

The Shiloh Spirit



*The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister*

The Pastor's Pen

The Black Church in America has always been a symbol of freedom and liberation. From the times when Black people were first dragged into the new world in chains, the church has been our anchor.

I saw a documentary recently depicting the immigrant population arriving in the U.S. from Europe at the turn of the century. The story of European immigrants is one of pride, of the triumph of the human spirit, of winning against extraordinary odds. For the slaves who came at the bottom of the ships, not on the decks, it was a much different story. There was no freedom to work and earn wages. Slaves were given about as much freedom as a mule or a cow. They were expected to produce, yet the fruits of their labors enriched their masters, not their communities, their families nor their churches. They were bound to the soil. When a farm or plantation was sold, slaves were a part of the purchased property, little more than livestock. Family dignities were not respected in the slightest. If someone caused trouble, or even just on a whim, masters could sell parents away from children or a husband away from a wife. This was the way of things for several hundred years in this land of the "free" and the home of the brave.

However, the astounding reality was we did manage to overcome. Maya Angelou's haunting poem, "And Still I Rise" speaks of the courage and fortitude of those Black immigrants who arrived at the bottom of the boats, who overcame unspeakable hardships, but still built colleges and churches and learned crafts and trades at a time when attempting to read could lead a Black person to be lynched.

The source of strength for Black people was the church. In the church Black preachers exhorted their members to stay strong, stay vigilant and stay together. It was the Black Church that partnered with Northern abolitionists to develop the escape networks known as the Underground Railroad. It was the church that nurtured the great Black leaders. Frederick Douglass' fiery oratory was a reflection of public speaking prowess typified by the Black preacher. The independent entrepreneurial skills of Ida B. Wells resulted from the economic independence taught in churches. The fearless confrontational skills of Martin Luther King, Jr. filtered down from the beloved stories of the Bible characters like Daniel, Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego or Moses, who refused to yield to bullies, but made every effort against overwhelming odds to speak "truth to power".

As we conclude February and Black History Month, let us never forget that the embers of freedom and liberation blazed hot through the prayers, sacrifices and teachings of the Black Church.

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Sunday, February 27, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

*8th Sunday of the Year – February 27
(Green)*

*Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; 1
Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34*

*Transfiguration of the Lord – March 6
(White)*

*Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter
1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

1st Sunday in Lent – March 13 (Violet)

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 20 (Violet)

*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-
5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 27 (Violet)

*Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-
11; John 4:5-42*

New Members Received by Berean Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, February 27, 2011

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| DCCF Credit Union | LL/FLC |
| Jonathan Sunday School Class..... | Sanctuary/Balcony |
| Middle School Class | Gym/FLC |
| Elementary Class | LL-A/FLC |
| Upper Elementary Class | LL-Front/FLC |
| Nursery & Pre-K Classes | LL-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 | Conference Room-Above Library - 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 (9:30 a.m.)..... | Rm. 216/FLC |
| Guest Hospitality (<i>Berean Circle</i>) | TF/FLC |
| Excelsior Circle Meeting | HHN/FLC |
| Friendly Circle Meeting | COH/FLC |
| Hope Circle Meeting..... | HHS/FLC |
| Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting..... | Mezzanine Conference Room |
| Omega Circle Meeting | Library/FLC |
| Torch Bearers Circle Meeting..... | LL/FLC |
| Willing Workers Circle Meeting..... | Gym/FLC |

Monday, February 28, 2011

Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

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| 10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program | LL/FLC |
| 4:00 – Male Youth Project | Gym/FLC |
| 6:00 – Taekwondo Class | RBC/FLC |
| 6:30 – Circle Leaders Council Meeting | HH/FLC |
| 6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal..... | Choir Room |

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

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| 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 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| 6:30 – Women's Day Committee Meeting | LL/FLC |
| 7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting | COH/FLC |

Thursday, March 3, 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
- 6:15 – Prayer & Praise Service Sanctuary

Friday, March 4, 2011

Administrative Office & Family Life Center Facilities Close at 2:00 p.m.

