

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Ten years ago today the world changed dramatically. The days of joyous greetings at airport gates, accompanied on the flip side by tear stained farewells as we gazed out windows watching airplanes ascend into the clouds, were over. We would now be stopped at metal checks, patted down by total strangers and mutter unprintables as we pulled ourselves together and ran off breathlessly to a gate that always seemed to be at the other end of the world. This was the post September 11, 2001 world. America had lost its innocence and terrorism was born as a household word.

I watched **You Tube** footage the other day. Human beings covered with smoke had startled looks emblazoned across their faces. No one could quite comprehend what was happening. A nightmare had gotten out of bed and walked the streets in broad daylight.

As with the Kennedy and King assassinations, most of us will remember forever where we were and what we were doing when the news hit.

We will always remember that terrible day. We must never forget that in spite of the pain, that day might have been so much worse. We must thank God for the memories of those who were taken, but also for those who were spared. As Mahalia Jackson sang in the 1950's "He's got the Whole World in His Hands". We must continue to put our hope and trust in God!

Following is a note from Thomas Bowen, our Minister of Outreach:

"Just a note to let you know that The Giant at 8th & O will officially close at 6 pm on Thursday, September 8. Construction of the new Giant and the O Street Market project will take 2 years. Shuttle service to a nearby Giant will be provided. Roadside Development has given a \$30,000 donation to Emmaus to pay for PeaPod service to seniors who find the shuttle service inconvenient"

There are many changes going on in our neighborhood. However, as Deacon Chair Chuck Hall always says, "Let's keep it all in God's hands."

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Sunday, September 11, 2011

**Lectionary: Reading Through
The Bible**

*24th Sunday of the Year – September 11
(Green)
Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus
15:1b-11, 20, 21; Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35*

*25th Sunday of the Year – September
18 (Green)
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*

**New Members Received by
Sacrifice Circle**

This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, September 11, 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.).....	208/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Sacrifice Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Berean Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Haggai Circle Meeting	Choir Room
Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Phoebe Circle Meeting	COH/FLC

Monday, September 12, 2011-Administrative Offices and Family Life Center Facilities
Closes at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

9:00 - Parthenia Pruden Funeral Service	Sanctuary
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
3:00 - Pruden Family Repast.....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Care for Youth.....	COH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Financial Peace University Class	LL/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting	208/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study	Deacons' Room
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting	Turner Conference Room
6:30 – 148 th Church Anniversary Committee Meeting	TF/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, September 15, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting	HHS/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Mid-Week Worship (Prayer & Praise)	Sanctuary

Friday, September 16, 2011 - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

6:00 – Music Ministers Choral Retreat	HH/FLC
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Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 – Taekwondo Class	RBC/FLC
9:00 – ASALH – Wood Branch Meeting	TF/FLC
9:00 – Family Life Center Family Fun Day	Gym/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting	LL/FLC
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies	LL-A/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Cadettes	COH/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts	Library/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting	TF/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers' Room
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	216/FLC
1:00 – Smith/Souza U.S. Nuptials	Sanctuary
2:00 – Smith/Souza Wedding Reception	Rooftop Garden

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Baby Dedication

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
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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.)	208/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Shiloh Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Service of Remembrance (3:00 p.m.)	Sanctuary

Discipleship News

Condolence

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Soleymane Coulibaly (Fellowship Circle) in the loss of his father, Mamadou Coulibaly; Andrea M. Johnson (Progressive Circle) in the loss of her grandmother, Euna L. Smith (Progressive Circle); Deaconess Ollie Person (Hill Climbers Circle) in the loss of her brother, George Thompson and Sarah Jackson (Shiloh Circle) in the loss of her niece, Shaneka Minor.

Thank You Notes

Deacon Roach – thank you for being sweet and kind. We certainly appreciate all that you have done to make the PNBC an experience that Andrew will treasure. *We are bound to thank God always for you... (2 Thessalonians 1:3)*

Travis, Carolyn and Andrew Haynesworth

The Male Youth Project successfully operates through generous contributions and donations from Shiloh members and organizations. Our donors support the program in various ways and we would like to thank the following: J. Terry Lucas and family for your annual financial donation to the Male Youth project; Barbara Friend and Patricia Bell for their generous donations of school and dorm supplies for the male youth attending college; Deacon Sonja Ray for your continued support in providing snacks and homemade baked goods for the Male Youth Project participants; and the Brotherhood of Shiloh Men for supplying yearly \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to the project participants attending college. This year the Brotherhood of Shiloh Men supported the following young men: Isaiah Brown, attending St. Paul's University; Tyler Davis, attending Hampton University, and Gregory Thomas, attending Morgan State University. The African Proverb states "It takes a village to raise a child". You continue to be a part of the Male Youth Project Village and it is greatly appreciated.

