

# The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith  
Senior Minister



## The Pastor's Pen

We are honored to welcome to our 10:00 AM Easter service President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha. Shiloh prays for the first family every Sunday and we thank God for the wonderful inspiration they provide to our Nation.

Easter is the culmination of the faith journey of the liturgical year. The year began with Advent, and the coming to earth of a baby in a manger who was destined to change the flow of salvation history.

The liturgical year then moved to Epiphany where we celebrated Jesus making himself known to the entire world, not just to Israel. Then came Lent where we sacrificially and penitentially acknowledged the suffering and extraordinary love Jesus showed to us as he walked the solemn road that led to his crucifixion and death.

Now, we come to Resurrection Sunday, the day that Christ demonstrates the power of his life over death. Although he surely died, death could not maintain its victory. The grave could not sustain its icy grip. On a misty morning, at a grave side outside the city of Jerusalem, the most miraculous event in all of recorded history occurred. A poor discredited carpenter from Galilee, who died a shameful death that was verified by the Roman government, came back to life and showed Himself to be the authentic Son of God. *Hallelujah!*

All over the world, Christian people mark this day as the greatest day in the year. No cross could kill him, death could not deter Him, and no grave stone could inter him.

The hymn writer states, *Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, Life is worth the living just because He lives.*

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Sunday, April 24, 2011

### Reading Through The Bible

**Resurrection Day (Morning I) – April 24  
(Gold/White)**

**Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18**

**Resurrection Day (Morning II) – April 24  
(Gold/White)**

**Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10**

**Resurrection Day (Evening) – April 24  
(White)**

**Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:  
6b-8; Luke 24:13-49**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 1 (White)**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-  
9; John 20:19-31**

### New Members Received by Fellowship Circle



# This Week at Shiloh



## Sunday, April 24, 2011- Resurrection Sunday

DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Church School Easter Program (8:30 a.m.) .....	Sanctuary
Guest Hospitality (Fellowship Circle) .....	TF/FLC
Excelsior Circle Meeting .....	COH/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting .....	LL/FLC
Willing Workers Circle Meeting .....	Gym/FLC
Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

**Monday, April 25, 2011** - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 26, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
3:00 – <b>PUD Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:00 - Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting .....	Ushers' Room
6:00 – Taekwondo Class .....	RBC/FLC
6:00 – Chess Class .....	COH/FLC
6:30 – Joint Board Meeting .....	LL/FLC
6:45 - Blessed 7 Investment Club Meeting .....	TF/FLC
7:00 – Usher Board Meeting .....	Ushers' Room

### Wednesday, April 27, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
11:45- Mid-Week Bible Study .....	Deacons' Room
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting .....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Subcommittee Meeting .....	TF/FLC
7:00 – Core Leadership Team Meeting .....	216/FLC
7:00 – <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	COH/FLC

### Thursday, March 28, 2011

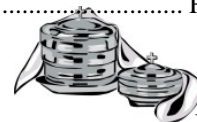
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program .....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting .....	HH/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service .....	Sanctuary

**Friday, April 29, 2011** – Administrative Offices & Family Life Center Close at 2:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 30, 2011

10:00 - Usher Bulletin Preparation .....	Ushers' Room
10:00 - Church Business Meeting .....	HH/FLC

### Sunday, May 1, 2011 – Unity Service/10:00 a.m. – *Holy Communion*



DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Adult Church School Classes .....	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School & Senior High Church School Classes .....	TF/FLC
Combined Children Church School Classes .....	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality ( <i>Friendly</i> ) .....	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting .....	Library/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting .....	LL/FLC
Financial Peace University Preview .....	HHN/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Welcome New Members

*Alijah Nikia Barber – Sunshine Elementary Circle*  
*Tony Evans – Faith Circle*  
*Lawrence Jordan III – Faith Circle*  
*Kishaya Nydea Wicks – Sunshine Elementary Circle*  
*Darryl G. Wise – Faith Circle*

## Condolences

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Thelma Turner (Olivet Circle) in the loss of her sister, Inease T. Wicker, aunt of Pozella Wilder (Helping Hand Circle), Jane Andrews (Olivet Circle), Eugenia McDonald (Olivet Circle) and Andre Andrews (Sunshine Youth Circle); the family of Earl Root (Bethel Circle) and Reverend Debra Lopez (Fellowship Circle) in the loss of her brother, Jerome Kellum.*

## Thank You Note

Dear Shiloh Scholarship Committee - I am truly grateful to receive the Henry C. Gregory III Award. I will continue to keep God first as I enter into an adventurous yet challenging college experience. I will be sure to excel and give 110% in everything that I do in college. I appreciate the love and support of my Shiloh family. When times get hard, I understand that I have a church family that will be here for me and give me guidance, as I mature and enter into the next phase of my life.

