

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

This is a very special weekend for our family. Yesterday our daughter Christen and son-in-law Clayton held their United States wedding nuptials right here at Shiloh. We are blessed by the people that came from near and far to attend and for the Shiloh family whose prayers and well wishes made the day a memorable and cherished occasion.

Also, today we celebrate another special occasion, the dedication of our grandson Olukayo. Words cannot describe the joy he brings to our household. Each day as he grows he brings something new to the equation. The other day he and his grandmother were singing (although the tune was indistinguishable, he already is modeling the great Smith singing tradition). I only wish a video had been rolling to capture the moment. As we dedicate him back to God we can only just say "Thank you Jesus" for a wonderful grandson, for his good health, and for the wonderful future God has laid before him.

In this month's **Ebony** magazine, radio host Tom Joyner has laid out a call to arms for all of Black America to begin the process of working for the reelection of President Barack Obama. Although we as a church cannot endorse a candidate, we can promote Mr. Joyner's sentiment that all of us must make sure that African Americans register and vote. It is not too soon to begin to strategize how African American organizations can organize get out the vote campaigns.

A few weeks ago our own Dr. Elaine Jones presented a map that was startling. It displayed the number of states where there are active efforts to reduce Black voting power. These were not just in the Deep South, where much of the efforts of the civil rights era targeted Black voter enfranchisement. No, these efforts are taking place in such so-called bastions of liberty as Pennsylvania and Ohio.

It is time that we begin to work actively on what we can do here in the District of Columbia, and to also develop methods to alert our friends and families in the various states where these repressive efforts are taking place. Please stay tuned for more information, and most of all remain vigilant as we organize to ensure fairness and justice in the upcoming elections.

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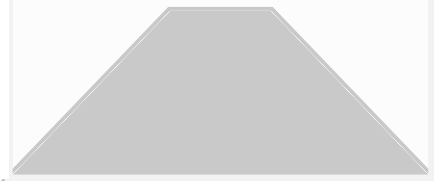

**Lectionary: Reading Through
The Bible**

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

26th Sunday of the Year – September 25 (Green)
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

27th Sunday of the Year – October 2 (Green)
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Phillipians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**New Members Received by
Shiloh Circle**



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, September 18, 2011

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.).....	216/FLC
Smith-Souza Reception	HH/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting.....	Choir Room
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Service of Remembrance (3:00 p.m.).....	Sanctuary

Monday, September 19, 2011-Administrative Offices and Family Life Center Facilities *Closes at 2:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
4:00 – Care for Youth.....	COH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Family Life Center Board Meeting.....	Turner Conference Room
6:30 – Shiloh ITC – Council 8 Meeting	COH/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, September 21, 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 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 – Brotherhood of Shiloh Men – Men’s Circle	LL/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, September 22, 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
7:00 – 148 th Anniversary Revival	Sanctuary

Friday, September 23, 2011 - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24, 2011

9:00 – UMI Training	CANCELLED
10:00 – Church Business Meeting	Sanctuary
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	Ushers' Room

Sunday, September 25, 2011

148th Church Anniversary Celebration

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
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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>Social Reapers Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
148 th Anniversary Cruise	Gym/FLC

Don't Forget

**Church Business Meeting
Saturday, September 24th – 10:00 a.m.**

Discipleship News

Welcome New Member

Bianca M. Fox – Sacrifice Circle

Baptism

Congratulations to Mark Anthony Roscoe II who was baptized on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Thank You Notes

Dear Shiloh family, on behalf of the HBCU Council, I would like to thank everyone who made a donation to our first book drive. It is through your contribution (either by books or financial) that we will be able to continue our efforts in encouraging young people to read. Even though our book drive has ended, you may make a book or financial donation to the cause. Please see one of the HBCU Council members. We can never have enough BOOKS

J. Otis Harris

Reverend Smith, we graciously thank you for your comfort and support during the loss of our son, Erron Bates. Starting with your compassionate and consoling phone calls, your visit to the home, followed by the delivery of the homegoing service, we knew that our healing was Heaven-sent through you. Shiloh Baptist Church and all supporting staff generously and professionally assisted in conducting this transition. This included the very comforting solo, The Lord's Prayer, delivered by Deacon James H. Grigsby III, accompanied by Thomas Dixon Tyler. Reverend Smith, we were truly moved by your eulogy and how its content so vividly portrayed Erron based on our sharing with you. Thank you so much. The repast at the church was extremely well attended and supported by the nourishing meal provided by the concession staff. We sincerely want to also thank the servers, who included Deacon Gwendolyn Prioleau, LaDora Cobb, Dolores Sawyer, Deaconess Edna Cash, Earl Watkins and Deaconess Edith Roberts. If we have omitted anyone, please forgive us and offer our sincere thanks to those individuals too. Also, at this time, we ask for your forgiveness in the tardiness of sending this note and donation of appreciation to you. We are truly in debt to you for your love, patience and understanding.

Marcia Middleton and Martin Bates

Circles Receiving New Members

*September 25Social Reapers Circle
October 2 Torch Bearers Circle*

Circles Serving Breakfast

*September 25Hope Circle
October 2King's Messengers Circle*

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

*September 22Queen Esther & Ruth Circles
September 29Sacrifice & Shiloh Circles*

148th Church Anniversary Activities

Service of Remembrance TODAY – 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)*

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 TODAY. 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.