Gerard O. Bingham, Executive Director

Five Star Positions Available

The Nominating Committee is accepting applications for leadership positions for the new church year. "Five Star" leaders are encouraged to share their talents with their Shiloh family. If you are a spiritually strong, supportive and creative person and willing to support the vision and mission of the church, please complete a form and return it no later than Sunday, September 18, 2011. Nomination forms are available at the front desk in the Family Life Center. For questions, please contact Brenda J. Johnson, Nominating Committee Chair at (202) 667-7502.

Circles Receiving New Members

September 18.....Shiloh Circle
September 25Social Reapers Circle
October 2 Torch Bearers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

September 18Hill Climbers Circle
September 25Hope Circle
October 2King's Messengers Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

September 15.....Pilgrim & Progressive Circles
September 22.....Queen Esther & Ruth Circles
September 29Sacrifice & Shiloh Circles



148th Church Anniversary Activities

Service of Remembrance

September, 18 – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Revival

September 22

Reverend Desire' Grogan - Speaker

148th Anniversary Sunday

September 25

7:45 and 10:55 a.m. Worship

Anniversary Cruise

September 25

(Immediately following the 10:55 a.m. Worship)

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention 114th Annual Session

August 15-19, 2011 - Memphis, Tennessee

Deacon Donald W. Jones Official Church Delegate Report

Global Missional Churches-Sharing the Love of Christ (1 John 3:11)

I deeply appreciate the opportunity to have been the Shiloh delegate at the 114th Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. This convention proved to be more than I had expected on all fronts. Lott Carey is a global missional community that continues to help people through partnerships, stewardship and fellowship. The foreign mission also helps churches extend the Christian witness globally. I was proud to hear repeatedly that the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention was organized at Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC. on December 16, 1897. I was also very proud to see that our Pastor, Reverend Wallace Charles Smith and Shiloh are well known, well respected and loved by the delegates attending the convention.

Lott Carey and five of its partners have joined forces by pledging \$50 million dollars to aid Haiti in its recovery from the devastating 2010 earthquake. This money will build transitional shelters and homes. A prototype of the shelter was exhibited at the convention. Through shared efforts this partnership of foreign mission organizations is committed to getting others to assist in aiding the Haitian people.

During the convention, I attended the course entitled, *Missions is Essentials*, taught by Sheryl McDowney (Richmond Virginia). The course's focus was to clarify the difference between the verb, Missions and the noun, Mission. The noun Mission speaks to God's turning toward the world in love. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him.* (John 3:16-17). Mission is everything that the Church does that points to God's Kingdom. The verb, Missions is the heart of the church. Missions does not take place in the church, but occurs outside the church. Missions represents the church's activities born from God's missions to the world. A church without missions is not a church, but a social gathering. Christian missions includes the church sending disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, throughout the world to touch lives with the transforming love of Christ. Matthew 6:21 and Matthew 28:16-20. The above passages will help us better understand missions. Missions can be expressed in the following ways: (1) **Evangelism**--through evangelism we share the *Good News* that God comes to us in Jesus Christ and through him we will have eternal life, (2) **Compassion**-- Compassion is part of the church's mission. Mark 6:34 states that, *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them...* As Christians we should be conscious and caring of other peoples' distress, (3) **Empowerment**--Education, vocational training, and job life skills education are facets of churches that embrace empowerment as part of their mission, (4) **Advocacy**--churches should act as advocates for fairness for all so that the stronger cannot exploit the weaker. It is my firm belief that Christians have a moral obligation to be advocates for equality and justice.

After attending the Lott Carey Convention and gaining a firmer understanding of the widespread work of missionaries, I strongly encourage and challenge more of our church members to become involved in broader missionary work. As disciples of Christ we have a more measurable and profound opportunity to impact the world as effective missionaries. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent Shiloh at the Lott Carey Convention. I will be happy to share more of my experiences with you.

Highlights from the Progressive National Baptist Convention

August 7-12, 2011

Washington, DC

Securing Our Future: Humility-A People of Fellowship

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come – 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Congress of Christian Education

Deacon Constance P. Tate

The Prophets and Their Messages

Instructor: Dr. Lee Cooper

It was noted that God always has a job(s) for those that are faithful, including today. The approach was quite effective using a combination of lecturing, interspersed with frequent times of discussion by all members of the class. This not only allowed input, but made possible decisions from the class members. The survey of prophets, from a list supplied by the teachers, included major and minor prophets.

