

The Shiloh Spirit



The Pastor's Pen

Below is Part 1 of an article written by Bob Core, a photojournalist from New York City, who presents an assessment of President Barak Obama's accomplishments.

Obama's Accomplishments: Here is the updated list of what I judge to be Obama's most significant accomplishments in the less than 2 years since he was elected as President of the United States: As you read through this list, I ask you to weigh the totality of these achievements listed below against those accomplishments of Obama's presidential predecessors, Democrats and Republicans, and then, after considering this, make your determination of whether you think he has done a good job.

Appointing two Supreme Court Justices: When people consider their presidential voting decision, most don't consider that amongst the most important and enduring presidential responsibilities is the President's ability to appoint Supreme Court justices. This is arguably a president's biggest opportunity to influence his country, because Supreme Court justices sit until they retire or pass away, so the impact of his decision generally will last many decades beyond his years as president.

Obama has been fortunate enough to have two Supreme Court Justices retire in his first few years in office and he has managed to secure both of his nominations through wise selection and political skill. He has added two Democrats, replacing two moderate Democrats in the process. If a Republican had won the presidency instead, we would now be looking at an unbalanced Supreme Court with six conservatives and only three liberal judges – a balance that would have been in place for many, many decades. In the appointment process, Obama also introduced needed diversity to the bench with two more women on the court, bringing the count to a record three women sitting, while also introducing the nation's first Hispanic to the Supreme Court with his choice of Sotomayor.

Passing Universal Healthcare: Obama accomplished what no prior Democrat could in expanding coverage to 32 million more Americans while simultaneously reducing the deficit by an estimated \$1.3 trillion over the next 20 years. It delivers on every provision of the Patient Bill of Rights that Bill Clinton unsuccessfully tried to get passed, including making it illegal to deny coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and capping out-of-pocket expenses when people get sick (so people don't go in to bankruptcy after getting ill). It helps shift our medical system's focus to preventative care by covering the cost of early warning tests so our doctors find diseases before they are too advanced - avoiding larger medical expenses down the road, and it requires the largest and richest American companies to provide insurance for all their employees. It attempts to lower health care costs by forcing all Americans to have medical insurance and pay their fair share so the system is more efficient – similar to how all Americans need to have car insurance – while providing tax credits to help the poor and small businesses afford this coverage. It increases competition by creating marketplace exchanges to make it easier for small businesses and those without insurance to shop and compare plans. It funds co-ops who can offer competitive insurance plans and provide further competition for insurance companies. It allows insurance companies to offer plans across state borders further increasing the supply of competitive plans. It provides funding, infrastructure, and support to automate, digitize, and unify the country's outdated medical information system reducing system-wide costs, improving care, and increasing productivity. Perhaps most importantly, it sets up an independent commission of doctors and medical experts to identify and root out medical system waste, fraud, and abuse and includes many pieces of reform that will reduce the most wasteful medical system practices.

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Sunday, October 30, 2011

Lectionary: Reading Through The Bible

31st Sunday of the Year- October 30
(Green)

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:1-12

32nd Sunday of the Year – November 6
(Green)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

33rd Sunday of the Year – November 13
(Green)

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

New Members Received by Adah Circle



This Week at Shiloh

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

Monday, October 31, 2011 – Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

1:00 – Options Public Charter School.....	Gym/FLC
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Tuesday, November 1, 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
5:30 – Senior Choir Messiah Committee Chairs Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Circle Leaders' Council Meeting	HH/FLC
7:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
12:30 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Program	Gym/FLC
5:00 – Grief Counseling Session.....	VIP Lounge/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting.....	COH/FLC

Thursday, November 3, 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, November 4, 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, November 5, 2011

8:00 – Debutante Program	LL/FLC
9:00 – 100 Black Men Saturday Leadership Academy	Gym/FLC
9:00 – Taekwondo Class	RBC/FLC
9:30 – WiFi Café	TF/FLC
10:00 – 150 th Church Anniversary Tour Meeting	HH/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting	Library/FLC
10:00 – Computer Class	Computer Lab
10:00 – Girl Scouts Meeting	LL-A/FLC
10:00 – Gospel Choir Soulful Messiah Rehearsal	COH/FLC
10:00 – Ministry of Deacons Meeting	Deacons' Room
10:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Choir Room
12:00 – Investment Club #2	Library/FLC

