

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Today is our annual **Victory March**. We have been praying; now is the time to show our commitment to the Lord through our gifts.

Lent is the season of penitence and sacrifice. Today's Lectionary texts are about faithfulness and submission to God. In the book of Genesis, God awakens Abraham and directs him to give up the security of his home in Ur of the Chaldeans, to sacrifice the comfort of kinship and acquaintances, to literally give up everything and rely only on God for his future.

In the Psalm text, pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for one of the holy feasts look around the roads to the hills that line their pathways. From those hills robbers would often swoop down. But the hills were also filled with shrines to foreign gods who could not harm these pilgrims as they traveled because the Lord was their helper by day and night.

In Romans, Paul asserts that Abraham's sacrifice was preceded by his faith in God.

Finally, in John's gospel, Nicodemus came to Jesus seeking eternal life only to find out that a relationship with God was built on total sacrifice: "*Nicodemus you must be born again*".

Our sacrificial giving, that which is above and beyond our tithes, is dependent on faith. Our goal is to pay off the mortgage on our church in the next five years. Some have said that paying off the mortgage is not a good idea, that debt is good. Few from Wall Street to Congress, following the economic meltdown of several years ago, continue to sing that song. For our church to do the ministry God intends, we must free up our resources from the shackles of our mortgage. Our annual mortgage payments total more than one half million dollars a year, roughly one fourth of our operating budget. Imagine the hungry and homeless we could help, the property development we could accomplish, the works of justice we could perform if we did not carry that burden.

Lent is about sacrifice. Sacrifice is dependent on faith. We pray that all members and friends of Shiloh will examine their faith and make the sacrifice that will allow the Victory March to be an overwhelming success.

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Sunday, March 20, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

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 Dorcas Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Victory March Sunday

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>Dorcas Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....	Gym/FLC
Golden Deed Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	Mezzanine Conference Room
Helping Hand Circle Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Sacrifice Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting	Private Residence
One Body Sign Up.....	HHS/FLC

Monday, March 21, 2011

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting	Ushers' Room
6:00 – Taekwondo Class	RBC/FLC
6:30 – Clean-Up Day Captains Meeting	LLFLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	HHS/FLC
6:45 –Blessed 7 Investment Club Meeting	TF/FLC
7:00 – Usher Board Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
7:15 –Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, March 23, 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 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 – Debutant Program Committee Meeting	Library/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, March 24, 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 – Bible Institute – <i>More Than The Mardi Gras</i> – Reverend Lewis Anthony, Instructor	Sanctuary
7:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary

Friday, March 25, 2011

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

Saturday, March 26, 2011

9:00 – Leadership Conference	Various Locations
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Sunday, March 27, 2011

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
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Walker Memorial Church School Class	Gym/FLC
Young Adult Church School Class	TF/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.)	HHS/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Eula Mae Harrison Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting	Mezzanine Conference Room
Willing Workers Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Sarah R. Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting	Library/FLC
College Tour Parents Meeting	LL/FLC
One Body Sign Up	HHS/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Carmen Dickerson Amos – Calvary Circle
Grace Serene Salvant – Calvary Circle

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended Virginia Cook (Helping Hand Circle) in the loss of her sister, Ruth Butler (Excelsior Circle) and the family of Imogene Casey (Social Reapers Circle).

Thank You Notes

To Pastor Smith, Minister Bowen, Reverend Felton, Reverend Mensah, Ministry of Deacons, Naomi Circle, Gospel Choir and my Shiloh Family – Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, calls, cards, e-mails, text messages and other expressions of support at the passing of my father, Robert W. Lewis, Jr. My family and I were deeply touched by your prayers during our time of sorrow. May God continue to bless you as you continue to do His will.

The Lewis Family – Muriel, Bobby, Ryan & Elnora Lewis

Thanks to my church family, Reverend Smith, Reverend Felton, Reverend Austin for remembering me during my challenges with illness. Thanks to Deacon & Mrs. Charles Hall and Deacon Richard Coleman for your visits to the hospital and your prayers. Thanks to twenty members of the Ministry of Deacons who visited, prayed and cheered me up. I didn't know so many of you cared, but I am elated that you did. I have all your names and I will cherish them always. Thank you to the other members who are not deacons, but good Shiloh members who either came to see me, called me, asked about me and wished me well. Please continue to keep me lifted in prayer and I will do the same for you.

Deacon Memory Griffin

Circles Receiving New Members

March 20Dorcas Circle
March 27 Eula Mae Harrison Circle
April 3..... Ever Ready Circle
April 10 Excelsior Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

March 20Silent Mission Circle
March 27 Social Reapers Circle
April 3 Sunshine Youth Circle
April 10 Torch Bearers Circle

ATTENTION ALL CLEAN-UP DAY CAPTAINS

An organizational meeting will be held in the Lower Level of the Family Life Center on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. for CLEAN-UP DAY to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Please be prepared to discuss any suggestions you may have to make this day as efficient and productive as we can make it.

