

The Shiloh Spirit



The Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith
Senior Minister

The Pastor's Pen

Congratulations to all the mothers of Shiloh, both biological and spiritual, who have nurtured, cared for and tutored countless numbers of children and young people throughout the years. On this day set aside to remember mothers, we salute you and thank God for all of your tireless efforts toward encouraging and inspiring succeeding generations.

On Good Friday, the Gospels record one of the greatest examples of a mother's faithfulness. As Jesus was dying on the cross his mother Mary stood by hoping she might help in some way to alleviate her son's suffering. Jesus acknowledged her compassion and devotion by placing her in the care of his beloved disciple, John. In the ancient world there were no financial support structures for widows. A woman could literally starve to death without a family to support her needs. Although Jesus was dying, he was mindful of how vulnerable his mother would be without his protection and care.

Just as mothers have selflessly attended to us, we must be mindful that as they grow older they become more at risk economically. In some of the budget-cutting debates some proposals would render aging mothers at the mercy of a too often cruel and indifferent political climate. As much as there is a need to balance the federal budget, there is also a need to ensure that Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security are never moved toward a position where our mothers can only afford to be elderly and sick if they are also well off.

We thank God for the mothers of Shiloh and of the world and will forever be indebted to those women who have sacrificed so much to bring us to the places we presently inhabit in life.

Last week we commented on the numbers of e-mails and phone calls we had received following Fox News's erroneous reports on what was preached during the President's visit on Easter. In the last week we have received an overwhelming number of supportive communications from persons all around the world. Notes of commendation for our church's work in proclaiming truth and justice have come from such countries as Cuba, Belarus, Australia, Zimbabwe and India. We also were blessed to have participated in a panel on Roland Martin's nationally syndicated talk show, as well as having been the subject of a front page article in the **Afro** newspaper and an editorial by Stephanie Robinson on the Tom Joyner Morning Show.

The Bible is never wrong. As Joseph said to his brothers upon the death of their father, *that which you meant for evil, God meant for good*. Many thanks to our wonderful Shiloh family for the way our congregation not only showed Five Star service during the President and the First Family's visit, but also for the excellent way you have handled the berating we received from one narrow and biased news outlet.

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Sunday, May 8, 2011

Reading Through The Bible

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 8 (White)
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
4th Sunday of Easter – May 15 (White)
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25;
John 10:1-10
5th Sunday of Easter – May 22 (White)
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 32:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter
2:2-10; John 14:1-14
6th Sunday of Easter – May 29 (White)
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter
3:13-22; John 14:15-21

New Members Received by Gideon Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, May 8, 2011 - *Happy Mother's Day*

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 (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
New Members Workshop/Youth (9:30 a.m.).....	208/FLC
Guest Hospitality (<i>Gideon Circle</i>).....	TF/FLC
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting.....	CANCELLED
Mount Sinai Circle Meeting.....	HHN/FLC
Ruth Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Monday, May 9, 2011

1:00 - Options Academy	Gym/FLC
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Tuesday, May 10, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
1:00 – Options Academy	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
6:00 – Chess Class	TF/FLC
6:30 – Finance Committee Meeting.....	208/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	HHS/FLC
6:30 – Village Council Meeting.....	LL/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, May 11, 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 – Financial Peace University	HHS/FLC
6:30 – Family Life Center Board of Directors Meeting.....	Turner Conference Room
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	HHS/FLC
6:30 – Financial Peace University Seminar	LL/FLC
7:00 - Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	COH/FLC

Thursday, May 12, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	LL/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting	HH/FLC
1:00 - Options Academy	Gym/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:15 – Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary
7:00 – Bible Institute	Sanctuary

Friday, May 13, 2011

1:00 - Options Academy	Gym/FLC
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Saturday, May 14, 2011

