

The Shiloh Spirit



*The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister*



The Pastor's Pen

Congratulations to the Shiloh Ushers on this their 97th anniversary celebration. The Shiloh Ushers are one of the hardest working groups in our church. They serve devotedly at both worship services on Sunday. They are always in attendance at all funeral and special services and they faithfully join with the Pastor and church for fellowship services. Most impressively, they seek little fanfare or attention. They are just happy to serve the Lord and assist their fellow members to enjoy a rewarding worship experience. With deepest appreciation, we commend and thank our Ushers for a job well done.

The Old Testament Scripture for this Sunday relates the culmination of Moses' ministry as he has led the people to the Promised Land, is permitted to look over at it, but not to enter, a punishment for having struck a rock to produce water in the desert when the command from God was to simply speak to it. This seems like a slightly harsh penalty considering all Moses endured in leading a disobedient people for such a long and arduous task. This text reminds us that God's ways are not ours and that God was quite clear that obedience is better than sacrifice.

The Gospel text from Matthew is another intriguing account. It deals with the final challenge the religious leaders hurl at Jesus prior to their final decision to have him killed. They ask Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Jesus responds that we must love God with all our hearts and minds and our neighbors as ourselves. What Jesus sets down is something that we should always keep in mind. Loving is not an emotion, it is a matter of will.

On this Sunday following the dedication of the Martin Luther King Memorial, both Old and New Testaments point us to realities of Dr. King's life. After all his work to end segregation in America, he did not live to see such achievements as our first Black President. Secondly, as we make the next steps toward total equality we will still face some painful realities. However, we must continue to love, not as an emotion, but as a matter of will.

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Sunday, October 23, 2011

**Lectionary: Reading Through
The Bible**

*30th Sunday of the Year – October 23
(Green)*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12;

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

31st Sunday of the Year (Green)

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

***New Members Received by
Willing Workers Circle***



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Church School Open House - All Classes / Gym

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop – Adults & Youth (9:30 a.m.)	216/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Willing Workers Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
DC Baptist Convention Installation (4:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Monday, October 24, 2011 - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

1:00 – Options Public Charter School.....Gym/FLC

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
2:30 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Program	Gym/FLC
6:00 – DC CJCC Board Meeting	HH/FLC
6:00 – Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting	Ushers' Room
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Blessed 7 Investment Club Meeting	TF/FLC
7:00 – Usher Board Meeting	Ushers' Room
7:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
12:30 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting with Walmart	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Program	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Brotherhood of Shiloh Men Circle	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Debutante Committee Meeting	HH/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, October 27, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting	HHS/FLC
2:00 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	HH/FLC
7:00 – Fall Bible Institute	HH/FLC

Friday, October 28, 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 29, 2011

9:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
9:00 – Church School Teachers Training	HH/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts	Library/FLC
10:00 – Computer Class	Computer Lab
10:00 – Gospel Choir Soulful Messiah Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers' Room

Sunday, October 30, 2011

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop Fellowship – Adults & Youth (9:30 a.m.)	HHS/FLC
African American Heritage Program (9:30 a.m.)	Sanctuary
Guest Hospitality (Adah Circle)	TF/FLC
Book Club Meeting	LL/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC



Messiah Poinsettias

Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for the *Messiah*. If you wish to donate a poinsettia in memory of your loved one(s), in honor of a birthday or a special occasion, orders are being taken today through Sunday, November 20, 2011. Poinsettias are \$20 each; please see Evelyn Hider at the Event Center. For more information, call 301-559-9146. **All orders MUST be paid for and submitted by Sunday, November 20, 2011.**

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Arlene Janet Lamb- Excelsior Circle
Gwendolyn Naomi Wells – Excelsior Circle



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Patricia Cuffee and LaNell Dupree (Golden Deed Circle) in the loss of their sister, Terleta Willis.



Thank you Pastor Smith, Minister Thomas Bowen and Reverend Robert Felton for your support through your words of comfort and prayer during the passing of Elizabeth Culpepper. A special thank you is extended to the Senior Choir, Gideon Circle, Ministry of Deacons, Ushers, Pall Bearers, Elois Lawson, Dolores Sawyer, Deacon Diana Roach and Sharon Parker. I'm so blessed to be encircled by such a caring church family.

Culpepper/Hider Family

My thanks to Pastor Smith, the Deaconess Ministry, the Ministry of Deacons, the Senior Choir, Grace Circle and the church family for your prayers, calls, cards and emails during my hand surgery and recuperation. May God continue to bless all of you.