Employment Opportunities

Please e-mail 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 open unto you.”
(Matthew 7:7)*

Ushers' Corner January/February/March

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

**Thursday, March 24 – Unit #4 Serves
Bible Institute – 6:30 p.m. – Reverend Lewis Anthony,
Instructor**

Sunday, March 27 – Unit #5 Serves

Reminder

All requests for the publication of articles in the Shiloh Spirit **must be submitted** directly to the administrative office. Documents may be left in the mailbox labeled “S” at the Security Desk (lobby of the Family Life Center) or e-mailed to muriellewis@shilohbaptist.org. The deadline for all material must be received by **12:00 Noon** on the Monday prior to the requested publication date. **Don't Forget- Maximum words = 250**



CAMP GENIUS

The Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation presents "Camp Genius", an educational and high-quality enrichment program in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), April 18 – 22nd. Camp Genius will provide a STEM based learning program for children in grades one through six during their spring vacation and will also:

- 1) inspire students by showing them real-world problem solving applications;
- 2) expose students to fascinating technologies they may not have yet encountered;
- 3) promote the highest standards of creativity, responsibility, confidence, independence and reliance where children are immersed in varied hands-on experiences that draw upon their natural sense of curiosity and
- 4) enhance the creative decision making and problem solving skills all children have.

Parents are encouraged to register children, ages 6 – 11 for this program to take place during Easter/Spring Break. Whether or not children have been exposed to STEM subjects before, they will leave Camp Genius with a strong foundation in the STEM subject areas.

The Family Life Center Foundation is not only seeking Camp Genius participants but the services of highly motivated and talented educators and volunteers to join the STEM team. Individuals who are passionate about STEM based learning and who desire to make a significant difference in the lives of children will find Camp Genius a wonderful outlet for service. Camp Genius teachers will be responsible for facilitating the STEM curriculum, developing hands-on activities that broaden STEM learning, creating cultural experiences, and stimulating children's curiosities. STEM educators must be certified to teach and should have at least 2 years of experience working with children ages 6 – 11. Educators will receive compensation up to \$200/per day based on experience and must be available on April 15th for training and on April 18 – 22nd, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Parents, children, interested teachers and volunteers are encouraged to visit www.campgenius.org for more information and Camp Genius Registration. Educators are required to complete the online application which can be emailed with a cover letter and resume to the Camp Genius Program Director, Mrs. Kahlil Kuykendall-Bryant at kahlil.kuykendall@flcfoundation.org. Questions about Camp Genius can also be directed to Clay Gregory (202/497-2730) or Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057).

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LENTEN STUDY CLASSES

March 17, 2011 – April 14, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, teacher

"More than the Mardi Gras" (continuation)

21 DAYS of PASSION and INTIMACY with GOD

THE DANIEL FAST ~ THE NOONDAY DIAL-UP SERVICE

Sunday, April 3, 2011 – Easter, April 24, 2011

"Feed your Soul, Strengthen your Spirit, Renew your Body"

STATIONS of the CROSS

April 18-21, 2011, 12 noon

PALM SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 17, 2011 • 4:00 p.m.

Gospel Choir Concert – "A Great Day"

Phillip Carter, Guest Director

with Special Guest, *Kefas* Gospel Choir (Copenhagen, Denmark)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 21, 2011 • 7:00 p.m.

Shiloh Baptist Church at Metropolitan Baptist Church

Rev. Wallace Charles Smith, D.Min, preaching

Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble, singing

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 22, 2011 • 12:00 noon

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony • Rev. Dr. Velma Smith

Rev. Larry Owens, Jr. • Rev. Corey A. Thompson

Special music provided by the Senior Choir

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011

Sunrise Service, **6:00 a.m.** (Baptism) • Worship Service, **10:00 a.m.**

Why We Will Pay off Our Mortgage in Five Years

Have you ever listened to the coach of an athletic team make the statement, “My team will reach the playoffs this year” or “My team will win the championship this year”? Bold statements like this make sportswriters and fans alike literally cringe. The players on the teams that these coaches lead cringe as well because it sets a challenge before them. Often these coaches make such statements to motivate their teams but sometimes they are simply “*claiming victories*” that they see before anyone else can see them. Their boldness is built on some measure of faith but also because coaches can often see excellence as it unfolds and incremental progress that will lead to the larger victory.

