

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Isaiah 58:12 states *"your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live on."*

The Prophet Isaiah wrote this section of his book during the return of the exiles from Babylon. The conditions of their homeland were desolate. The cities were torn down, their country was in ruin. Isaiah's message was that it was the responsibility of all Jews to rebuild their homeland, to be repairers of the breach, to restore the streets on which they lived.

In the last week the world has witnessed a stunning example of disenfranchised people in Egypt rising up and saying enough is enough. Overwhelming poverty had gripped that nation for a prolonged period of time. A recent spike in food prices served as the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. People who for years lived at subsistence levels were now squarely facing starvation. As the angel Gabriel said in the play *Green Pastures*, after observing the results of the flood in Noah's time, *"everything that ain't nailed down is coming loose."*

The target of Egypt's ire is their president of 30 years, Hosni Mubarak. Like many despots he forgot a simple rule, all politics is local. Mr. Mubarak did a good job acting as the only significant Arab partner to Israel. He also was quite adept at representing US interests in the Middle East. Unfortunately he did not take a page from Bill Clinton's playbook when Mr. Clinton confronted Republicans in the presidential election with "it's the economy stupid". Mr. Mubarak, it's not your posture on the global stage that has caused all the ire, it's the poverty stupid.

Millions of Egyptians have risen up to demand regime change. Like the Jews Isaiah encouraged, they have seen their jobs as repairing the breach and restoring the streets on which they live. We do not know what this means for the US as new leadership will emerge in Egypt. If results are like those a few years ago in Iran it may well be a blow to our nation's strategic objectives; who controls the Suez Canal has a great deal to say about the transit of oil to the west. However, if there is a lesson for the US to learn as we decide which leaders to support in the future, we must take our cues from Bill Clinton, it's the poverty stupid! Those who support the rich against the poor will always be on the wrong side of history.

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Sunday, February 6, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

*5th Sunday of the Year – February 6
(Green)
Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1
Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20*

*6th Sunday of the Year – February 13
(Green)
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1
Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37*

*7th Sunday of the Year – February 20
(Green)
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew
5:38-48*

*New Members Received by
Adah Circle*



This Week at Shiloh



Sunday, February 6, 2011

Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Middle School & Senior High Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Church School Classes	LL/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.)	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Adah Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
YACS Meeting	HHN/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	Library/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting	LL/FLC

Monday, February 7, 2011

Administrative Offices & Family Life Center closes at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 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
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid Week Bible Study	COH/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, February 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
6:15 – Bible Institute – <i>“Have You Considered My Servant Job? – Part 2”</i>	Sanctuary
7:15 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary

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

6:00 – Children/Youth Bible Study..... Heritage Hall

Saturday, February 12, 2011

9:00 –Taekwondo Class..... RBC/FLC
 10:00 – Ministry of Deacons Meeting Deacons’ Room
 10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation TF/FLC
 10:00 – Village Council Meeting..... Mezzanine Conference Room
 10:00 – Senior Choir Executive Board Meeting Choir Room
 10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting Library/FLC
 11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting LL/FLC
 12:30 – Children’s Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room
 1:00 – FLC Missions Meeting COH/FLC
 1:00 – TAS Drill Class..... Gym/FLC
 1:30 – Youth Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room

Sunday, February 13, 2011

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 (*Alpha Circle*) TF/FLC
 Bethel Circle Meeting Library/FLC
 Faith Circle Meeting 5308 2nd Street, NW
 Hill Climbers Circle Meeting..... COH/FLC
 Mount Sinai Circle Meeting..... Mezzanine Conference Room/FLC
 Social Reapers Circle Meeting..... HHS/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Robin Bailey – Willing Workers Circle
Terrance LeRoy Purnell – Willing Workers Circle
William Kevin Taylor – Willing Workers Circle
Nicole Triplett – Willing Workers Circle

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended Dwayne Cash (Victory Circle) in the loss of his father, William Cash and Stephanie McGencey (Hope Circle) in the loss of her grandmother, Lillian Harvey Ferrell.

Thank You Notes

To Pastor Smith, Ministerial Staff, Ministry of Deacons; Bethel Circle Family – led by Deborah C. Hankins and Deacon George T. Hardy; other Shiloh members and friends: Thanks for your outpouring of love and compassion at the time of the hospitalization and passing of my husband, George D. Bailey. The many ways you have expressed sympathy and caring have brought me comfort and strength. God bless you all.

Pearl L. Bailey

Dear Ms. Reid - I wanted to thank you and everyone at Shiloh Baptist Church who participated in Food and Friends Annual holiday gift drive in December. I was very touched by your Church's generosity on such a short notice. As you know the holidays are a particularly difficult time families with children suffering from serious illness, and your gifts made a world of difference for many children. Thank you again for making their holidays brighter!