True prophets, as messengers of God, must meet three requirements – a call from God, a message from God and the test of time in which the message comes true. The true message allowed the prophets to remind the people of what God had done for them, a warning of the consequences of disobeying God, exhorting the people to return to God and giving encouragement in times of suffering. In addition, the prophet offered God's forgiveness when they had sinned and renewed the promises made with their ancestors who pointed to a time when God would intervene.

Prophets Presented In The Course For In-depth Study

Hosea

Hosea - , a contemporary of Isaiah, prophesized for 40–70 years just before the Assyrians overcame the Israelites.

Emphasis from Hosea included love, God's relationship with His people, judgment and hope. Hosea's personal life of infidelity of his wife was the basis by which God led Hosea to forgiveness of His people in their unfaithfulness to God. Hosea was the watchman which led the people back to God. A chapter by chapter of study allowed Hosea to help the people know that God needs a lasting love of Him which resulted in the "parent heart of" of God. God only requires lasting love in personal relationships and with God.

Micah

God's continuing love and mercy will continue as He relates to His people and their responsibilities. God will always have a "remnant" in the next generation to answer as Micah 6:8 rewards all. We are expected to "do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God".

Isaiah

The writings of Isaiah represent more than one writer: Isaiah I covering chapters 1–39, Isaiah II covering chapters 40–55 and Isaiah III covering chapters 56-66. Isaiah I covers a period in which the Monarchs ruled and though the Israelites believed that God would bring them together, they often disobeyed God and did not hear Israel's words. Section II repeats some of the messages from Section I and looks in detail at restoration to God and how it will replace judgment and punishment. It was suggested that Section I and II should be studied together. Section III looks at the two (2) groups of God's people, the righteous and the evil. The challenge is to recognize which group you are in. The last ten (10) verses contrasts what will happen to the righteous and evil groups.

Zephaniah

A major focus of this prophet declared that the great day of the Lord is coming. God will save a remnant of each time to know His word. The word of God is not restricted to a certain time.

Nahum

This writer of graphic poetry warns that God has great power, but is slow to anger. If the people did not return to God, there would be no descendants to bear their names. The nation continuing their disobedience led to the Assyrian punishments of the people. The final words admonish the people that all is not lost forever.

Haggai

Haggai and Zephaniah reminded the people that the Temple should be rebuilt after their return from exile. The Temple was needed to combat apathy. The people are reminded that God does not need us to indicate what is to be done. The people must prioritize so that God is their main focus for their work.

Other prophets' messages presented were Joel, Jonah, Amos, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

Malachi

The people are reminded if they will return to God. He will return to them. This prophet reassures the people that God will show up and they must wait for the promises of God. Malachi 3:10 warns that a man should not rob God.

This course afforded an excellent review of messages from the Old Testament, served as inspiration to restoring the message and a reminder that there are no "pew members", all are expected to spread God's word.

Sessions Attended

PARENT BODY

I. Evangelism Board Ministry

- Reverend Betty Crawford, Discipleship
- Reverend Karen Butlons, The Reality Of Things

II. Convention In Session

- Program Focus: 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Dr. Ralph Canty, *Unapologized Praise*
- Nannie Helen Burroughs School Presentation

III. Convention In Session

- Program Focus: Heritage and Hope
- Dr. Jasmin Skulark: *Jesus Was Lost*
- Convention Business Period
- The Gardner C. Taylor Hour
- Reverend Gary Simpson
- The President's Gala Banquet: Dr. Arne Duncan

IV. Convention In Session

- Program Focus: Securing Our Focus
- Dr. Randolph Braceeg, *Beyond The Walls Of Our Fathers*
- Election of PNBC Officers: Sections I and II

V. Congress Of Christian Education Classes

- The Prophets and Their Messages, Dr. Lee Cooper

VI. Ministries Seminar

- Dr. Beecher Hicks, *The Blessings Behind God's Back*

The Congress of Christian Education

Deacon Rita L Andrews

The Mentoring Heart of Christian Women

Deaconess C. Elizabeth R. Floyd, Instructor

The Mentoring Heart of Christian Women was an enlightening and uplifting class created for women serving in a variety of capacities within society. The instructor's premise for designing a course of this nature is to call attention to the fact that the work of the Christian woman is never done. She further adds that women are victims of the "the Octopus Syndrome"; likewise, they are committed to family, home, church, community, education, career, personal illness, and a hosts of other activities which at times may become insurmountable. The anticipated outcomes were to equip Christian women to mentor to other women in the following manner:

- Understand the Scriptures related to the Heart of Christian women and build a relationship with other women they encounter (i.e., home, church, workplace, metro, grocery store, etc)
- Apply Biblical references and classroom discussions to each attendees life and develop one's own personal model of mentoring; and
- Share with other women within the church as well as those women or young adults who are seeking a personal relationship with Jesus.