Leadership Criteria

Effective October 1, 1997

Consistent with the 1996-1997 theme of Shiloh Baptist Church (Washington), *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ* (Ephesians 4:12), effective leaders are the keys to the successful implementation of the church's vision and mission. Leaders establish the climate and tone within the membership which mobilize bold and imaginative steps to forge successful programs.

When leaders function effectively, the church operates efficiently; when leaders are ineffective the church stalls. Therefore, leaders serve the critical role of giving substance to the vision and objectives which we have set forth.

Specific Criteria:

1. Demonstrated Interest in Christian Growth
 - a. A leader attends Church School or a Bible Study class. A leader has a history of attending Christian Education Workshops and Leadership Development Workshops (if offered) and a willingness to participate in regular training sessions to advance the skills for assigned tasks.
 - b. A leader believes in prayer and covenants to pray fervently for the Church. A leader is a communicator, an observer, a listener and a student.

2. Consistent Financial Support

A leader is a tither and has a history of consistent giving.

3. Demonstrated Support of Church Activities

A leader regularly attends Weekly Prayer and Praise Service and Worship Services and is an active participant on church-wide committees and/or organizations.

4. Demonstrated Christian Maturity and Effectiveness in Human Relations

A leader:

- is an initiator, a planner and motivator,
- works as part of a team to advance the vision and objectives of Shiloh Baptist Church,
- has knowledge of Baptist polity and basic rules for conducting meetings.

Adopted by Shiloh Baptist Church – July 1997

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

Teaching and Learning

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.

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

The Theology of the Pauline Letters – Course No. 127.2

Deacon Christine Barker Odom

Instructors:

Reverend Dr. James Evans, Jr.

Reverend Dr. Gay Byron

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

This course focused on the Apostle Paul and an overview of the Pauline Letters along with an understanding of the theology of Paul.

There are 13 letters attributed to Paul in the New Testament:

- 1 Thessalonians
- Galatians
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Philemon
- Philippians
- Romans
- 2 Thessalonians
- Colossians
- Ephesians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus

New Testament scholars have generally come to the consensus that only seven (7) of the 13 letters were actually written by Paul. These seven (7) letters are referred to as Paul's "undisputed" or "authentic" letters. They were written with a sense of urgency and were known as 1st generation letters. They are:

- Romans (the last letter; which was also the longest)
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians (there is a debate as to when this letter was written)
- Philippians
- 1 Thessalonians (the oldest letter)
- Philemon (the shortest letters)

The other six (6) Pauline letters identify “Paul” as the sender. Although upon closer inspection, (according to scholars) the vocabulary and theological content of these letters vary greatly from the undisputed letters. These six (6) letters are broken into two (2) groups. Ephesians, Colossians and 2 Thessalonians which are known as 2nd generation letters focuses on the formation of the church structurally, keeping in mind that the early church (1st generation letters) did not have officers (no deacons, bishops, etc). 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus are known as 3rd generation letters and focuses on the mentoring Paul and his pastoral concern for his listeners.

It is important to note that though there may be some dispute as to whether Paul wrote all 13 letters; this by no means diminishes the importance of them. Not all of the letters needed to be written by Paul, but they were all inspired by him.

Background

Paul was a Pharisee. Acts depicts three different narratives of Paul’s conversion. Luke (who wrote Acts) had the need to tell about the conversion several times. Acts 9: 1-19 accounts Paul’s Damascus experience. Acts 22:1-16 accounts Paul’s conversion through his testimony. In the third account of Paul’s conversion (Acts 26:12-18) he is defending himself before King Agrippa and recounts his Damascus road experience once again. The Acts of the Apostle gives a good background of the apostle Paul. Paul died at around 60 years of age. The Pauline letters start after the Acts of the Apostles.

Understanding the Theology of Paul

As one reads Paul’s letters, they can be seen as conversations in context of what was going on at that time written to the various churches. The letters were structured as follows: a salutation, a thanksgiving, the body; ethical exhortation and instructions, and a closing. Paul addressed a diverse group of people and developed his theology on the move – on the run. He felt that time was near and did not necessary care what you thought; he was about declaring who Jesus was. As a result of this churches sprung up everywhere.

The root of Paul’s ministry was the community and reaching out to the Gentiles. He had a love for all God’s people. Paul was also concerned about social justice and inferred in his writings that true evangelism will always lead one to social justice. Paul never purported to be Jesus – he was a follower of Christ. In Paul’s teaching he focused on giving information to new believers and to assist those whose lives differed from the essence of the gospel to be more like Christ. He felt that Christians should have a correct understanding of the faith and sought to promote this understanding to his listeners. Once we have this correct understanding we can live out our purpose to the glory of God through Christ Jesus.

The Pauline pattern consisted of three Christian virtues – Faith, Hope, and Love. We are connected by faith, rooted by hope and driven by love. Many question why Paul was even included in the New Testament given the controversy of his writings, and seemingly contradictions. Through this course I came to the following conclusion – *Paul was included in the New Testament because he was so human not so Holy. And who better speak on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ than one who was given the epitome of grace on that Damascus road.....*

