

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Today I am in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the annual General Council meetings of the Baptist World Alliance.

According to Wikipedia, "Currently, the Baptist World Alliance brings together 210 Baptist groups representing over 47 million baptized believers in more than 200 countries. The group's stated goals are: (1) To Unite Baptists Worldwide; (2) To Lead in World Evangelization; (3) To Respond to People in Need; and (4) To Defend Human Rights."

The Alliance is divided into six regional or geographical fellowships: North American Baptist Fellowship, Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (formerly Asian Baptist Federation), All-Africa Baptist Fellowship, Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, Union of Baptists in Latin America, and European Baptist Federation. Each regional fellowship is served by an Executive Secretary."

Through the Baptist World Alliance I have been privileged to preach on four continents. Over the years there have been many memorable experiences. Probably, the most memorable was when I preached and taught for two weeks in Cuba at the seminaries and churches. To see the hunger that many had for the word of God was nothing short of remarkable.

In our close work with this national organization Shiloh has been privileged to have had two former presidents, Billy Kim (Korea) and David Coffey (Great Britain) to preach at our worship services.

Also, I am honored that the Alliance has asked me to preach the closing sermon for this year's meeting on July 8. Please keep me in prayer for this experience.

We thank God for the good work that is done by our brothers and sisters from around the world through the Baptist World Alliance.

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Sunday, July 10, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

15th Sunday of the Year –July 10 (Green)
Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

16th Sunday of the Year-July 17 ((Green)
Genesis 28:1-19a;
Psalm 139:1-122, 23, 24; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

17th Sunday of the Year –July 24 (Green)
Genesis 29:15-28;
Psalm 128 or 105:1-11, 45a-b;
Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-42

New Members Received by Mount Sinai Circle



Guest Speaker
7:45 A.M. Worship Service

Reverend C. A. Thompson

Pastor – Mt. Rona Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Reverend C. A. Thompson's profession of Christ at an early age set him on a providential course that carried him from his home church, Greater Revelation Baptist Church to minister far and near. In 1989 Pastor Elijah Marshall licensed Reverend Thompson, who continued to grow stronger in the proclamation of the Word of God. In 1996 Reverend Thompson was ordained by the authority and order of the Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Knightdale, North Carolina. With a servant's heart, Reverend Thompson strongly believes in the power of prayer and the use of innovative ideas for ministry. His passion for completing tasks with specific and clear timeliness and believing that prayer is vital to his work, further demonstrate his ability to lead by example. With 15 years of pastoral experience, Reverend Thompson is able to equip ministers to serve, counsel, teach and preach. An educated man of God, Reverend Thompson has received various degrees including a Masters of Divinity from Andersonville Baptist Seminary in Camilla, Georgia. He has pastored and preached at various churches in Illinois, North Carolina, Missouri and Maryland. He also served as Youth Pastor for the Antioch District Association in St. Louis, Missouri, was an instructor for the Youth Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA and a member of the NAACP.

In August of 2008, God sent Reverend C. A. Thompson to Mt. Rona Missionary Baptist Church. He is an anointed man of God who is not only a dynamic preacher, but a Pastor who tends carefully and lovingly over his sheep. He was installed on November 15, 2008. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Reverend Thompson preaches and teaches the unadulterated gospel.

Reverend Thompson has been blessed to be married to Susie R. Thompson and they are the parents of a lovely daughter, Corionna Alexis Thompson, whom he calls *Princess*.

One of his favorite Scriptures is Isaiah 61:1 – *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.*”

Pastor Thompson gives his all to the Glory of God.

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16

This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, July 10, 2011

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class	Sanctuary/Balcony
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 & Youth (9:30 a.m.)	216/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Mount Sinai Circle</i>)	TF/FLC

Monday, July 11, 2011

Administrative Offices & Family Life Center closes at 2:00 p.m.

