

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

At a time when statistics continue to show that Black families in this country are suffering inordinately with the highest rates of joblessness, poverty and addictions among other cultural groups, it is important for us all to focus on what churches can do to stem this rising tide of devastation.

There is an African proverb; *it takes a village to raise a child*. In Africa, the village was a network of inter personal and inter familial interactions that assumed the role of fostering the wellbeing of all members of the group. There are several basic pillars on which the village's total health rested.

There was the physical, the maintenance of proper diet, sexual responsibility and mental soundness; the economic, the understanding of hard work, thrift, and investment; the historical, a transference of knowledge of the past from one generation to the next; and the cultural, the imparting of values and norms which contributed to positive self-image. All of these worked collectively toward a child's development into responsible adulthood.

Interestingly, ancient Judaism recorded in the Bible many of the same principles. Jewish religious life centered on synagogue and Temple as the focal point for economic, emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing.

In the Book of Luke, the second chapter these principles can be seen culminating in the account of Jesus' dedication in the Temple. The baby's physical wellbeing is evidenced in the rite of circumcision. His cultural identity is established in the ascribing of a name, which had been given by the angels. His historical place in society was set with the blessings he received from Simeon and Anna, and his economic value attested to by the sacrifice of two turtle doves, something of value offered up by his family on his behalf.

For Black families to contend with the ever deepening crises of the 21st century we would do well to rekindle the ancient African and Judaic understanding that *it takes a village to raise a child* is not some cliché, but a practical strategy for survival in harsh economic, moral, and physical times.

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Sunday, October 16, 2011

Lectionary: Reading Through The Bible

*29th Sunday of the Year – October 16
(Green)*
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalms 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:34-46

*30th Sunday of the Year – October 23
(Green)*
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalms 90:1-6,
13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46

31st Sunday of the Year (Green)
Joshua 3:7-17; Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

New Members Received by Victory Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, October 16, 2011

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
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>Victory Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	HHS/FLC
Progressive Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Sacrifice Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC

Monday, October 17, 2011 - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

1:00 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
6:00 – 150 th Church Anniversary Steering Committee Meeting.....	HH/FLC

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
1:30 – YACS Executive Committee Meeting.....	HHS/FLC
2:30 – Options Public Charter School	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Program	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Joint Board Meeting.....	LL/FLC
6:30 – Shiloh ITC Meeting	COH/FLC
7:00 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 – Women’s Day Committee Meeting	LL/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, October 20, 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	Sanctuary
7:00 – Fall Bible Institute	Sanctuary

Friday, October 21, 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, October 22, 2011

9:00 – Usher Board 97 th Anniversary Prayer Breakfast	Gym/FLC
9:30 – Gospel Choir Executive Committee Meeting	Choir Room
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting	COH/FLC
10:00 – College Tour Information Session	Sanctuary
10:00 – Computer Class	Computer Lab
10:00 – Usher Bulletin Preparation	Ushers’ Room

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Church School Open House - All Classes / Gym

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop – Adults (9:30 a.m.)	216/FLC
New Members Workshop – Youth (9:30 a.m.)	208/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Willing Workers Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
DC Baptist Convention Installation	Sanctuary

Joint Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Church Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

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.

Discipleship News

Welcome New Member

Michael Greaves – Sunshine Elementary Circle

Baptism

Congratulations to Mildred C. Pierce (Torch Bearers Circle) and Rudolph E. Pierce (Torch Bearers Circle) who were baptized on Sunday, October 9, 2011.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Austine Boggis (Berean Circle) on the loss of her sister, Patsy Sampson and cousin, Ralph Brown; Deaconess Sylvia Wiggins (Fellowship Circle) on the loss of her cousin, Elaine Chavis; Trustee Zelma Coleman (Haggai Circle) on the loss of her uncle, John Bowser and the family of Crummer Farmer, Jr. (Naomi Circle).

Thank You Note

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy in the loss of my mother. It was greatly appreciated by me and my family.

Karen Wilkins & Family

Circles Receiving New Members

October 16 Victory Circle
October 23 Willing Workers Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 16 Naomi Circle
October 23 Olivet Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

October 20 Victory & Willing Workers Circles

October 23

Church School Open House

You are invited to attend the 2011 Shiloh Church School Open House on October 23rd from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gym. This open house will feature all of the Church School classes for people age 18 and older. At this event, you will meet class members in a relaxed setting and learn about the activities of each class. Attending Church School classes is one of the most important ways that you can work to deepen your spirituality. So please mark your calendar, attend, and bring a friend/neighbor/family member!

Ushers' Corner October – November 2011

Saturday, Oct. 22

9 a.m. Ushers' Annual Prayer Breakfast
Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center, 3rd floor
Rev. Dexter Nutall, Guest Speaker

Sunday, Oct. 23 – OFFICERS/UNIT LEADERS

Ushers' 97th Anniversary
(Picture with Pastor Smith after 10:55 a.m. Service)

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Unit #5 serves

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Bible Study

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**

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.

Shiloh Veterans

Shiloh veterans who are new to the congregation and who have not previously been listed in our yearly veterans listing on Veterans Recognition Sunday are requested to complete a Veterans Data Sheet on yourself. The data sheet can be completed by retired and/or separated (including Reserve/National Guard), spouses of veterans, and family members of deceased veterans. Do not fill out the sheet if you were on the listing last year. Copies of the Veterans Data Sheet will be available at the Family Life Center Desk for pick-up. Please return the completed data sheets to the folder at the Family Life Center Desk no later than Sunday, October 30, 2011.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

Shiloh Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. The book for discussion is The Warmth of Other Suns – The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. The book chronicles the stories of the decades long migration of Black Americans who left the South in search of a better life. Larry Batie, a frequent discussant for the book club at the Church of the Redeemer will lead the discussion.



97th Annual Ushers' Day Observance Prayer Breakfast

Standing Before God's Open Doors

Saturday October 22, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Reverend Dexter Nutall, Pastor
New Bethel Baptist Church
Guest Speaker

Donation - \$16/Adult; \$8/children