- 6:00 – Children and Youth Bible Study HH/FLC

Saturday, March 5, 2011

- 9:00 – **100 Black Men Saturday Leadership Academy** Gym/FLC
- 9:00 – Taekwondo Class RBC/FLC
- 9:30 – WiFi Techno Café TF/FLC
- 10:00 – Deacon Ministry Meeting Deacons’ Room
- 10:00 – Village Council Meeting Mezzanine Conference Room
- 10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting Library/FLC
- 12:30 – Deaconess Board Fellowship HH/FLC
- 1:00 – Tennis at Shiloh Drill Session Gym/FLC

Sunday, March 6, 2011



Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

- DCCF Credit Union LL/FLC
- Combined Adult Church School Classes Sanctuary
- Combined Middle School and Senior High School Classes TF/FLC
- Combined Children’s Sunday School Classes LL/FLC
- Youth Church (10:00 a.m.) COH/FLC
- Guest Hospitality (*Bethel Circle*) TF/FLC
- HBCU Council Meeting Library/FLC
- 150th Church Anniversary Organizational Meeting Sanctuary
- Nurses Unit Meeting LL/FLC
- One Body Sign Up HH/FLC

Discipleship News

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings)

Circles Receiving New Members

February 27Berean Circle
March 6Bethel Circle
March 13Calvary Circle
March 20Dorcas Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

February 27Ruth Circle
March 6Sacrifice Circle
March 13Shiloh Circle
March 20Silent Mission Circle

REQUEST FOR INTERIOR DESIGNERS

If you are an interior designer and would like to assist in the planning of clean up day to be held on May 7, 2011, please contact Greg Prioleau at 202-584-0679 no later than February 14, 2011. We will be targeting specific areas within the church complex and would appreciate any recommendations you may have to beautify the Lord's house.

BIDS FOR THE WALLACE CHARLES SMITH COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING

General Contractors interested in submitting proposals to construct the Wallace Charles Smith Community Service Building can pick up bid packages from Lance Bailey and Associates Architects, 7961 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring MD (301-565-2283), or Muriel Lewis at Shiloh Baptist Church commencing on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. A \$100.00 fee will be charged for the package. All proposals will be due on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Ushers' Corner January/February/March

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

Sunday, March 6 – Units #1/3 Serve
10 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, March 10 – Units #1/3 Serve
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, March 13 – Unit #2 Serves

Thursday, March 17 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. Bible Institute and Prayer & Praise

Sunday, March 20 – Unit #4 Serves

OFFERING ENVELOPES

To ensure that your offerings and contributions are accurately recorded and reported on your Offering Statements from the church, it is important that you place your contributions in the **“church-provided envelopes”**, which includes your name, address, church membership number and all the categories to allocate your contribution. Should you forget your church-provided envelope, offering envelopes may be found on the back of the pews, or obtained from an Usher. When using an offering envelope obtained from the pews or Usher, please complete the envelope and add your membership number. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Finance Committee



Come – Study With Us

The Shiloh Bible Institute Classes:

March 3rd and 10th - No Class

March 17th , 24th 31st , April 7th and 14th *More Than the Mardi Gras* – Reverend Dr. Louis Anthony

April 21st and 28th - No Class

May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th - *The Book That Changed the World* - Reverend Jasmyn Bowden

America I Am: the African American Imprint Exhibit

This exhibit is at the National Geographic Society's building 17th and M Streets, NW in Washington, DC. Please find time in your busy schedules to see this exhibit. It has artifacts from ancient and modern places and people. And Shiloh, our church, is featured in this exhibit, as well. It is educational, informative and enlightening for the young and the old. It is a must see and a once in a lifetime event, so please, take your family, young people, and maybe even some church friends to see the America I Am: The African American Imprint Exhibit at the National Geographic Society. It will be displayed in Washington from February 2-May 1, 2011 before traveling to another city. It costs \$12 for adults (\$10 if you purchase from Walmart) and \$8 for children (\$6 if purchased from Walmart).

Submitted by Judy C. Williams
Church Historian

150 Anniversary Committee Invitation

Current and Past
Church Anniversary chairs/co-chairs,
committee members
Circle Leaders, Vice Leaders,
Ministry Leaders, Co-leaders and all interested
members.

YOU

are cordially invited to a VERY BRIEF
organizational meeting IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE –
FIRST SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011 in the
pews behind where the Deacons sit.