D. Alexandra Appel – Food & Friends Gifts Coordinator

I would like to convey special thanks to Pastor Smith, First Lady G. Elaine Smith, the Hyssop Group and Shiloh members for your participation.

Mildred M. Reid, Leader – Missions Ministry

REQUEST FOR INTERIOR DESIGNERS

If you are an interior designer and would like to assist in the planning of clean up day to be held on May 7, 2011, please contact Greg Prioleau at 202-584-0679 no later than February 14, 2011. We will be targeting specific areas within the church complex and would appreciate any recommendations you may have to beautify the Lord's house.

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

February 10 Bethel & Calvary Circles
February 17.....Dorcas & Eula Mae Harrison Circles
March 3.....Faith & Fellowship Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

February 6..... Adah Circle
February 13.....Alpha Circle
February 20Antioch Circle
February 27Berean Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

February 6 Pilgrim Circle
February 13Progressive Circle
February 20Queen Esther Circle
February 27Ruth Circle



Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

February 6 – Jesus Is the Messiah (Mark 8:27-9:1) Jesus asks His disciples about what His reputation was publicly and who He was to them personally. After, He foretells of His death. Peter tries to correct Jesus, but Jesus rebukes Satan. Jesus then tells of the requirements expected of those who will follow Him.

February 13 – This Is My Beloved (Mark 9:2-13) Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the top of a mountain and is transfigured (changed to another form) before them. Moses and Elijah appear, and God's voice from heaven proclaims Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus warns the disciples not to tell others about their experience until His resurrection, but they are confused.

February 20 – Jesus Came to Serve (Mark 10:35-45) The Sons of Zebedee wanted seats of honor in the new Kingdom (where Christ would reign forever and ever), but Jesus pointed out their ignorance. He teaches His disciples that service is the requirement for greatness.

February 27 – Coming of the Son of Man (Mark 13:14-27) On the Mount of Olives, Jesus tells His disciples the future. He warns them of how terrible the end will be and how He will return with great power.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Applications for scholarships offered through the church Scholarship Committee are available at the front desk of the Family Life Center and on the church website under "Church Forms," "Current Events," and "Education Ministry/Scholarship Committee." **Deadline for submitting completed applications: Sunday, February 20, 2011.**

Male Youth Project College & Career Fair

The Male Youth Project is currently planning for the 2011 College & Career Fair, which will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning and help on the day of the fair. If you are interested in this important effort, please contact Gerard Bingham at 202/280-0101 or gobingham@verizon.net.

Housing Available

Available for lease immediately, large one bedroom apartment located on 2nd floor in a vintage four-unit building on 14th Street NW in Washington, DC that offers all the benefits of living in the city with none of the hassles. First three months – pay half (50%) rental fee as “move in incentive”. Apartment is located in the safe, well established Brightwood section. The two story/four unit building is a post-war classic that boasts hardwood floors throughout, built-in bookcase and walnut molding; it has an updated kitchen that features hardwood cabinets, a ceramic tile floor and updated kitchen appliances; it also has the original black & white bathroom tiling and a “room sized” screen enclosed private rear porch. Conveniences also include a “state of the art” LG compact “Euro Style” electronic combination washer/dryer, window air conditioning and ceiling fans. . Reply to DrChaunceyFortt@aol.com

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Celebration of our 53rd Anniversary
February 1958-February 2011

Your Active Christians (YACS)
\$500.00

Ushers' Corner January/February/March

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

Sunday, Jan. 30 – Units #1/3 Serve

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

Sunday, Feb. 6 – Unit #2 Serves
10 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, Feb. 10 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, Feb. 13 – Unit #4 Serves

Thursday, Feb. 17 – Unit #4 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, Feb. 20 – Unit #5 Serves

Thursday, Feb. 24 – Unit #5 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, Feb. 27 – Unit #6 Serves
HCBU Sunday

Thursday, March 3 – Unit #6 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, March 6 – Units #1/3 Serve
10 a.m. Unity Service

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 24 – Unit #4 Serves

HBCU Corner

Join the HBCU Council of Shiloh as we welcome the Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd, 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Lincoln University Concert Choir under the direction of Edryn Coleman on HBCU Sunday February 20, 2011. We are asking all HBCU Alumni & Greeks to wear their school colors/Greek paraphernalia to show support of our Historically Black Colleges & Universities. Please invite other HBCU Alumn & Greeks to join us in worship.

