

The Shiloh Spirit



*The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister*



The Pastor's Pen

The second Sunday of the Epiphany is often designated as the baptism of our Lord. In today's reading from Matthew 3, Jesus comes to his cousin John at the Jordan River to be baptized.

Those who have been to the Holy Land or have seen pictures of the Jordan River know that it is not an impressive body of water. It doesn't come close to the awe-inspiring sight of the Mississippi, the life-giving power of the Nile, or the interminable length of the Amazon. In fact, for most of its length the Jordan is little more than a stream, originating in the mountains of Galilee and emptying into the Dead Sea in the Jordan wilderness. Tourists who wish to be baptized in the Jordan are directed to a place in Israel where the river is at one of its deepest points. The location most scholars feel to be the actual site of Jesus' baptism is often dried up or too low for traditional baptisms.

Another complicating factor of the authentic site is that it sits within the boundaries of the nation of Jordan, rendering access to it a political problem. The geography of the river affirms a theological point that hovers over the entirety of the Gospels, the birth narratives and the adult ministry of Jesus. This is that he was born to be a king unlike any the world had ever encountered.

The text focuses on John the Baptist, a rough-clad desert prophet who gives no indication that his father is a part of the vaunted priestly class against which John so stridently preaches.

Baptism was a commonly practiced ritual of purification for non-Jews. The unique twist of John's preaching was that he declared Jew and Gentile alike in need of a cleansing from their sins and therefore reliant on repentance. The baptism of Jesus carries deep significance and meaning. Jesus was sinless, as he was born of the Holy Spirit to a virgin, yet he modeled a willingness to show the importance of confession and repentance for all.

Secondly, in modeling repentance he declares that through the act of turning away from sin, all humanity, Jew and Gentile, male and female, rich and poor, stand on equal footing before God. The baptism of our Lord models, that from the "guttermost to the uttermost" we are all sinners, but sinners who can be saved by grace.

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Sunday, January 9, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

1st Sunday of the Year – January 9

(White)

*Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 3:13-17*

2nd Sunday of the Year – January 16

(Green)

*Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1
Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42*

3rd Sunday of the Year – January 23

(Green)

*Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1
Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23*

New Members Received by Torch Bearers Circle



This Week at Shiloh



Sunday, January 9, 2011

Prayer Day

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
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>Torch Bearers Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Adah Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting	HHS/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC

Monday, January 10, 2011

Administrative Office & FLC Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
5:30 – Messiah Concert Committee Meeting.....	TF/FLC
6:00 – Tornado Taekwondo	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting	HH/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar	LL/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study	Deacons' Room
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
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, January 13, 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
6:15 – Bible Institute – <i>“Have You Considered My Servant Job? – Part 2”</i>	Sanctuary
7:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary

Friday, January 14, 2011

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



Saturday, January 15, 2011

9:00 – 100 Black Men Saturday Leadership Academy	Gym/FLC
9:00 – Brotherhood of Shiloh Men Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast	HH/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies	LL-A/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Cadettes	COH/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting	Mezzanine Conference Room
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	216/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting	Library/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers’ Room
12:00 – Missions Ministry Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
12:30 – Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:20 – Youth Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation of Praise Dancers	LL/FLC

Sunday, January 16, 2011

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30a.m.)	216/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
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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>Unity Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	HHS/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Helping Hand Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting	Library/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Russell Carmichael Campbell – Social Reapers Circle
John Hobart Hale, III – Shiloh Circle
John Hobart Hale, IV – Sunshine Youth Circle
Lynette McRae Lamb – Shiloh Circle
Ashleigh Nicole Hale – Sunshine Elementary Circle
Nicole Yvette Lamb Hale – Shiloh Circle
Claudios Menefee – Social Reapers Circle

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Billy H. Smith (Willing Workers Circle; Chunie Bharath (Helping Hand Circle) in the loss of his sister, Annie Boodo; Lorella Burrell Willis (Phoebe Circle) in the loss of her mother, Lucy Spratley Burrell and Florence Thomas (Dorcas Circle) in the loss of her sister, Frances Canty – aunt of Jacqueline Reese & Sheila Thomas (Dorcas Circle).