JoAnne Beasley, Chair



Girl Scout Cookies Are Here!!!!

9th & P is the place to be to purchase your favorite Girl Scout cookies for just \$4.00 per box. Tell a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor that beginning today through Sunday, March 27 Shiloh Girl Scouts will sell your favorite cookies following each worship services until the last box is SOLD. For additional information you may contact Keisha Jackson at 240/293-2532.



Women's Day Committee Community Service Project

"Sharing Our Blessing with Our Neighbors" – Please donate new pre-school hard cover children's books for Shiloh's Child Development Center; Ensure and walking canes for the Seniors at Emmaus Center for the Aging. Donations are being collected in the Family Center near the elevator. Please help shower our CDC and neighbor (Emmaus) with love throughout the month.

Women's Wellness Conference Saturday, March 12, 2011

How's your heart? Do you know the important numbers that predict your risk for heart disease? February is Heart Month, but small life changes everyday can protect your heart for a lifetime! Come exercise with us, get your blood pressure checked, and listen to our outstanding speaker

Dr. Patricia Davidson

Cardiologist, Washington Hospital Center

Topic: Update on Heart Disease in Women - What Every Woman MUST Know!

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gym/Family Life Center

The conference includes other important health information for women, light refreshments, give aways and fun. Please come and bring your friends. Pre-registration is urged but not required. Stop by the Event Center after church on today, March 6 or call Dr. Sheryl Lucas (202-210-1932). Volunteers are needed!

Lost & Found

Beautiful green brooch encrusted with multiple shaded green glass lost on February 20 between the Sanctuary and the Tuning Fork. If found, please return to Dr. Janet C. Bussey.

Join the Shiloh Gospel Choir in Nassau Bahamas July 21-25, 2011!

There is room still for you! Church members and friends are invited to join the Shiloh Gospel Choir when they travel to Nassau Bahamas on July 21-25, 2011. Relax and enjoy a lovely vacation on the island of Nassau and then join the choir for Sunday worship services at Grant's Town Wesley Methodist Church. The trip package cost starts at \$975 (based on double occupancy) including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, meal plan, transfers, tour option, and more. Accommodations will be at the beautiful Wyndham Resort on Cable Beach. Children package rates are also available. A deposit of \$350 is required immediately to hold a reservation. Payment plans are flexible. Contact Otis Harris, Muriel Lewis, Aldith Coleman or Geormine Stanyard-Crawford for more information and payment. You may also mail and make payments to DeGeor Services, PO Box 26462 WDC 20001 and call 202.674.3613 for inquiries. Passports are required for travel.

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In Memory
Of

Bertina Yager

Senior Choir
\$10.00

**Help me remember your promise to
never leave my side.**

Do not fear, for I am with you.

Isaiah 43:5

The Emerging Church, the Contemporary Church, the Megachurch and the Surviving Inner City Church

The **Emerging Church** (sometimes referred to as the emergent movement or emergent conversation) is a Christian movement of the late 20th and early 21st century that crosses a number of theological boundaries: participants can be described as evangelical, protestant, Roman Catholic, post-evangelical, reformed, charismatic, conservative and post-conservative. The emerging church favors the use of simple story and narrative. Members of the movement often place a high value on good works or social activism. While some Evangelicals emphasize eternal salvation, many in the emerging church emphasize the here and now. They are communities that practice the way of Jesus within postmodern cultures. There are nine practices of the Emerging Church: (1) identify with the life of Jesus, (2) transform the secular realm, (3) live highly communal lives, (4) welcome the stranger, (5) serve with generosity, (6) participate as producers, (7) create as created beings, (8) lead as a body, and (9) take part in spiritual activities.

The **Contemporary Church** creates a worship service that is fast-paced, light on doctrine and very heavy on music and drama. Its worship service was originally confined to the charismatic movement, but is now found, to varying extents, in a wide range of churches, including many that do not subscribe to a charismatic theology. What has transpired over the past ten years is an almost complete abandonment of liturgy, form and creed in an ever-increasing number of fast-growth churches. The embrace of contemporary public worship patterns is deliberately aimed at the unchurched. The contemporary worship is generally characterized by the use of contemporary worship music in an informal setting. Congregational singing typically comprises a greater proportion of the service than in conventional forms of worship. Where contemporary worship is practiced in churches with a liturgical tradition, elements of the liturgy are frequently kept to a minimum.