During the time of personal meditation and journaling with the Lord, ask God to "Create in me a pure heart O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10 NIV).

Mentoring can take on many forms:

- Touching (grasping a person's hand while maintaining eye contact)
- Complimenting (I like that dress. It is very becoming)
- Knowing Scriptures by heart that will bring comfort in any situation
- Making people feel comfortable entering the house of Lord regardless of their attire or personal life situations like drugs or homelessness. (I am so happy you worshipped with us today)
- Encouraging (Congratulations on your new job).

The class consisted of women deacons, deaconesses, pastor's wives, Sunday school teachers, ministers and young church goers not in leadership roles. Referenced materials were compiled from several books "**Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**", by Joanna Weaver and "**A Women of Wisdom**" by Dee Brestin. Are you a "Mary" or you a "Martha"? This question created a lively discussion when each participant had to take a look at her individual role within the church to determine if she is distracted by projects or is she about her father's business (i.e., visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, tutoring youths)

The Scripture below created a lively debate:

"Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her'"
(NIV) Luke 10:41-42

Are your activities Christ centered (Mary) or is your time is spent serving on committees with no defined direction (Martha)? Members evaluated their activities and shared with the class.

Women with mentoring hearts must possess the following characteristics:

- Positive self-image
- Emotionally and physically fit

- Speaks with wisdom
- Uses tongue for good
- Refrains from boasting and quarreling
- Possess discernment
- Uplifts and avoids gossiping
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Being trustworthy and honest

The Mentoring Heart of Christian Women was a thought provoking class. The instructor reminded us that all of us are in need of a “Heart Transplant” if we are honest with ourselves. We should reevaluate our role in the church, our personal lives as well as our interaction with others and replace with the qualities that will bring glory and honor to God. It is my prayer that the information taken away from the session will further enhance my role as a Deacon as I journey to mentor our sisters across the globe.

2011 Shiloh College and University Tour

The Shiloh College Tour will take place on October 27-29. Registration is currently open so register today. For more information or to register, stop by the event center today or email shilohcollegetour@gmail.com.

FPU Class #2 Ends on a High Note

On August 10th, the Financial and Economic Development Ministry concluded its second class of Financial Peace University. With a class size of 10 (12 at the start), we were able to remind some and instruct others on how money really works. The class developed monthly budgets, debt reduction plans and emergency funds. We also covered negotiating, insurance, retirement/college funding, real estate/ mortgages and the power of giving. In just 13 weeks, this class reduced its debt by \$28,354 and increased its savings by \$12,950, with two members having \$0 in consumer debt. Another “WOW” moment at Shiloh Church... For more information on Financial Peace University, contact David Hayes (dhayes@hoperei.com or 202-270-5069) or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

Teaching and Learning

September 11- *From Generation to Generation* (Proverbs 4:10-15, 20-27) – Using the model of parental teaching that has been handed down from one generation to the next, the author encourages people to walk the path of righteousness and wisdom.

September 18 – *Teaching Values* (Proverbs 15:21-33) – The author offers advice that contains wise and godly principles for living, which helps strengthen one’s trust in God. Heeding and practicing the advice offered in Proverbs lead to positive outcomes.

September 25-*Wisdom and Discernment* (Proverbs 25:1-10) – In this lesson, the proverbs of Solomon were collected by King Hezekiah. While they originally meant to help those who dealt with a king, these verses have positive applications for a wide variety of relationships. They offer wisdom on values such as humility, honesty, discretion and respect.

October 2 – *An Ordered Life* (Proverbs 29:16-27) – Wisdom is provided for living an ordered life. Wickedness and unrighteousness affect the entire community. However, God and God’s laws are the ultimate sources of justice, and righteousness will prevail. God wants people to revere Him and obey Him by ordering their lives in the way of God.

October 9 – *The Superiority of Wisdom* (Ecclesiastes 9:13-18) – The parable of a poor man who saved a town is shared as an example of quiet, thoughtful wisdom. Wisdom is greater than strength, and soft-spoken wisdom is better than loud words of foolishness.

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 Life* (Song of Solomon 4:8-5:1a) - Solomon express 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.