Deaconess Iris F. Saunders

When I lost my sweet Ophelia to the arms of Jesus, I exhorted the Almighty for flights of angels to bear her to her eternal rest. But even before God called her, there were angels from my Shiloh family who prayed for her and came to lift my spirits from depths of anxiety and distress. I will be always grateful for the visits, prayers and heart-warming gifts from Deacons Grigsby, Thomas and Ray, my Calvary Circle and the uplifting presence and tribute from my dear Pastor Smith, who, at my wife Ophelia's homegoing service at Plymouth Congregational Church, lifted his arms and asked a band of well wishing angels from my Shiloh family to rise so that all could see the many that came to bid Ophelia farewell and put their arms around me. I have received many cards, phone calls, phone prayers and hugs of sympathy from my Shiloh family. I pray that God will bless them all.

Deacon Emeritus John H. Pinkard, Jr.

The family of Iantha Ramella Jones wishes to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy.

Donald and Jerome Jones

Circles Receiving New Members

October 23Willing Workers Circle
October 30Adah Circle
November 6Alpha Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 23Olivet Circle
October 30Omega Circle
November 6..... Phoebe Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

October 20.....Victory & Willing Workers Circles
October 27Adah & Alpha Circles
November 3 Antioch & Berean Circles

Ushers' Corner October – November 2011

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

Shiloh Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. The book for discussion is **The Warmth of Other Suns – The Epic Story of America's Great Migration** by Isabel Wilkerson. The book chronicles the stories of the decade's long migration of Black Americans who left the South in search of a better life. Larry Batie, a frequent discussant for the book club at the Church of the Redeemer will lead the discussion.

2013 Anniversary Tour Update

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Dr. Mark Wilson of Tutku Tours will present information of the upcoming anniversary tour on November 5, 2011 in Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m.. Mr. Wilson will provide information regarding the sites that will be visited, review the itinerary and offer a Q & A session to answer questions. Mr. Wilson is the founder and director of the Asia Minor Research Center in Antalya, Turkey which focuses on the early Jewish and Christian history of Asia Minor. He is also the author of the book, Biblical Turkey, a guide to the Jewish and Christian sites of Asia Minor.

All are invited, even if you did not sign up, and please notify all persons in your individual groups of this first step in preparing for our spectacular Anniversary Tour of the Holy Land and Egypt.

Shiloh Baptist Church Bereavement Support Group

The grief experience and the mourning process are varied and complex. They are common experiences most often associated with the death of a loved one; however, they can also be related to other losses, for example, divorce, loss of employment, or deterioration in health status. Grieving requires time! The tasks of mourning need not be worked out alone. Meeting with the company of others who have similar losses has been found to be beneficial and comforting. If you or a loved one is experiencing any of these grief and mourning situations, please join our Shiloh Baptist Church Bereavement Support group. We meet every Wednesday at **5:00 PM in the VIP Lounge**. For more information, please call Minister Eileen Crawford, (202) 265-9829

Announcing New Weekly Feature in "The Spirit"

Beginning with this Sunday we will feature a series of articles, tools, checklists, readings, comments, and up-coming and on-going events on a variety of topics related to our congregational needs: Bereavement Care, Parental Effectiveness, Interpersonal Relationships, Prayer Life and Devotions, Health Care, Time Management, and other topics of interest to on-going pastoral care. We welcome any suggestions, questions or items of interest that you might wish to be included in this space. We look forward to speaking with you about any of these suggested items. Please check in often so that we are all aware of events, activities and information to be shared.

Shiloh Seniors Club News

On Wednesday October 19, the Shiloh Senior Citizens Club toured the Martin Luther King Memorial on the National Mall. Club members got to experience this historic site first hand. It was such a moving experience to stand beneath that thirty foot statue and to reflect on the struggles in Dr. King's life and their significance to us today. After the tour, Club members enjoyed a scrumptious seafood lunch at Phillips on the Waterfront. Later that day, we were also treated to a craft exhibition at the Southwest home of Willie and Lois Davis. The Davises displayed hand-made items which included afghans, quilts, pot holders, doilies, cross stitch photos, Japanese embroidery punch, and various other crafts from their extensive collection.

Upcoming Senior Club events include an Amish Country tour with a religious pageant, movies, line dancing, track walking, Bible Trivia, and a sign language class for the Doxology and the Lord's prayer. For further information on Senior Club activities contact Deaconess Carrie T. Dublin at (202) 529-8660; Deacon Memory Griffin (202) 332-6341; or Mrs. Elois R. Lawson (202) 829-3906.

HBCU Corner

November 6, 2011 - Morgan State University Concert Choir in Concert at Shiloh Baptist Church. Time: 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after the 10:55 a.m. service. For more information, please see any member of the HBCU Council.

November 19, 2011- Shopping for that special someone, that special occasion...possibly for you. Join the HBCU Council as they sponsor its annual shopping trip to the largest outlet mall on the east coast – Woodbury Commons Outlet Mall. Tickets are \$50 per person. You may see any HBCU Council member or stop by the event center after service to reserve your seat(s).

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!

**Dancers are needed for Messiah Sunday
December 11, 2011 – 10:55 am Service**

If interested, please see Thomas Dixon Tyler or Tina Bradshaw Smith immediately following the 10:55 am Service today.

