

The Shiloh Spirit



*The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister*

The Pastor's Pen

This week witnessed another egregious example of the vitriolic hatred that festers throughout this land.

For a number of years, Hank Williams Jr. had led into Monday night football games with the song that starts out, "Are you ready for some football". Many of us have mindlessly hummed, whistled, or sang this song in anticipation of what we hoped would be an exciting game. It also got us ready for a night of chips, salsa, popcorn and cookies and snacks of all sizes and shapes.

Most of us may not have been big on country music, but in the mindless blur of expecting football, we all became fans for a few moments prior to the kickoff every Monday night as we responded with a resounding YES, to Hank's inquiry about our readiness for some football. This week another piece of our American innocence was covered with a plastic bag and strangled.

In an interview with several television reporters, Mr. Williams said that President Obama and Vice President Biden were the Three Stooges. As there were three stooges and Mr. Obama and Mr. Biden only add up to two, it became obvious that Hank Williams was not a math major. Then, to add insult to injury, the country star said that Congressman Boehner playing golf with the President was one of the worst things that could have happened. When pressed by the reporters as to why this was so, Williams' retort was because it was like Hitler playing golf with Benjamin Netanyahu.

Just when we thought conservative America's disrespect for our President could not get any worse, a country music icon compared him to Adolf Hitler. This craziness is as insulting to Jews as it is to Mr. Obama. No one should ever make light of the six million Jews killed in Adolf Hitler's Holocaust and certainly not to make a half-baked political point. ESPN fired Mr. Williams immediately. The action was not a minute too soon. Hank Williams may hate President Obama; however the rest of us do not have to sing along with him.

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Sunday, October 9, 2011

Lectionary: Reading Through The Bible

*28th Sunday of the Year – October 9
(Green)
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14*

*29th Sunday of the Year – October 16
(Green)
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalms 99; 1
Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:34-46*

New Members Received by Unity Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Baptism

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class.....	RBC/Gym
Elementary Class.....	LL-A/FLC
Upper Elementary Class	LL-Front/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes.....	LL-A&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	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 – Adults (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
New Members Workshop –Youth (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Unity Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
Calvary Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting.....	HHS/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting	Choir Room
Trinity Baptist Church Reunion	HHN/FLC
Eureka Lodge Divine Service (4:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Monday, October 10, 2011- Columbus Day Observance – FLC & Administrative Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
2:30 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Care for Youth.....	COH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Financial Peace Fellowship.....	LL/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting	208/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/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 Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, October 13, 2011

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

Friday, October 14, 2011 - *Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.*

12:30 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
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Saturday, October 15, 2011

9:00 – 100 Black Men Saturday Leadership Academy	Gym/FLC
9:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
9:00 – HBCU Council SAT & College Preparedness Workshop	Sanctuary & Gym/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts	Library/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting	TF/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting	LL/FLC
10:00 – Gideon Circle Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies	LL-A/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts- Cadettes	COH/FLC
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	216/FLC
12:00 – Missions Ministry Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Church School Open House - All Classes / Gym

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop – Adults (9:30 a.m.)	216/FLC
New Members Workshop – Youth (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Victory Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	HHS/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC

Church Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Albert Richard Howard – Torch Bearers Circle
Muriel Atkinson Howard – Torch Bearers Circle
Mildred C. Pierce – Torch Bearers Circle
Rudolph F. Pierce – Torch Bearers Circle

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deacon Emeritus John H. Pinkard, Jr. (Calvary Circle) in the loss of his wife, Ophelia Pinkard; the family of Elizabeth Culpepper (Gideon Circle), Charlotte Bolton Hicks (Queen Esther Circle) in the loss of her sister, Rhonda Bolton (Queen Esther Circle) and Audrey Stephenson (Torch Bearers Circle) in the loss of her brother Artis E. Alexander.

Circles Receiving New Members

October 9.....Unity Circle
October 16 Victory Circle
October 23Willing Workers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 9Mt. Sinai Circle
October 16Naomi Circle
October 23Olivet Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

(Prayer & Praise – Thursday Evening – 6:30 p.m.)

October 13Torch Bearers & Unity Circles
October 20.....Victory & Willing Workers Circles

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

October 16 – Wisdom for Aging (Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7, 13) – This lesson gives wisdom about aging. It is not only important to enjoy life while being young, but to remember that we belong to God, live in fear (reverence) of Him and keep His commandments.

October 23 – Tradition and Love (Song of Solomon 4:8-5:1a) – Solomon expresses his feelings of love for his bride. He cherishes her love. While traditional interpretations see this book as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel, and Christ and the church, people today can find encouragement in these words as they contemplate love and commitment.