HBCU Series

Education has always been the way out. In spite of popular perception, most of us can't sing or play a sport well enough to earn a living. And before there was a Jackie Robinson in baseball, a Jack Johnson in the ring, or a Paul Robeson on stage, there were doctors, lawyers, dentists, teachers, artists, businessmen and businesswomen, and other professionals who made their way in the world because of the educational foundation forged in Historically Black Colleges & Universities. Our history was filled with restrictive laws and people who wanted to keep blacks illiterate. If slaves couldn't read, they wouldn't know a better world was out there. And if they couldn't write, they couldn't forge travel passes that would allow safe passages to freedom. Literacy - education - was a way to escape slavery. Back then it was a way out, and today education is still the best way out. HBCUs provide the extra nurture that some black students need. They drilled in us the idea that we had to work harder because, for us, the climb up the economic ladder would be different; there would be rungs missing from the ladder. Our climb up would be harder because we were minorities. But, as difficult as that trip could be, we were always encouraged to do more so that we could achieve more. Those of us who graduated from a Historically Black College or University have an OBLIGATION to KEEP THE DOORS OPEN; an OBLIGATION to give back to the system that nurtured us. It can be done by example, by mentoring and by financial support. There is a new generation seeking a way out, and with an education from an HBCU, they will find a way or make one. (Ed Bradley...."I'll Find a Way or Make One" A Tribute to Historically Black Colleges and Universities by Juan Williams & Dwayne Ashley)

Please email any hiring opportunities to employopp@shilohbaptist.org.

Employment opportunities will be posted throughout Shiloh's communications.

2011 Women's Day Activities

Women of God: Celebrating Spirituality

Worship Service, Thursday, March 10th, 6:30 p.m. – Featuring a dramatic portrayal of Women in the Bible. Audition dates for Women of Shiloh who want to participate will be posted in the Spirit. Reverend Desire' Grogan will bring the message for the Thursday prayer service. **Willa Hall Smith and Cindy Smith, Subcommittee Co-Chairs.**

Women's Day, Sunday, March 13th, 7:55 a.m. and 10:55 a.m., services. Dr. Suzan Johnson-Cook will be the guest preacher. **Tracey Walker, Subcommittee Chair.**

Women's Day Tea, Sunday, March 13th, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Four Seasons Hotel located at 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Tickets for this event will sell for \$48.00, and will be available beginning First Sunday, February 6th. Tickets will be sold at the ticket booth after both services. We welcome you to join us once again for a fun filled afternoon of sisterhood and fellowship. Get your hats ready! **Lauri Nichols and Rochelle Hardy, Subcommittee Co-Chairs.**

Women's Day Committee Community Service Project – “Sharing Our Blessings with Our Neighbors”. During the month of February committee members will collect hard cover children's books appropriate for pre-school aged children to be donated to Shiloh's Child Development Center, **Ensure** and walking canes for the Seniors at Emmaus Senior Citizen Center. **Cindy Smith, Subcommittee Chair.**

BIDS FOR THE WALLACE CHARLES SMITH COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING

General Contractors interested in submitting proposals to construct the Wallace Charles Smith Community Service Building can pick up bid packages from either Lance Bailey and Associates Architects, 7961 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring MD (301-565-2283), or Muriel Lewis at Shiloh Baptist Church commencing on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. A \$100.00 fee will be charged for the package. All proposals will be due on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Black History Month

The **Invisible Churches** among slaves in the United States were informal Christian groups where slaves listened to preachers that they chose without their master's knowledge. The Invisible Churches taught a different message from white controlled churches and did not emphasize obedience. Enslaved preachers emphasized Moses and deliverance from bondage. Services, typically held in the woods away from prying eyes, were quite emotional, with singing, dancing, shouting, and clapping. Some slaves could not contact Invisible Churches and others did not agree with the Invisible Church message but many slaves were comforted by the Invisible Churches. The 'invisible institution' existed often as a forbidden aspect; slaves might be members of both the independent Black church groups or congregations that were racially mixed, but also participate in worship gatherings at night in secret locations, risking severe punishment to do so. In plantation areas, slaves organized underground churches and hidden religious meetings, where slaves were free to mix evangelical Christianity with African beliefs and African rhythms. They turned Wesleyan Methodist hymns into spirituals. The spirituals gave the church members a secret way to communicate and, in some cases, to plan rebellion. The underground churches provided psychological refuge from the white world.



My Prayer



Dear Lord, as I bow my head in humble adoration, I feel ready to face a new year by your grace and tender mercies. You have granted me the privilege to again observe and revel in Your wonderful works.

I thank you, Lord for opening my eyes to enjoy Your creation of the season each year. The sun awakens me from nights' slumber with its warm greetings and at other days, much beauty in hazy mornings with dewdrops in trees and grasses; the melodic chirping of song birds and chatter among awakening animals. As evenings draw nigh and as day draws a curtain to the fading sunset, I eagerly anticipate a feeling of wonderful expectations of peaceful dreams while at rest, and await with gladness a hope for each tomorrow's pleasures.