Thank You Note

Pastor Smith, Mrs. Smith, Ministers, Shiloh Circle, Torch Bearers Circle, Deacons and Deaconesses, and my wonderful Shiloh family, there really are not words that can express my appreciation for all of your kindnesses, love, and support during the illness and homegoing of my mother, Mrs. Helen Sykes. THERE JUST ARE NOT WORDS!!!!!! Your telephone calls, cards, flowers, gifts, and most of all prayers were exactly what the Lord ordered to help me through this most trying time. Then, to have my Pastor and First Lady to be present for the service -- THERE JUST ARE NOT WORDS!!!!!! My family and I will be eternally grateful. May God richly bless each of you!!!

JoAnne Beasley

THE USHERS' CORNER JANUARY 2011

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

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

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

January 13Torch Bearers & Unity Circles
January 20.....Victory & Willing Workers Circles
January 27.....Adah & Alpha Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

January 9 Torch Bearers Circle
January 16..... Unity Circle
January 23..... Victory Circle
January 30..... Willing Workers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

January 9Naomi Circle
January 16..... Olivet Circle
January 23.....Omega Circle
January 30.....Phoebe Circle

New Members Workshop

All new members who joined Shiloh after November 2010 and those who were unable to attend the Fall session are encouraged to attend the Winter Session at 9:30 a.m. in Room 216 today.

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

DVDs Available

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

Shiloh Baptist Book Club

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

January 30, 2011

Location: Lower Level of Family Life Center

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 \$350 is required immediately to hold a reservation. All participants should have paid a total of \$550 per person by January 15, 2011. Contact Otis Harris, Muriel Lewis, Aldith Coleman or Geormine Stanyard-Crawford for more information and payment. Payments may also be mailed and made to DeGeor Services, PO Box 26462 WDC 20001. Passports are required for travel.

Book Club Selection: *Mobilizing Hope: Faith Inspired Activism for a Post-Civil Rights Generation*
Author: Reverend Adam Taylor

Reverend Adam Russell Taylor is Vice President of Advocacy at World Vision, USA and is also Associate Minister at First Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. among other things; he was associated with Shiloh Baptist Church while serving a year-long fellowship at the White House.

Mobilizing Hope takes off from the problems of Martin Luther King's day and draws insights from the Civil Rights Movement to the present day. Jim Wallis has called the book a story of how Adam and many of his cohorts are shaping the next strategies for faith based social change, a theology for social justice, and spirituality for young activists. In short he says that it is a handbook for those who want to experiment with activism and search out their own vocation in the world.

Reverend Adam Taylor will be present to discuss and sign his new book. Books will be available for purchase.

Contact Mrs. Vera Hunter for more information
(*This review was first printed in the Congregational Library Association News Number 177 Winter (Dec.) 2010*)

HBCU Corner

It's 2011 and the HBCU Council would like for you to support and spread the word of our upcoming events!!!

January 23 - Morehouse Observance Sunday, 10:55 a. m. service.

February 20 - HBCU Sunday, Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, former National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Speaker and featuring the Lincoln University Concert Choir. Asking all Alumni of HBCUs and or Greeks to wear school colors/paraphernalia to show support of our HBCU.

March 18 - Morehouse Glee Club Concert, celebrating 100 years).

June 25 - Annual Sweet Jazzy White Night Affair on the roof top of the Family Life Center, featuring Lori Williams and Friends Jazz Ensemble. Asking all to dress in your best summer white attire! You don't want to miss this event to kick off your summer.

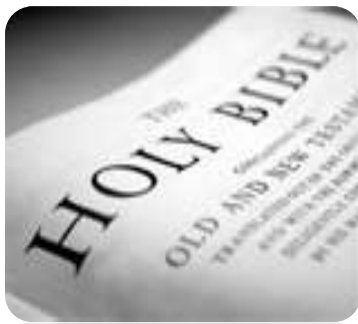
For more information and to keep updated on events sponsored by our HBCU Council, visit www.hbcucouncil.com. And, please...SPREAD THE WORD!