We hereby claim the victory over our mortgage and boldly proclaim that it will be paid off in five years. Here are the reasons:

Shiloh has been on a quest to deepen its spirituality on an individual and corporate level for the last couple of years. We are no longer satisfied with what we have done in the past and the relationships that we have had with God. Our bible study habits are improving thru the introduction and use of the Lectionary texts, the dynamic teachings of the Bible Institute, the insightful preaching of our pastor, and a renewed interest of having God’s Word as the focus of all that we do. We have begun and continue to explore liturgical symbolism in our worship services in an effort to make a connection between what is in the bible and how we make worship more meaningful. *This pleases God.*

We are becoming a more caring church. The level of visitation of our shut-in members has increased and it is a priority. The assignment of deacons to all circles has resulted in an increase in the level of pastoral care that is rendered to all members. *This pleases God.*

There is an intentional and deliberate focus on prayer for the campaign. We know that prayer changes things and so we have put the campaign high on the prayer list. We just believe that our God does not want us to continue paying the mortgage until the loan matures. *There are other things that He needs us to do!*

Lastly, God is preparing Shiloh to reach out to the world beyond our walls. He is preparing us to be evangelists for his word and thru Shiloh’s challenges He is giving us a powerful testimony. Our work will not be fully realized until we eliminate the mortgage. Once we retire it, there is so much that we can do with the resources that He has given us. The bigger victory is that Shiloh will become the people and the church that God needs us to be. He needs us to be His disciples, spreading a message of hope throughout the DC area and beyond. *Given the issues and challenges in our community, He needs us to be His evangelists to the outside world sooner than later.*

So what are we charged to do? How do we ensure that we get this done in 5 years?

- Continue to search and challenge ourselves to have a deeper walk of faith.
- Make a connection between the sacrifices that Jesus made for us on the cross and what we can do sacrificially to advance His kingdom.
- Continue to increase our bible study. Understand what each of us is personally accountable for.
- Continue to work on relationships within Shiloh. Mend relationships that have been damaged. Seek to make new relationships with other members. Grow good relationships in a deeper, more meaningful way. Be authentic in the way we love and care for each other.
- Continue to pray for the campaign. Pray that we will understand the true charge of the church “*to go out into the world and spread the “good news”!*”



2011 Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Shiloh Family - **Watch** for your *Save the Date* announcement to start arriving in your mailbox. This year marks the 20th anniversary of our Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith. We would be honored if you would join in celebrating this significant milestone. Mark your calendar for Friday, July 15, 2011, for the Gala. Check this section for additional information about the Gala and all other activities.

We also want you to play a role in the celebration. We will be reaching out to you because of your expertise and historical knowledge of certain events that occurred since 1991. Your memories will be shared as part of the activities.

Six-Word Memoir

If you were asked to author Pastor Smith's memoir in six words, what would you write that would describe his 20 year journey at Shiloh? Email your six-word memoir to pac20@shilohbaptist.org.

Storytellers

For many of us storytelling was a way that our grandparents and great grandparents entertained us and at the same time educated us. The stories were memorized and handed down from generation to generation. Shiloh's journal from 1863 to 1990 was a form of storytelling as it provided the historical timeline and framework for the Church.

For this 20th anniversary celebration, let's tell a few stories, true stories that is, about our Pastor. If you can share your fondest experience in no more than two paragraphs, we would appreciate it. Perhaps we will include your story in this section of the Spirit throughout the next few months. Email your story to pac20@shilohbaptist.org.

Calling All Writers/Editors and Artists

Who's Got Talent? Writers/editors, the Committee would love for you to help develop and/or edit letters, documents, and other prepared materials. Artists with a penchant for style and creativity, we need your design skills. If you have a few hours a month, we would love to have you assist us with the Celebration activities. We can work around your schedule. Send an email to sbc20thpac@gmail.com or telephone (301) 559-5030.

20th Pastoral Anniversary Committee

Health Ministry

Thanks to all who attended the Wellness Conference for Women in the gymnasium on Saturday, March 12, 2011. We are getting rave reviews from the attendees. This year the theme was *Transforming Hearts: Glorifying God*. The first hour was praise through Scripture, prayer and exercise led by Minister Gloria Robertson of Word-A Cise Ministries. She taught us how to do Praise, High Praise, Serve, Kick the Devil out, Delegate, etc, including low-impact and chair exercise. It was a great workout for body and spirit! The second hour focused on healthy eating and stress reduction with Nutritionist Ilse O'Brien. The third hour was an awesome presentation by Dr. Patricia Davidson, Cardiologist, on heart disease and prevention of heart attack and stroke. Members of the Evangelism Ministry provided valuable information and counseling. The food was tasty and healthy. Special thanks to the many volunteers from the Health Ministry, congregation and staff who made the event successful. The Health Ministry needs you to join our Ministry. Please contact Dr. Sheryl Lucas (202/210-1932 or Sheryl.e.lucas@kp.org) Blessings for Healthy Body, Mind and Spirit.