A **Megachurch** is a church having 2,000 or more attendees for a typical weekly service. The Hartford Institute's database lists more than 1,300 such Protestant churches in the United States. According to that data, approximately 50 churches on the list have attendance ranging from 10,000 to 47,000. While 3,000 individual Roman Catholic churches have 2,000 or more attendants for an average Sunday Mass, these churches are not seen as part of the megachurch movement. Globally, these large congregations are a significant development in Protestant Christianity. While generally associated with the United States, the phenomenon has spread worldwide. Most megachurches tend to be evangelical or Pentecostal, and are often semi-independent from the major Christian denominations. The megachurch movement is usually thought to have begun in the 1950s. There have been large churches earlier in history, but they were considerably rarer. The current largest megachurch in the world is the Yoido Full Gospel Church, with 830,000 members as of 2007. A recent trend shows megachurches may have one or more "satellite" locations away from the main church, which will have a small local staff. However, the main message is presented by the senior pastor via video presentation. This is referred to as the multi-site movement.

The Inner City Church

The very presence of the church in the inner city is its most effective message. The church's power may lie not so much in what its members say or do as in who they are. The gospel is proclaimed not through rational words or well-planned programs alone, but through effective symbols. The city reflects the wide variety of human experience -- a variety in race, national background and lifestyle. Building a cohesive community out of that diversity is a primary urban need which the church, simply by being there, helps to meet. The inner city church defines itself in the universal terms of the gospel, announcing that this Christian community is for all people. Because the city, unlike most suburbs, is not monochromatic, the church's universality comes most dramatically into focus there. Clusters of ethnic people migrating or fleeing from other parts of the world also come to the city, bringing with them their unique languages and cultural values -- all of which affect the city's customs and tastes. When the church embraces this rich mix, when those who celebrate the future and those who have been victimized by the past gather in an urban coalition, a vision of the Kingdom of God appears. That Kingdom, the gospel proclaims, is made up of people who come from the four corners of the earth, from the North, South, East and West, as well as of those who are the least of our brothers and sisters. In the city the church's presence as a universal community proclaims the Kingdom of God. The urban parish is an inclusive fellowship in which the universal claim of the gospel is lived out for the sake of the church everywhere. For all of these reasons, the symbolic presence of the city church is necessary to the cause of Christ -- and, since necessary, worthy of the support and the investment of time, talent and treasure of all the people of God.

Shiloh Debutante Program Returns

After a one year hiatus, the Shiloh Debutante Program, sponsored by the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation (FLCF), is back. Debutante Program Director, Dr. Sharon Parker, has already developed exciting plans for a very successful Debutante Program that will start with workshops in September 2011 and culminate in the Debutante Cotillion Ball on May 20, 2012.

Young ladies, grades 10-12, are invited to participate. Debutantes will not only learn to be a success in personal and professional pursuits, they will also be “presented to society” at a memorable Cotillion. Most importantly, however, each Debutante will have an opportunity to raise scholarship dollars for their own college education as a result of their participation.

Although the Cotillion is over 15 months away, the Debutante Cotillion Committee is seeking adult volunteers to start work *immediately* in the following areas:

1. Identifying young ladies (grades 10-12) to participate as Debs and Junior Debs. The application process starts March 1st and ends on June 15th. Applications can be obtained now and are available at the Events Center. You may also contact Dr. Parker, spflcdeb@gmail.com; Clay Gregory, claygreg38@gmail.com; or Crystal Kuykendall, ckuykendal@aol.com; for additional information.
2. Workshop presenters to do presentations on Self Image, Dining Etiquette, Social Networking, Black Health/Beauty/Nutrition and Political Awareness are also needed now.
3. Participation on the following committees:
 - a. Souvenir Journal
 - b. Logistics
 - c. Decorations
 - d. Community Service/Outreach
 - e. Publicity
 - f. Cotillion Events

If you are able and interested in working with the Cotillion Committee, please contact Dr. Parker as soon as possible. She can be reached at (703) 340-7864. Continue to watch the **SHILOH Spirit** for more exciting details.

