

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

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Sunday, July 31, 2011

Lectionary: Reading Through The Bible

18th Sunday of the Year – July 31 (Green)
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-31

19th Sunday of the Year – August 7
(Green)
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,
16-22, 45a-b; Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

Today at the 9:30 a.m. Church School hour we will be in combined session to discuss the church and its involvement in public policy debates. During the 20th Pastor's Anniversary celebration, our guest speaker, Dr. James A. Forbes, shared some questions that he felt churches should raise of their elected officials; questions concerning the budget and debt ceiling crisis facing our Nation.

On August 2, 2011, the government will go into default, portending an economic meltdown we as a Nation have not witnessed since the great depression. Institutions such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and private pensions will go into a tail spin. Our Nation's triple A credit rating will suffer. Wall Street markets will plunge. If the Nation defaults on its credit we will face an economic tsunami of unparalleled proportions.

What is most tragic in this whole sad scenario is that raising the debt ceiling has been routine for a number of years. Ronald Reagan raised it 18 times, the older George Bush raised it 7. The layers of this discussion, when peeled away, take us to a bottom line that conservative whites would rather destroy their government than watch President Obama succeed at anything. It would all be laughable if it weren't such a terrible indictment against the reactionary forces in this Nation.

Normally on the 5th Sunday, Shiloh shares the 9:30 a.m. hour with ASALH for Black History celebrations. ASALH was gracious enough to switch their program to next Sunday so that our own Elaine Jones, former Executive Director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund could lead us in this week's conversation. Next week she will not be available.

We encourage our entire membership to attend this event. Although since the start of the economic recession, whites have 22 times the economic strength of Blacks, and Hispanics just slightly better, reactionaries in the Congress want to pass a budget that continues to drive disadvantages higher for the poor and minorities, while refusing to ask the wealthiest to pay their fair share. If we simply restored the tax practices to Clinton era levels we would balance the budget in no time.

By the time some read this, the discussion may be over for the fifth Sunday. However, we will attempt to tape the discussion and make it available. Even if you cannot be in attendance, we trust that all will avail themselves of this important material and the concerns we will discuss July 31st at 9:30 a.m.

New Members Received by Omega Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, July 31, 2011

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Class.....	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School/Senior High Church School Class	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Church School Class	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop Closeout Fellowship	TF/FLC
Guest Hospitality (Omega Circle).....	TF/FLC
Church Picnic Fellowship Activity Sign-Up	HH/FLC
Book Club Meeting	LL/FLC

Monday, August 1, 2011 - Administrative Offices & Family Life Center closes at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Care for Youth.....	LL/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Bereavement Counseling	VIP Lounge
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar	LL/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, August 4, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Mid-Week Worship Service (Prayer & Praise).....	Sanctuary

Friday, August 5, 2011 - Administrative Offices & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

10:00 – EFEC.....	Gym/FLC
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Saturday, August 6, 2011

9:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	Library/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	LL/FLC
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Service	COH/FLC

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Unity Service – Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.



DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
ASALH African American Heritage Program.....	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School/Senior High Church School Class	TF/FLC
Combined Children's Church School Class	LL/FLC
Youth Church.....	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (Phoebe Circle)	TF/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Deborah Anne Cooper – Olivet Circle
Darold Lovell Hamlin – Olivet Circle

Baptism

Congratulations to the following persons who were baptized
on Sunday, July 17, 2011

Kaila Jamia Lashley – Sunshine Elementary Circle
Al M. Britt, II – Dorcas Circle

Condolence

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carrie Wade-DeVane
(Hope Circle) in the loss of her sister, Mertha Wade.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

July 31 – Return to Obedience (Judges 10:10-18) – Despite God’s repeated deliverance, Israel fell again into idolatry. They responded to oppression by confessing their sin against God.

August 7 – Walk in God’s Path (Judges 13:1-8, 24-25) – After an angel informs Manoah’s wife that she will give birth, Manoah prays for knowledge regarding how to raise their child. When Samson was born, the Spirit of the Lord became evident in his young life.

August 14 – Choosing a Community (Ruth 1:8-18) – Confronted with famine and the death of her husband and two sons, Naomi felt that she had nothing to share with her daughters-in-law except adversity. Naomi realized that for Ruth, Orpah, and herself becoming widows meant the loss of security and identity. She implored her daughters-in-law to return to their families in Moab while she returns to Judah. Ruth refused to go home, but made a passionate plea to remain with Naomi, her people and her God.

