *Kefas* Gospel Choir (Copenhagen, Denmark)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 21, 2011 • 7:00 p.m.
Shiloh Baptist Church at Metropolitan Baptist Church
Rev. Wallace Charles Smith, D.Min, preaching
Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble, singing

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 22, 2011 • 12:00 noon
The Seven Last Words of Christ
Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony • Rev. Dr. Velma Smith
Rev. Larry Owens, Jr. • Rev. Corey A. Thompson
Special music provided by the Senior Choir

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011
Sunrise Service, **6:00 a.m.** (Baptism) • Worship Service **10:00 a.m.**

Daily Devotions Part II

de·vo·tions—*noun*. *Ecclesiastical* . Religious observance or worship; a form of prayer or worship for special use.

Study

The study of God's Word is essential for the growth of all Christians. We can't possibly successfully navigate life without the instructions that the Bible provides. The Bible contains instructions for every situation that we will encounter. **II Timothy 2:15** admonishes, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Understanding the Bible can take a lifetime and many are overwhelmed by how to study it. You can learn more about the Bible by setting short term goals such as learning the meaning of a certain chapter, studying a certain person, or the background of a certain book. Longer term goals can include reading the larger books of the Bible (Psalms, Isaiah, Job, Proverbs) and understanding the entire book. Another long term goal would be to read the entire Bible. Daily guides can be found on the internet that maps out Bible study plans that get you thru the Bible in 365 days. More simplistically, Shiloh has followed the Lectionary since November 2009. The Lectionary aligns the reading of Scriptures with the liturgical year. Four Scriptures are presented for each Sunday during the year. Two are from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. Generally speaking, there are common themes that run thru all of the Lectionary Scriptures for each week. Study of the Lectionary Scriptures prepares us for the upcoming sermons on the following Sunday. The Lectionary Scriptures are included in the *Spirit* each week. Studying the Lectionary Scripture prior to the sermon is similar to reading ahead before a lesson is taught in the classroom. It prepares us and enables an understanding of the preached word from the pulpit. Our sermons literally come alive when we engage in this type of study during the week.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (New International Version, ©2010) **The Armor of God**

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God**, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

So what does it mean to put on the full armor? It is simply to arm yourself with the knowledge of the Word and with a faith that assures that God has all things covered. We need to "put on the full armor" each morning before we leave our homes or even before we engage our children, spouses and other family members. Certainly before we engage the world in traffic, at our jobs and through our daily tasks, we need to arm ourselves against the evil that is imminent and seeks to overtake us. Evil wants us to respond negatively to those that we engage in all settings. The full armor allows us to respond with love and in positive, encouraging and upbeat ways. So our daily devotions are crucial because they set the tone for how we will engage the world. Daily devotions can influence the outcomes of our daily interactions and on the outlook that we have of life, particularly when negative things are thrown at us.

Our Daily Devotion

Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for the opportunity to engage you in discussions thru our prayers, in praise thru our songs, and in the receipt of your instructions thru our meditations. We pray thee Lord that we will continuously seek a closer walk thru our daily interactions with you. We pray that we will put on "the full armor" each day, so that we are equipped to deal with whatever the world brings our way. We praise you for being a God who is ever present in our lives and we pray that we will seek to include you in all that we say and do. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior,
Amen

If you missed Part I – you may view last week's Spirit at www.shilohbaptist.org.