Save-the-Date

Much heralded Jazz Pianist Dick Morgan, returns in Concert on Saturday, June 4, 2011. He will be sponsored, once again, by the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Watch the Spirit for more details!

Family Life Center Foundation Plans Seniors Prom

Do you remember your high school prom? Whether you do or not, if you are over 55 years of age, you can have an even better prom experience. The Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation, is planning a Seniors Prom to take place in the Fall. This city-wide event will be held in Washington DC and feature music from the 40s, 50s, 60s & 70s. A planning committee is now being formed. If you are interested in being a part of this planning process, please contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall at 202/529-2042, ckuykendal@aol.com or Clay Gregory at 202/497-2730, claygreg38@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity

Looking for retired teacher or certified educator to work in Robbin's Nest Learning Center as lead teacher. Must have CDA certification. For more information contact Stephanie Lyons (202/388-3462 or 301/782-7782).

Daily Devotions

Part I

de·vo·tions—*noun*. *Ecclesiastical* . Religious observance or worship; a form of prayer Or worship for special use.

When we think about devotions, we imagine a period at the beginning of an event such as a meeting where we take time out to acknowledge God thru the reading of scriptures, the singing of songs, and prayer. Devotions can take on many forms and flavors but the focus of this writing is our daily devotions. It is very important for us as Christians to ‘devote’ some time each day to the study of the word, our conversations with God (prayers), and meditation.

Devotions have been described as morning meetings with Jesus because it is a good idea to start each day by reading, studying and praying. Susan O’Carroll Drake, an author who is a former public school teacher wrote a book titled *Morning Meetings with Jesus: 180 Devotions for Teacher*. It is an inspirational resource that addresses the reality of today’s teachers. In searching the internet, you will find countless books on the subject of devotions; books aimed at just about every target group that one could imagine. There are books on devotions for baseball fans, for woodworkers and carpenters and for women in the workforce. Trying to simplify your approach to daily devotions can be confusing , but doesn’t have to be.

Perhaps it is as simple as taking an early morning walk in your garden or in a park and reflecting on the words of a hymn. To look around and observe God’s wonder that we call nature and to quietly listen to words such as “I Come to The Garden Alone, While the Dew is Still on the Roses” brings us closer and connects us with God. The combination of lyrics, the songs in our heads and visual, tangible representations of God’s masterful work are very powerful. It can be an incredible way to start a day.

Prayer - Prayer must be an integral part of our devotions and our morning prayers should reflect our gratitude for a good night’s rest, for giving us another day and for the hope that a new day brings. We should pray each day that we will allow God’s will to work in all that we say and do throughout the day, pray for strength and courage thru the challenges of the day and intercede on behalf of others. Our prayers should not be limited to the morning. Our devotions can easily extend throughout the day. Imagine a brief prayer before going into a meeting or engaging in a conference call. Imagine a prayer before any interaction where challenges or conflict may be anticipated. Prayer is an absolute must in those situations. To go into those situations without inviting God into those processes might send the message that we have the situation covered when in reality we know that we can do nothing without him.

The Word in Song - Our devotions can also include taking a few moments during the middle of the day to listen to our favorite spiritual music. Those who sit at a computer during the day can bring up Youtube.com and search on song titles or on recording artists and listen to favorite songs for inspiration. Similarly, that long commute can be enhanced by a devotion period that includes listening to your favorite CD or iTunes. Studies have proven that the music that we listen to influences our thoughts as well as our actions and the images that we have of ourselves. To listen to music that tells us that God loves us is most reassuring.

Meditation - Meditation for many appears to be underutilized and underrated but shouldn’t be. Meditation is our quiet time with the Lord where we wait quietly to hear his responses to our petitions and wait for his instructions. We miss many opportunities to connect with God and miss his instructions when we don’t dedicate enough time to quietly ‘listen’. Listening to God should also include our ability to see the many messages that he sends us each day. Discernment allows us to see his messages in the series of events that occur, in our view of nature, in the feedback that we receive. One of the most challenging things for a Christian is to learn to listen and assuredly you will miss many messages from God if not enough time is allotted for quiet meditation. A simple prayer before a period of meditation that God would reveal his direction for your life or reveal a level of understanding in a situation can be most helpful.