I pray with thanksgiving and praise for your loving graciousness and mercy that carried me safely through a by-gone year. Thank You for leading me to stay focused in a loving and forgiving nature toward my fellow man. Now my head and heart are filled with joy, for You have given much to be thankful for. Amen

Submitted by Alonzo T. Grigsby
Faith Circle

Even when I whisper, you hear my voice and answer speedily.

For you, O Lord,...abound...in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Psalm 86:5

Beatitudes--Their Significance and Meaning (Part 2)

The Sixth Beatitude

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Psalm 119:9 "How can a believer keep his heart pure? By keeping it according to the Word of God".

Out of the hearts of men come all kinds of evil things. Everything from evil thoughts and greed, to slander and arrogance. Therefore, one of the most important questions that we can ask is how can we be truly pure in our hearts and clean of filth and sin? How can our imaginations, thoughts, words, our decision making, and our desires be pure? How can we think what God thinks, will what God wills, desire what God desires, hate what God hates, and love what God loves? In other words how can our hearts be pure hearts, free from sins like pride and envy, evil thoughts and evil deeds? We can't do any of these things on our own. We can't reform ourselves. The path to a pure heart begins with the realization that we have impure hearts and God must clean us.

How does God clean and purify us? First of all, when we become born again and completely surrender ourselves to Jesus Christ and put our entire faith and trust in him, God will regenerate us and give us a brand new nature, a new self. We become a brand new creation. He tells us what he is going to do to us at Ezekiel 36:26-27. "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you". And this all happens the very moment when you are saved. You become a brand new person who is walking arm and arm with Jesus Christ on a road to spiritual purity, spiritual growth, spiritual maturity, and spiritual strength.

This beatitude tells us if we are pure in heart then we will see God. A marvelous reward results when the believer becomes pure in heart, because he will see God immediately after his death. And he will see God right now through his spiritual vision, because of his faith in Christ. To the pure in heart, God will become extremely visible.

The Seventh Beatitude

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

The peacemakers are those children of God who not only have great love for God, but also have love for all of mankind. They attempt to do everything possible for the advancement of peace everywhere. The peacemakers are those who have a peaceful disposition. They love, desire, and delight in peace. Peacemakers also want to preserve the peace. When the peace is broken, the peacemakers have a great desire to recover it as quickly as possible. We must realize that not only is Satan a troublemaker, but all those who follow him are troublemakers. They are all enemies of God, opposing God in their thoughts, their wills, and their actions. The devil and his followers can be considered the true enemies of peace.

Peacemaking does not mean seeking peace at any cost, for the peacemaker realizes that peace at any price can end up in complete and total destruction. A peacemaker is not an appeaser. He's not one who doesn't take a position on anything. He is not one who can easily be shoved around. He's not a doormat. A peacemaker is one who through strength and Godly knowledge endeavors to establish a right relationship between estranged parties based on truth and righteousness. The peacemakers realize that there is only one way that this world can have peace, and that is by trusting in Jesus Christ. What Jesus did on the cross was bring peace between not only God and man, but also between man and man. By his death Jesus destroyed a barrier, that dividing wall of hostility between man and his fellow man. Ephesians 2:14 "For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall".

Part 3 will be published on Sunday, February 13

From The Trustee Board.....

First Quarter Report October-December 2010

Deepening Our Spirituality, Responsibility, and Accountability

Deepening our Responsibility and Accountability

Finance - The first quarter financial results were good. As a result of Shiloh's continued membership giving, overall the Church was in the black with net operating income of \$67,256, which was \$28,348 better than budget. The Church received over \$63,000 in support from eGiving. The FY2010 financial statement audit is in process. The audit report is anticipated to be presented at the next church meeting.

Property Maintenance/Development - FLC roof repairs have been completed. Repairs or replacements have been made to the church lights, FLC carpet, lights, blinds, and painting. A snow removal contractor has been selected. FLC electrical repairs are being performed. Contractor bids are to be submitted for the Wallace Charles Smith Community Services Building at 1533 Ninth Street NW. Plans are to begin construction in early 2011.

Legal - Review of the Luther Lust and Helen Hansborough estates are in process.

Personnel - Church staff job descriptions have been developed. The church administrative responsibilities have been transitioned to Reverend Mensah. Salary adjustments have been made for various church staff.

Food Service - Food Service operations and controls have been strengthened over the Sunday breakfast process.

Trustee Board Committees

Food Service – Rochelle Hardy/Ralph Lee

Property Maintenance – Gregory Prioleau/Ralph Lee

Legal/Bequest – Charles Lowery/Maudine Cooper

Finance/Budget – Donald Richardson, Chair/Jo Fisher Hall

Human Resources – Jo Fisher-Hall/Patricia Stephenson

Submitted by Gilbert Smith, Chair
Dr. Rochelle Hardy, Vice Chair

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