9:00 – Taekwondo Class	RBC/FLC
9:00 - Finance & Economic Development Seminar	Gym/FLC
10:00 - Usher Bulletin Preparation	LL/FLC
10:00 – WiFi Café	TF/FLC
10:00 – Gideon Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting	Mezzanine Conference Room
10:00 – Senior Choir Executive Board Meeting	Choir Room
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting	Library/FLC
11:00 – Deaconess Ministry Meeting	LL/FLC
1:00 – FLC Missions Meeting	COH/FLC
2:00 – New Generation of Praise Dance Rehearsal	LL/FLC

Sunday, May 15, 2011 – *Youth & Young Adult Emphasis*

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
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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
Guest Hospitality (<i>Golden Deed Circle</i>)	TF/FLC
New Members Workshop/Adults	216/FLC
New Members Workshop/Youth	208/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Grace Circle Meeting	RBC/FLC
King’s Messengers Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Olivet Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting	Library/FLC

Discipleship News

Welcome New Members

Cheryl A. Nathaniel – Gideon Circle
Jacqueline J. Nathaniel – Gideon Circle

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jeanie Bates (Eula Mae Harrison Circle) and Merelyn Bates-Mims (Helping Hand Circle) in the loss of their mother, Luelva Bates-Rhodes

Thank You Note

On behalf of the Silent Mission Anniversary Committee, I would like to thank Reverend Smith, Reverend Mensah, Reverend Kuykendall, Muriel Lewis, the Silent Mission Circle, Tyrone Goodwyn and Shiloh Interpreting Team, Co-Chairs: Deaconess Margaret Williams and Jewell Brinson, and members of the Ministry of Deacons for your support and hard work in making our 98th Anniversary Celebration a success.

Deacon Rita L. Andrews

Circles Receiving New Members

May 8Gideon Circle
May 15Golden Deed Circle
May 22 Golden Rule Circle
May 29 Grace Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

May 8Adah Circle
May 15Alpha Circle
May 22.....Antioch Circle
May 29Berean Circle

Ushers' Corner May

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

Sunday, May 8 –Unit #6 Serves

Thursday, May 12 – Unit #6 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service – Bible Institute

Sunday, May 15 –Units #1/3 Serve

Thursday, May 19 –Units #1/Serve
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service – Bible Institute

Sunday, May 22 –Unit #2 Serves

Tuesday, May 24 – Usher Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Executive Board; 7:00 p.m. – General Board

Thursday, May 26 – Unit #2 Serves
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service - Bible Institute

Sunday, May 29 – Unit #4 Serves

Children/Youth Day

The Children/Youth Day Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, May, 11, 2011 at 6:30 pm. You are invited to join us in planning a Spirit-filled fun weekend for our children and youth. If you have questions, or would like to be a part of the planning committee, you may contact Zenobia Bingham (301/220-3442), Towanna Friend (202/723-6560) or Minister Thomas Bowen (202/486-6158).

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

THE CIRCLE LEADERS COUNCIL

Needs You!!!

Any member interested in being trained to become a Circle Leader may contact Deaconess Reather Felton at 301 / 559-0812

2011 Pastoral Anniversary Celebration



Pastor's Story

In the challenge to choose between several of my family's experiences with Pastor Smith, I was able to narrow it down to three events: 1) Pastor and Mrs. Smith's first visit to our home in order to bless our youngest grandchild; 2) Pastor Smith's counseling of a daughter at a critical time; and 3) a marital conference with him in his office. Of these three, the last one has had the most impact on my life. Joe, my late husband, and I were thinking about selling our home and moving out of town. I still experience the blessings that came with following the Pastor's advice to make the move. His fervent prayer for us was full of pastoral love and concern. I felt that love and concern during Joe's illness and passing. And even though I am not present in Shiloh as often as I would like, I still feel I can count on the love and concern of our Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Wallace Charles Smith.