Circles Receiving New Members

July 31 Omega Circle
August 7 Phoebe Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

July 31 Friendly Circle
August 7 Gideon Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

August 4 Golden Rule & Grace Circles
August 11 Haggai & Helping Hand Circles

HBCU Corner

BOOKS!!! BOOKS!!! AND MORE BOOKS!!!!

The HBCU Council is conducting a book drive during the month of August. Each Sunday, we will publish a list of books that we would like for you to help us to support Jubria Lewis (principal) and students at Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy. Multiple copies of any book are welcomed.

Today's list comes from the 101 Great Books that all students should read if they are going to college: **Pride & Prejudice** (Jane Austen), **Go Tell it on the Mountain** (James Baldwin), **Wuthering Heights** (Emily Bronte), **The Canterbury Tales** (Geoffrey Chaucer), **The Red Badge of Courage** (Stephen Crane), **A Tale of Two Cities** (Charles Dickens) and **Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass** (Frederick Douglass).

You can find more of the 101 Great Books by visiting www.collegeboard.org, type in 101 Great Books and then you will see the entire list. Please look for the collection box in the lobby of the Family Life Center during the month of August. We thank you in advance for your support.

Windows 7 and Office 2010

Now Available to Shiloh members for a reduced fee

Starting Saturday, August 6, Shiloh members can purchase Windows 7 Professional for \$61.26 and Office 2010 Professional Plus for \$71.60.

What does this mean to you?

If you were thinking about upgrading your computer to either Windows 7 and/or Office 2010, this is a great time to purchase the software at a tremendous cost savings. Off the shelf Windows 7 Professional would sell for \$299.00 and Office 2010 Professional Plus would sell for \$499.00.

How Can I Take Advantage of this Deal?

Please send us an email to

technology@shilohbaptist.org

ATTENTION

SHILOH MEMBERS WITHOUT AN EMAIL ADDRESS OR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

The Technology Committee of Shiloh wants to hear from you. We have been focusing our times and energies on members who have internet access for too long. We are now changing gears and developing solutions for you to get the word, almost as fast as internet users. In order for us to implement this solution, we need to know how many members do not have email or internet access. To get this information we are asking you call Joy Patterson (202) 529-6698 or Leslie Petersen (301) 459-7577 and leave your name along with the message, "**I don't have email.**"

We did not forget and thank you for your patience. You will be hearing from us soon.

ATTENTION

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND, TURKEY AND EGYPT

Names of interested persons will be received after both services through July 31, 2011. At that time an evaluation of the interest expressed by the congregation and friends will be made regarding the future plans. Signup sheets will be in Heritage Hall for your convenience.

Employment Opportunities

The White House Internship Spring 2012 has been announced. A White House Internship provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office of the President and prepare them for future public service opportunities. If you are interested please see below for more information that might be helpful to you

Visit the White House Internship website:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/>

Apply to the White House Internship program:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/apply/>

Learn more about the selection process:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/selection/>

The deadline to apply is September 11, 2011. Questions about the application process or the program? E-mail intern_application@whitehouse.gov

Employment Opportunities

Please email any hiring opportunities to 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



**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF WASHINGTON
PICNIC EVENT SIGN-UP
FORT HUNT PARK
AUGUST 20, 2011
10AM-6PM**

LAST CHANCE!!!!

Sign up your teams for the many events that we will be hosting during our church family and friends picnic

Name of Event	Time of Event	Number of Teams	Number of people/Team
Softball	11:00 a.m.	4	10(min. 4 females)
Horseshoes	11:00 a.m.	16	2
Bid Whist	2:30 p.m.	32	2
Spades	2:30 p.m.	32	2
Three Legged Race	4:30 p.m.	16	2
Moon Bounce	12N-4 p.m.		
Chess Tournament			
Pony Rides	12:30-3:30 p.m.		
Face Painting	1:00-4:00 p.m.		
Throw down Salad Challenge			Must feed 15-20 people
Throw down Dessert Challenge			Must feed 14-20 people

Sign-up for all events and volunteers will take place TODAY and the first Sunday in Heritage Hall immediately following the 10:55 service on a first come – first served basis. Once the quotas for the various activities have been filled, names for a waiting list will be taken for replacement purposes. Rules for the various tournaments will be distributed when the teams sign up this Sunday and next Sunday. GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**We are also in need of volunteers
for
Food Preparation
Picnic Preparation
Transportation for our Seniors
SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER**