*Sanford S. Booth II*

### **Circles Receiving New Members**

*April 24.....Fellowship Circle*  
*May 1 .....Friendly Circle*  
*May 8 .....Gideon Circle*

### **Circles Serving Breakfast**

*April 24.....Victory Circle*  
*May 1 .....Willing Workers Circle*  
*May 8 .....Adah Circle*

## New Members Workshop

The Spring/Summer Session of the New Members Workshop will begin on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (Room 216/Family Life Center). All new members are encouraged to attend. This includes youth new members also.

## Ushers' Corner April

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

**Sunday, April 24 –Unit #4 Serves  
Easter Sunday  
6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service (Baptism)  
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship**

**Tuesday, April 26-General Usher Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. – Executive Board  
7:00 p.m. – General Board**

## THE CIRCLE LEADERS COUNCIL

### Needs You!!!

Any member interested in being trained to become a Circle Leader may contact Deaconess Reather Felton at 301 / 559-0812

**Joint Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Church Meeting  
Saturday, April 30, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.**

## Employment Opportunities

Please email any hiring opportunities to  
[employopp@shilohbaptist.org](mailto:employopp@shilohbaptist.org).

Employment opportunities will be posted throughout Shiloh's communications.

*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*  
*Matthew 7:7, 8*

# Silent Mission 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Today we pause to recognize the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Silent Mission. As we celebrate another milestone in the history of the ministry, we applaud the rich legacy, culture and longevity of Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons who sought Shiloh as a place for worship, praise and fellowship. The ministry not only had a connection to the community but served as a training ground for many of our professional sign language interpreters who are tasked with facilitating communication in a variety of capacities within the community as well as the church.

We thank the Shiloh sign language interpreters who provide services to the ministry in a variety of capacities within the church: They are Tyrone Goodwyn (Coordinator), Dr. Jackie Bruce, Linda Lyles David, Erica Frankin, Barbara Talbert, Earl Watkins, Clarence Fletcher, Bernadette Banks, Jana Parker, Doris Frederick, Leandra Williams and Deacon Rita Andrews.

While Shiloh strives to be inclusive of all members, our goal as a 5 Star Church is to connect with the members of the Silent Mission. The congregation has been charged with learning to sign the Lord's Prayer corporately during our 10:00 AM Unity Service. Currently, we sign the Doxology after our offering with a member of the Silent Mission taking the lead. We thank and praise God for 98 years and look forwards to many years to come.

## HBCU Corner

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 25, 2011. You are invited to kick off the summer with the HBCU Council of Shiloh Baptist church under the stars on the roof top of the Henry C. Gregory III, Family Life Center for the annual Sweet White Jazzy Night Affair on June 25, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Join the HBCU Council as we welcome the jazz ensemble **Collaboration**. This is an event you do not want to miss. Please watch your Spirit for ticket sales and more information. Attire: Summer white.

## ARE YOU MAINTAINING YOUR DEBT ON PURPOSE?

Many of us carry debt because it is manageable. Many of us do not invest time and energy in reducing the debt we have. Many of us will let an opportunity to rid ourselves of debt pass us by. Did you know those that extend credit count on you to manage and maintain your debt? By managing and maintaining your debt you are affecting your credit score (positively or negatively) and building unbelievable wealth for the lender. **Manageable debt is still DEBT.**

Financial Peace University (FPU) will show you how to eliminate debt and start the process to build wealth for you and your family. FPU will show you how to live financially correct. Organizing your debt, developing an all-inclusive budget and giving like never before are just a few of FPU's goals.

This 13 week course will start Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm-8:30 pm). Time is running out to register. Find out more information or register by contacting David Hayes on (888)210-8501 ext. 555 or at dhayes@hoperei.com.

**Following the Unity Service on May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a 30 minute preview of this course.**

## WILLS, TRUSTS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (10:00am – 1:00pm), The Finance & Economic Development Ministry will have subject matter experts in the gym to discuss the need and realities for your personal and family planning. Topics discussed will include:

- The need for a medical directive and a power of attorney;
- The need for a will, living will and/or trust;
- The need for proper insurance;
- How to reduce or eliminate estate taxes;
- How to avoid probate;
- Understanding final preparations without emotions;
- Understanding the associated costs of the above and much more.

This is an opportunity to become informed and address concerns that are often discussed too late. In everything we do, preparation is critical. Proper preparation of your personal and family matters is truly a blessing to one's family. Join the ministry on May 14<sup>th</sup> and invite family and friends to attend. Those interested should call and register at (888)210-8501 ext. 444.