9:00 – CDC Summer Program	LL/FLC
12:30 – Commemorative Cookbook Subcommittee Meeting	Deacons' Room

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

9:00 – CDC Summer Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class	RBC/FLC
6:00 – Bahamas Travelers Meeting	COH/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting	208/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

9:00 – CDC Summer Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
11:45 – Mid-Week Bible Study	Deacons' Room
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting	Turner Conference Room
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar	LL/FLC
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, July 14, 2011

9:00 – CDC Summer Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary

Friday, July 15, 2011

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

9:00 – CDC Summer Program	LL/FLC
6:00 – Pastor's 20 th Anniversary Gala	Grand Hyatt

Saturday, July 16, 2011

10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Meeting.....	LL/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts – Brownies	LL-A/FLC
10:00 – Girl Scouts –Cadettes.....	COH/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts	Library/FLC
10:00 – Christian Education Ministry Meeting.....	TF/FLC
10:00 – Trustee Board Meeting	216/FLC
10:00 – Usher Bulletin Preparation.....	Ushers' Room
12:00 – Missions Fellowship Meal	LL/FLC
1:00 – Interpreters Scripture Signing	HHS/FLC

Sunday, July 17, 2011

Pastor's 20th Anniversary Observance

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Jonathan Sunday School Class.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
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
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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.).....	216/FLC
New Members Workshop – Youth (9:30 a.m.).....	208/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting.....	Library
Pastor's 20 th Anniversary Reception.....	HH/FLC

Discipleship News

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended Lillie Frye (Shiloh Circle) in the loss of her sister-in-law, Vivian Tisdall, aunt of Deacon Jocelyn Summers (Queen Esther Circle) and Johnnie M. Thigpen (Excelsior Circle) in the loss of her husband, James Thigpen.

Thank You Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped to make this year's Vacation Bible School a resounding success. The teachers were outstanding, the students were inquisitive and our support staff was outstanding. Thank you again for another outstanding year! We are all now **Jesus Truth Seekers** who are beginning to uncover the truth that Jesus has taught! Peace & Blessings,

Tina B. Smith, Director
Carole Y. Hughes, Asst. Director

The family of Ava Morrow extends its sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love, sympathy and acts of kindness shown in their time of sorrow.

Ava Morrow & Family

Reverend Smith and each of you, my friends in Christ at Shiloh – thanks for your many acts of kindness during my father's illness and passing. I pray that goodwill continue to richly bless and shine upon you.

Dwight Siddell

Ushers' Corner

July

For Training, call Charlotte Balton-Hicks

(301) 499-0628

Sunday, July 10 – Unit #5 serves

Thursday, July 14 – Unit #5 serves

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

Sunday, July 17 – Unit #6 serves

Pastor's 20th Anniversary

Thursday, July 21 – Unit #6 serves

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

Sunday, July 24 – Units #1/3 serves

Circles Receiving New Members

July 10Mt. Sinai Circle

July 17Naomi Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

July 10 Excelsior Circle

July 17 Faith Circle

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

July 17 – Use God's Strength (Judges 3:15-25, 29-30). Eglon, the king of Moab, oppressed Israel for 18 years with a burdensome tax of money or produce. God raised up Ehud, of the tribe of Benjamin, as the judge or military leader.

July 24 – Let God Rule (Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25). The children of Israel were being oppressed by the Midianites, a nomadic tribe traditionally related to Israel (Genesis 25:1-6). Gideon became the judge of Israel and was instructed to limit the size of his army.



Saturday, August 20, 2011

10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fort Hunt Park, Fairfax County, Virginia

Shiloh, our Church Picnic Committee is busy at work planning to make this year's event the best ever and we need your help! We need volunteers and participants to sign up now for a committee or team (softball, Bid Whist, Spades, Kids' games). The Committee Chairs are listed below along with contact information. Your expertise and willingness to work are greatly needed and welcome. Sign up now and plan to be there!

Juan Holcomb – Food Committee - 301-257-5881

Liz Clark – Finance Committee - 301-596-5688

Dianne Lee – Finance Committee - 202-829-5222

Karlton Hart – Advertising Committee - 301-390-5767

Robert Gunn – Logistics Committee - 301-322-5855

Muriel Lewis – Entertainment Committee - 202-629-3837

Neal Pitts, Chair - 202-253-3836, 301-929-5222



2011 Pastoral Anniversary Celebration



The Clock is Ticking For the Gala

There is still a little time for you to join us at the gala at the Grand Hyatt Washington on July 15. The reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Shuttle Bus Service

The roundtrip bus schedule to and from the Grand Hyatt is as follows:

Departure from the Church

5:45

6:15

6:45

Return to the Church

9:30

10:00

10:30

Pastor Smith's Tenth Anniversary A Focus on the Second Five Years 1997-2001

Pastor Smith's 10th anniversary, *A Determined Disciple*, celebrated a ten-year mark for the Pastor. It marked a period of lows and highs; a period of challenges and changes; a period of devastation and inspiration; and a period of enthusiasm and spiritual growth for the congregation.