Ushers' Corner October – November 2011

Sunday, Oct. 9 – Unit #2 serves
Thursday, Oct. 13 – Unit #2 serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Unit #4 serves
Thursday, Oct. 20 – Unit #4 serves (ALL USHERS)
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

Saturday, Oct. 22
9 a.m. Ushers' Annual Prayer Breakfast
Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center, 3rd floor
Rev. Dexter Nutall, Guest Speaker

Sunday, Oct. 23 – OFFICERS/UNIT LEADERS
Ushers' 97th Anniversary
(Picture with Pastor Smith after 10:55 a.m. Service)

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Unit #5 serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

Sunday, Oct. 30 – Unit #6 serves
Thursday, Nov. 3 – Unit #6 serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

Sunday, Nov. 6 – Units #1/3 serve
Thursday, Nov. 10 – Units #1/3 serve
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

Sunday, Nov. 13 – Unit #2 serves
Thursday, Nov. 17 – Unit #2 serves
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

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

97th Annual Ushers' Day Observance Prayer Breakfast

Standing Before God's Open Doors

Saturday October 22, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Reverend Dexter Nutall, Pastor
New Bethel Baptist Church
Guest Speaker

Donation - \$16/Adult; \$8/children

Progressive National Baptist Convention Delegate Report

Congress of Christian Education Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough Deacon Carolyn S. Moyé

The 50th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention was held in Washington, DC on August 7-12, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. It was an honor to be one of the thirteen delegates to represent Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC and the Ministry of Deacons.

In summary, the theme for this year was, “**Securing Our Future: Humility- A People of Fellowship**, with Biblical references to 2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 62:10, Nehemiah 4:6, 19-20; Psalm 119:57-60; Matthew 28:18-20; and Acts 2:42-47. In addition to attending the general sessions, there were numerous class offerings by the Congress of Christian Education. Each class was taught for the duration of the week. The class that I was led to take was titled, **Strengthening Your Prayer Life**, taught by Rev. Dr. K. Gerone Free, Pastor of

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church located in Oklahoma City, OK. Each day this class was filled and not one seat remained vacant. The textbook for the class was, **Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough by Elmer L. Towns**.

The content from the class was very powerful and transforming for me. The focus of the class centered on the importance of prayer and developing a “prayer life”. Dr. Free pointed out that we often pray in the moment, but we should develop the habit of praying continuously throughout the day and our waking state. Thus, prayer becomes one's way of life from the time we wake up, throughout the day and to retiring for the evening. A prayer life is a necessity to what God is calling his people to do. God wants a relationship with us and that relationship cannot be nurtured and developed if we do not take time to come face to face with God through our prayer life. Dr. Free stressed that we as a people have become so busy in our hurried pace that we tend to feel that we do not have the time to stop and pray. His answer to that problem is the Lord's Prayer.

He reminded us how powerful the Lord's Prayer is and made reference to Luke 11:1-4, when the 12 Disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Dr. Free further explained that The Lord's Prayer is the greatest prayer taught to us by the greatest Person, and who has the greatest title for God. When we pray, “Our Father which art in heaven” –the simplest prayer has the greatest influence. It only takes about one minute to say The Lord's Prayer. We can say this prayer silently while we are walking, working at our desk, driving, etc. Learning to talk to God by repeating The Lord's Prayer will help in all our praying. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to **begin worshipping** God as we talk to Him.

In his book, **Praying The Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough**, author Elmer Towns makes a very important point. He states that, “Effective prayer is not measured by how loud one prays or how long one prays, or even if you say the words to the Lord's Prayer again and again. Your prayer will be effective if you are sincere and if you ask for the right things. Even if you don't pray the Lord's Prayer, and you don't rightly approach God, you still may get what you need. God knows our needs before we even ask.” The bottom line is we should all strive for a relationship with “Our Father”, God through deepening our prayer life. Reciting the Lord's Prayer is an effective way to begin the process. There are seven results you can expect if you pray the Lord's Prayer daily:

1. You will magnify God each day.
2. You will live by better principles.
3. God will guide you for that day.
4. You will receive more answers from God. (The more you practice the praying with patience, you will get results/answers.)
It may not be what you want to hear, but God will answer.
5. You will feel clean and forgiven.
6. The Lord's Prayer gives you victory.
7. You will receive God's protective shield around your life.

There is not enough space to share everything that was covered in the class, **Strengthening Your Prayer Life**. Hopefully, what has been shared will assist you in some way in your prayer life journey.