## A SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS 5-6

# *The Five Star Church: Serving God and His People with Excellence*

*NOTE: Select quotes and passages from the book are presented. Those highlighted represent main points or areas of special interest particularly important for Shiloh leaders to understand or consider.*

### **Chapter Five - Developing Quality Teams and Chapter Six – Developing Team Members and Leaders**

Unfortunately, most churches are mired in a 1950s organizational structure and are quickly losing touch with the cultures at which they minister. Antiquated methods cannot keep pace with such drastic social changes. **Our goal is not to conform to the world, but be transformed** and to do what is necessary to win a few, as Paul suggested.

**Teams make quicker decisions and involve more members - creating efficient implementation. They tend to be less bureaucratic or managerial in nature. Teams thrive on tasks, not meetings. Because they are more task-oriented than committees, they often meet less and usually for shorter periods, focusing more on participatory problem solving.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10** says, *“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!”* The goal is to get the people involved in the ministry to problem solve.

*Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. “Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10”*

In quality improvement, the goal is to gather input from a group of participants, not just overseers. Ideas generated from inside are more likely to be practical and implemented than those created from the outside.

Another difference in using teams is that they invest a significant amount of time in building relationships. Getting to know people, sharing stories, discussing burdens and joys, praying together and just spending time together are key components in team building. Committees tend to stick to the business at hand, which usually does not include team-building exercises.

**Team building has a lot to do with community building, which is a high priority in Christianity. How unfortunate that so many committee meetings result merely in getting through the agenda. Members come and go without anyone taking time to ask how they are doing, to see if they need personal prayer and to share their lives with each other.**

Naturally, you cannot invest all meetings in team-building or you won't get anything done. However, **an annual retreat**, a 15-minute huddle time with prayer and sharing and a 15-minute leader lesson or teamwork game goes a long way in long-term productivity. When relationships are strong, the team is willing to work through critical issues involving change. When people enjoy working together, they can overlook the periodic pain that results in constructive criticism, which is essential to the improvement process.

*Provided by Gilbert Smith, Chair  
Trustee Board*

# 2011 Pastoral Anniversary Celebration



## My Story

Last year in preparation for Reverend Smith's 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I recorded notes on him for over seven months. I must say he really amazed me. His pulpit presence, sermon delivery style, congregation engagement, vivid self application of the Word, and yes his singing are reminiscent of my favorite theologians - Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Mays, and Gardner Taylor.

On a personal level, Pastor is a gentle soul with a bubbling personality. I noticed that Pastor does not rush and when he walks he looks as if he's gliding. When Pastor becomes overcome with the Holy Spirit while preaching he will sometimes say "If you won't praise him I will praise him by myself." He then taps the top of the podium, moves his right foot slightly backwards and moves his body to the right. Sometimes I say to myself come on Pastor now slide to the left.

Pastor has often stated that he almost always wears a white shirt and dark shoes in the pulpit. Well, to my surprise the exception happened last Easter. I was overcome with emotion to see Pastor Smith sporting tan and cream spectator shoes. As I greeted him after the worship service I noticed he had on a silk shirt with a striking designer tie to match the shoes. I said "go on Pastor, now all you need is the black Alfa Romero sport car you drove back in your younger years. " Pastor was truly GQ. I wonder how he will dress for Easter this year.

Alice Franklin-Rier



## EVENT CENTER OPENED FOR BUSINESS

Last Sunday, the Pastoral Anniversary Committee (PAC) members began staffing the Event Center, after each Service, to accept your deposit and RSVP to the Gala. You also have the option to pay the full amount for your ticket or make a deposit for a table. Stop by the Event Center to discuss your options.

Today, PAC members will begin to accept money if you desire to become a patron. The costs are \$2, \$20, and \$200. Of course, if the mood hits you, we will accept a \$2,000 gift.

The PAC members are also accepting payments for ads and greetings today. Stop by the Event Center to obtain more information about ads and greetings. Shiloh members receive a discount rate if ads and greetings are purchased by May 25. You may want to consider partnering with individuals, Circles, and other groups for your greeting.

Logos must be in .esp, jpeg, or tiff format. Your ad or greeting can be in color and should be camera-ready, to the extent practicable.

Leave your ad or greeting, with your check, in an envelope marked **PAC** in the mailbox labeled "P" at the Security Desk (lobby of the Family Life Center). You can also email to [pac20@shilohbaptist.org](mailto:pac20@shilohbaptist.org) and leave a check at the Event Center.

## Top 10 Reasons to Attend the Gala

10. Nothing on TV but re-runs.
9. To have something to talk about until the 21<sup>st</sup>.
8. We (SBC) will rock the Hyatt.
7. To see who snuggles with whom.
6. It will be the social event of the summer.
5. No Redskins or Eagles game.
4. To see 'Buddy' on the dance floor.
3. Chance to get the moth ball smell out of your formal attire.
2. To see who is still doing the moon walk.
1. To show 'Cool Pop' how much he is loved.