The long and arduous journey to rebuild the sanctuary was completed – a major milestone for this period. In March of 1998, the congregation marched in the current sanctuary after seven years of worship services in the gymnasium of the Family Life Center after the 1991 fire. Pastor Smith reminded us that the new building has but one purpose – to glorify God and to enable us to witness to our Lord in the Shaw community. He reminded us “that the building is not the church. Rather, we are the people of God called to be servants and to serve in God’s kingdom.”

Pastor Smith helped to develop and/or supported several outreach ministries. In addition to leading the congregation to

the dedication of a rebuilt sanctuary, some of Pastor Smith's other accomplishments during his second five years are below.

- Introduced a vision statement for Victory Village
- Supported establishment of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Council
- Increased participation of the Silent Mission in Worship Service
- Supported the re-configuration of the Young Adult Church School Class
- Organized the Ministries Council for collaboration of goals and objectives
- Supported the establishment of the Young Adult Ministry
- Combined two deaconess boards to strengthen responsibilities
- Created website and expanded in-house printing capabilities
- Organized vision planners to develop the vision of Building a Village that represents God's Kingdom
- Supported the establishment of a Shiloh Economic and Community Development Committee
- Increased emphasis on attentive pastoral care when members are in need

Anniversary Books *Pastor Smith's Years*

First, a heartfelt thank you to members who have shared their personal copies of Pastor Smith's anniversary books, materials and photographs with the Anniversary Committee. These historical record materials have been extremely valuable and useful; they are priceless.

20th Anniversary Celebration

A few words to describe our Pastor.

**Visionary. Influential. Spiritual.
Intellectual. Committed. Renowned.**

A few words that will describe the gala.

**Wow! Elegant! Imaginative. Entertaining.
Memorable. Exciting. Sizzling.**

A few words you will use to describe the gala.

You Ought to Be in Pictures!

Photography by Charles Stoutamire

Hats are off to Charles for providing exquisite photography services for the 20th Anniversary. If you would like to have a personal copy of the photograph you took with your Circle, Ministry, organization, or individually, email or telephone Charles at Charles_stoutamire@yahoo.com or at (202) 582-1758.

You will find Charles in Heritage Hall or around the Event Center today. The 8½ x 11 and 8x10 photographs are \$20.00. The 8½ x 14, with a mat is \$30.00.

Community Event

Healthy Living – Let's Move!

In less than 30 days, we will sponsor the final event to close-out the 20th anniversary activities. Do not forget to mark **Saturday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.**, on your calendar.

Taking a cue from First Lady Michelle Obama on healthy living and healthy kids, we are promoting healthier life-styles to the Shaw community. With your participation, we can make a small impact to combat children's obesity in our community. This can be as simple as partnering with our own child care development center to ensure nutritional meals and adequate exercise are provided for our future generation of leaders.

We have a dynamic line up of nutritional, physical fitness, and dance experts on-hand, as well as exhibitors and healthy refreshments to get you started. You will be off to a running start when you leave the event. In some small way, this will be a unique opportunity to supplement the life-style change you made when you participated in the 21-day Daniel Fast this spring. We may be able to start our very own "Biggest Loser" with a healthier life-style.

We will continue to provide information on this event over the next several weeks. For more information, contact Deaconess Carolyn Haynesworth-Murrell at (202) 445-7100.