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



DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	Sanctuary
Combined Children's Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	LL/FLC
Combined Middle School & High School Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	TF/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.)	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (Alpha Circle)	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	LL/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting	Library/FLC
Morgan State University Choir Concert (4:00 p.m.)	Sanctuary

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Linda Maria Martin – Willing Workers Circle
 Karen Renee Garrett – Willing Workers Circle
 Henley Clay Gregory – Sunshine Elementary Circle

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deaconess Minnie McCall (Ruth Circle) in the loss of her husband, James E. McCall – father of Veronica Matthewson (Ruth Circle) and Willa Hall Smith (Queen Esther Circle) in the loss of her aunt, Ora Hicks.



Thanks to my Shiloh family for your prayers, thoughts and support during my recent surgery. God surely heard your prayers going up and responded with His healing powers. Dr. Lori Wilson and the Howard University Hospital surgical team was one Body with us in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:18-27). My special thanks to Deaconesses Dianne Lee and Hattie Cummings, Betty Jean Jones, Deacons Diana Roach and Earnestine Smart, Usher Unit 2, Rosa Jeter and Torch Bearers Circle for your prayers and strong support. I felt so in God's care and grace and I am stronger each day.

Mary Buckley

Thank you Reverend Smith for your special prayers during our bereavement. Shiloh family we sincerely appreciate the comfort and support we received at the loss of our sister/aunt, Mrs. Allie V. Plant. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Deacons and Deaconesses, Trustees, Senior Choir, Gospel Choir and Golden Rule Circle for your prayers, telephone calls and cards. Special appreciation and gratitude to Deacon Constance Tate, Deacon James H. Grigsby III, Deacon Ralph Lee, Keith Anderson, Patricia Cuffee and Annie Carter. The love you expressed will always be remembered in our hearts

Dr. Lee Etta Powell & Rachelle D. Powell

Circles Receiving New Members

October 30 Adah Circle
 November 6 Alpha Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 30 Omega Circle
 November 6 Phoebe Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

November 3 Antioch & Berean Circles

Ushers' Corner October – November 2011

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



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.**

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.

Announcing New Weekly Feature in “The Spirit”

Beginning with this Sunday we are featuring the first of a series of articles, tools, checklists, readings, comments, and upcoming 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.

Hope Within Darkness

The cross is how to work for the answer without becoming part of the problem. The cross is about how to stand against hate without becoming hate yourself. How can you stand against hate without letting it frame the question? How do we oppose evil, the hurts, the betrayals, the abandonment, the rejections, and the disappointments in our lives, the people who let us down, the people who turn against us, and the people who tell untruths about us? How do we stand against that in a way that we do not become a mirror image of the same thing?

We turn to the cross. The cross is a geometric image that you can hold onto and draw life from because it is a cruciform pattern of reality. We know that reality is filled with contradictions. Jesus was killed on the collision of cross-purposes. With conflicting interests and half-truths, we can live and hold the contradictions of the world. When we do this we are the agents of all true transformation, reconciliation and newness. (Adapted from, Hope Against Darkness)

Minister Eileen Crawford

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Each year Leadership Greater Washington (LGW) operates a youth leadership development program for high school sophomores and juniors in the Greater Washington region (Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia). LGW is inviting you to apply to the 2012 Class. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2011 with an application fee of \$25.00. Potential applicants should be aspiring youth leaders in your school and/or community; have a strong interest in learning about and addressing the needs of the Greater Washington region and possess a desire to improve your leadership skills. The applications and further information can be found online at www.lgwdc.org by clicking the “Youth Leadership Greater Washington” button.

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.

Shiloh Members

Have you signed up for OneBody?

If not you may do so by contacting our Technology Committee at:

Technology@shilohbaptist.org