## Six-Word Memoir

A Christian journey with rocky  
experiences.

*Deaconess Ostein Hankins*

## *Pastor's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*

Shiloh, our Pastor has the gift of compassion and exemplifies the *Ministry of Presence*. He lives the Word as he walks among us. Our Pastor's life resonates with positive evidence that he values being a part of our lives and meeting the needs of this congregation. Thank you Pastor Smith for your spiritual preparedness that enables you to be so effective.

Our Pastor's desire to do the will of God is manifested in the relationships we have with him as a preacher, teacher, counselor, friend and more. His presence in our lives is so poignant because he presents both life's joy and challenges from his own life experiences. Pastor Smith deepens our spirituality with the Scriptures and insights that strengthen our faith and give us the resolve *to keep on keeping on*.

Our Pastor shows the *Ministry of Presence* throughout our congregation. He visits the sick and calls our members. He prays for us from the pulpit, over the phone in our homes, etc. He visits bereaved families. He shares his embrace and/handshake at the door of the sanctuary after our 10:55 a.m. service each Sunday.

One personal example of our Pastor's presence with my family and me occurred in a rural Northern Virginia community on March 7, 1993. My mother, sister and I sat at our dining room table planning my father's homegoing service. The phone rang and Pastor Smith was on the line extending his sympathy and inquiring of any needs we may have. Then Pastor prayed and, for me, there was affirmation of why those who grieve for loved ones who die in the Lord, do not grieve as those with no hope. Pastor Smith had effectively and with compassion displayed the *Ministry of Presence* by being with us and showing God's care from sixty-two (62) miles away.

Thank you Pastor for all the times and all the ways that you have reached out to our Shiloh family with your presence in responding to our diverse needs.

God bless you Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith (Pastor) as we prepare to celebrate your 20<sup>th</sup> year as the Senior Minister of Shiloh Baptist Church.

In appreciation for his leadership and service, I salute our Pastor and ask all Shiloh members to join the 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor's Anniversary Committee on Thursday, June 2, 2011 for the service that begins our celebrations honoring our Pastor.

*Deacon Sonja Ray*

# Claim the Victory Campaign Contributions

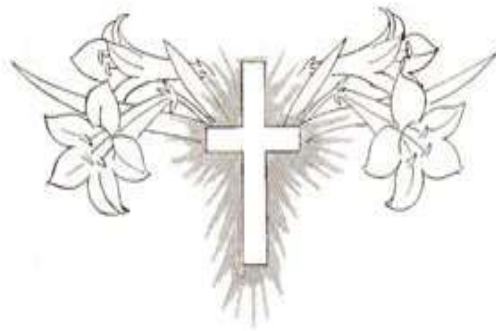
In Loving Memory  
of

*Bertina H. Yager*

*Verda Kennedy*

*Mildred Brooks*

Shiloh Senior Citizens Club



***The Following Persons Purchased the Beautiful Lilies on Our Pulpit in  
Memory of Loved Ones***

In Loving Memory of our Parents, Brother and Sister  
Alonzo, Mary and James H. Grigsby, III

In Memory of Imogene Casey  
Van Ness Elementary School

In Loving Memory of Wife & Mother  
Carolyn M. Harris  
John O. Harris and J. Otis Harris, Jr.

In Memory of Burnette S. Upshur (Mother)  
Doreen Upshur Adair

In Memory of Alice, Catherine, Naomi, Dorothy (Sisters)  
Elsie Amis

In Memory of Mable McDonald (Mother & Grandmother)  
Jane and Andre Andrews

In Memory of Michael Amos (Cousin)  
Kent and Carmen Amos

In Loving Memory of Parents  
Kenneth Evans Payne & Anna Strickland Payne  
Kay T. Payne

In Memory of Rosetta Childs & Virginia Walker  
Sarodel Childs and Deborah Hankins

In Memory of Isabella Johnson (Grandmother)  
Brenda Johnson

In Memory of Ernest J. & Deaconess Esther J. Foster (Parents) and Henry (Hank) Saunders (Husband)  
Iris F. Saunders

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Vashti Black

In Memory of Carolyn Harris, Earl P. Davis, Zelma Smith & Grace Hayes Pressley  
Linda Winfrey

Memorial to Mack & Susie Pegram (Parents), Vernon M. Pegram (Brother), Helen P. Pegram (Sister) &  
Barbara C. Brown (Niece)  
Constance P. Tate

In Loving Memory of Bertina Yager (Sister & Aunt)  
Shirley & Keith Beatty