"C"ee Pastor Smith

*Christian
Circumspect
Calm
Composed
Changer
Chosen
Competent
Compassionate
Communicator
Caring
Consistent
Considerate
Constant
Consummate
Conversant
Contemporary
Consultant
Consonant
Conscientious*

- Daisy Fitts

Bereavement Counseling

Wednesday, July 20, 2011-Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Have you or a loved one recently lost a family member, friend or associate? You have prayed and looked to the Lord for guidance. You have faith; yet, you find yourself in need of someone to speak with, someone with which to share your grief. Solace and hope may be found in meeting with like-minded individuals in an atmosphere of Christian love, comfort and serenity. Right here in our own VIP Lounge, Second Floor, Family Life Center. The meeting will last about one hour, starting Wednesday, July 20 through Wednesday, August 31 from 5-6 pm. For more information or to register for the sessions, please contact Minister Eileen Crawford Taylor (202)265-9829).

DVDs & CDs Available

Do you want a copy of our memorable Easter Sunday, Worship Services? Copies are now available from Dr. Hattie H. Davis.

CDs of the June 26, 2011 Worship Services - Reverend Lewis Anthony, guest preacher - are also available.

Claim The Victory Campaign

In Loving Memory
of
Our Beloved Aunt

Maggie Pettigrew Ferrill

June 30, 1903 – January 28, 1978

Vera G. Hunter
Frieda L. Hunter
Tenisha N. Easterly
\$500.00

Joint Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Church Meeting

Saturday, July 30, 2011

10:00 a.m.

YOUR FIRST LOVE!

“Did you not know that I must be about my father’s business?” Those were the words that the child Jesus Christ uttered all those years ago to his anxious parents who found him in the temple after temporarily losing contact with the future Savior (**Luke 2:49**). Even as a teenager Jesus had a hunger for truth and he fed that hunger through an intense focus and meditation of the Holy scriptures. The study of God’s word was his first love. Because of his great dedication and devotion to the word of God, Jesus became the absolute embodiment of **2 Timothy 2:15**, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Confronted by the devil early in his earthly ministry, Jesus repeatedly and soundly repelled Satan’s lies, rebuking him often with the phrase, “It is written,” found in **Matthew 4:4**.

We should all ensure that we follow Jesus’ great example and renew our commitment to Christian education. Regular attendance at Sunday School is a great way for adults and children to return to what should be our first love, a deeper relationship with our heavenly Father, nurtured by a consistent and focused study of His word. Consistency is the key; remember the words of Christ revealed in **Revelation 2:4**, “Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love.”

Christ led by example and so should we all. Adults should attend Sunday School regularly and we should bring our children. What better way to teach our children about the importance of learning God’s word and understanding His will for their lives. Jesus said it best in **Matthew 19:14** “Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven.” Our children are introduced to Jesus and they learn to trust and depend on him through the study of His word and the understanding of his life-guiding principles. So too must adults continually seek Christ with a child-like exuberance. Jesus’ striking words to an early church found in **Revelation 3:16**, speak to the importance of consistently seeking Christ and maintaining a hunger and thirst to obey his word, “Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

Having established that regular Sunday School attendance and focused Bible study is a way to return to our first love, now begs the question, who will teach the word? In many churches the same core groups of teachers carry a disproportionate share of responsibility in this vitally important role. There remains a gifted group on the sidelines who haven’t assumed their God-ordained role to share in this important ministry (**1 Cor 12: 1-11**). You might be a new Christian whom God is calling to step up and teach, and you might feel as though you aren’t seasoned enough. If God is calling you, the Holy Spirit will do the seasoning (**Isaiah 6 1-13**). You will experience spiritual growth like never before as you commit yourself to Bible study in preparation to teach Sunday School, and as God’s Spirit draws you nearer. We must be ever mindful of the charge to the early Church found in **James 1:22**, “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”

Finally, it’s important to reflect on the awesome responsibility associated with teaching God’s word. In order to do so effectively we must study to show ourselves approved, which requires sacrifice and commitment. God declares the following in **Isaiah 55:11**, “So shall my word go forth which cometh from my mouth, it shall not return unto me void.” How honorable, and how truly awesome it is to be used as an instrument, a holy vessel by which the Creator of the universe sends forth his word.

Let’s all make a pledge to renew our minds and recommit ourselves to our first love, let’s return to Sunday School starting this Sunday!

Written By: Colonel Jeremy Martin, U.S. Army
Submitted By: Deacon Charles D. Smith