Outreach Ministry Volunteers Needed

Members of our congregation, which include Reverend Robert Felton, Deacons Ronald Felton, Herman Gaines and William Thomas, faithfully serve meals (average: 400) to those who are homeless and in need of a hot meal on the 4th Friday of each month at So Others May Eat (S.O.M.E.).

In addition, several members, in concert with the Outreach Ministry of Shiloh, volunteer each 3rd Saturday to serve a fellowship meal to those in need. According to Reverend Felton, Shiloh has served over 60,000 meals to the homeless and has had a positive effect on many lives in our community.

If you are interested in working with these two important missions of Shiloh, contact Reverend Robert Felton (202/232-4288).



Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

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 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.

Robbin's Nest Learning Center

God has blessed Stephanie Lyon to open the Robbin's Nest Learning Center, which is dedicated in memory of her daughter, Robbin Lynn. The center is located at 909 19th Street, NE. This licensed facility provides services for children PreK to 11 years old as well as before and after care. Vouchers welcome after January 30, 2011. For more information contact Stephanie Lyon (202/388-3462)

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Memory
of
Frank D. Clark, Jr.
Departed January 11, 2003

Gail & Kendra Clark
\$50.00

In Loving Memory
of
Bernard Reavis

Alfreda – Wife
Bridget-Daughter
\$100.00

In Loving Memory
of
Bessie A. Rhyans
Cleveland Rhyans

Deacon Henry C. & Deaconess Vara S. Patterson
\$300.00

In Memory
of
Helen Brown Sykes
(mother of JoAnne Beasley)

Rita Andrews
Christine Barker-Odom
Rita Bibbs-Booth
Lois Brown
Hattie Davis
J. Otis Harris, Jr.
Julia Manns
Cornelius & Sharon Pitts
Gregory Prioleau
Mattie Robinson
Edwin & Tommie Washington
William & Sylvia Wiggins

\$335

John Aaron McCauley, Jr. Revocable Living Trust, DTD 09/22/1999 – John Aaron McCauley, Jr., Trustee

In Loving Memory of a Wondrous Mother

*Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Taylor
McCauley*
(1928-1987)

Member/Treasurer of the Antioch Circle of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC
Your Legacy was a Tapestry of Good Deeds towards Others. We will love you Always

Your Children & Grandchildren: John A. McCauley, Jr., Ruthena Faye McCauley-Davis, Carlton E. McCauley, Ta Jai J.C. Davis, Cierra Afolashade Faye – Iroko and NiaLee Davis

\$2,000.00 – Scholarship Fund. These funds are to be used to help fund church scholarships for students who maintain a viable scholastic average at an educational institution of their choosing. These students should be members of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC.

\$250.00 – General Church Fund. These funds should be used for the general upkeep (interior) of the church, the Family Life Center, etc.

\$300.00 – Contribution to the Antioch Circle of Shiloh Baptist Church. These funds should be used solely for the purpose of purveying assistance to members of this given circle who find themselves in dire circumstances financially due to sickness, job loss, etc. The funds may be administered by the Circle Leader and/or Circle Treasurer.

\$325.00 – Contribution to help assist HBCUs – Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These funds should be used to assist minority students (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, etc.) in their quest to obtain a viable education at a Black College or University

\$250.00 – Contribution to Shiloh Baptist Church Beautification Fund. These funds should be used for the upkeep (painting, repairing, etc.) of the church exterior and landscaping projects.

From the Ministry of Deacons



Pray with Simplicity

In Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the Disciples to pray. He taught that when you come before God, just be humble and honest. As we read this Scripture and reflect on the teachings of Christ, we understand that God knows exactly what we need before we ask him. Jesus said you can simply pray like this:

“.....⁹*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
¹⁰Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.
¹²And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.” (KJV)*

Provided by Deacon Diana M. Roach