Mabel W. Thornton

Six-Word Memoirs

Academician, Charismatic, Gentlemanly, Realist, Problem-solver, Reconciler

Deacon James H. Grigsby, III

"Sermon: The devil works for GOD"

Juanita O. Coye Bailey



EVENT CENTER OPENED FOR BUSINESS

Don't forget to stop by the Event Center after one of the Services today. At the Center, you will discover the friendly faces of a few Pastoral Anniversary Committee (20th PAC) members who are standing by to assist you with your requirements. Committee members are providing a one-stop shopping opportunity. You can take care of three things at one time.

Gala tickets – Shiloh members and friends are making deposits for a ticket or a table. A few circles are requesting tables as well. Members, circles, and other ministries, if you

think you will need a table; stop by as soon as you can to make the arrangement with a PAC member.

Patrons – if you want name listed in the souvenir journal, you will only need \$2, \$20, or \$200. So come on around and sign up today. You can't beat the price.

Greetings and ads – stop by the Center and pick up information to provide your greeting or ad. Remember that Shiloh members will receive a discount if ads and greetings are purchased by May 25. Partner with other members, Circles, and groups for a greeting.

Your ad or greeting can be in color and should be camera-ready. If you hand-write your greeting or ad, we will have someone to provide you with a draft to review. Your logos must be in .esp, jpeg, or tiff format.

Provide your ad or greeting, with your check, to a PAC member or leave it in an envelope marked **PAC** in the mailbox labeled "P" at the Security Desk (lobby of the Family Life Center). You can also email to pac20@shilohbaptist.org and give your check to a PAC member at the Event Center.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD...

Stories, Reflections, and Memoirs

Story - Share your fondest experience about Pastor Smith in no more than two paragraphs.

Reflection - What are some of the "firsts" that you recall under Pastor Smith?

Memoir – Describe Pastor Smith's 20-year journey at Shiloh as a six-word memoir. *Punctuation marks and special characters do not count.*

Leave your documents marked **PAC** in the mailbox labeled "P" at the Security Desk (lobby of the Family Life Center) email to pac20@shilohbaptist.org.

20th PAC May Meetings

Date: May 9 & 23, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Venue: Howard University, School of Dentistry
600 W Street, NW



A SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 9

The Five Star Church: Serving God and His People with Excellence

NOTE: Select quotes and passages from the book are presented. Those highlighted represent main points or areas of special interest particularly important for Shiloh leaders to understand or consider.

Chapter Nine - Sweat the Small Stuff

“Our attention to detail must result in major and minor actions.” “The work that goes into improving a service or product from 90 to 97 percent can often require 20 to 40 percent more work. **Obviously, we can’t do everything with top-notch excellence. That would be poor stewardship. The best quality people know what needs to be the best and what can slide.**

“Sweating the small stuff means taking care of the details that create a sense of excellence for the people involved in the ministry, both givers and receivers. People notice it.”

“Quality, like everything in life, tends to beget itself. What you find is that people and resources are attracted to excellence, which allows you to increase quality even more.”

A leader’s job is to help organizations become more effective. The manager’s job is to pursue efficiency. Churches are not unlike most businesses. They may pride themselves in striving to be more efficient, but they rarely take a hard look at what it is that’s keeping them from being more effective, or even analyze what it means to be effective. The feedback is often too intimidating.”

“We need to determine what we want to be effective at and then pursue it with diligence.”

“Before we pour our attention into the details, we need to make sure that we’re pursuing the right goals and that we can accomplish those goals. The organizational realm used to be mission statements. If you look at most church mission statements, they’re much the same. They have to do with elements of worship, fellowship and reaching the world for Christ. **But where is the accountability? Are we accomplishing our mission? Mission statements are worthless unless we establish measurable standards.**”

“If we don’t create a group structure in which the **tough questions on effectiveness can be asked, we’ll play games and avoid the truth.**”

“Effectiveness is doing the right thing and efficiency is doing things right. It’s usually difficult to be effective when efficiency is low, but high efficiency does not guarantee effectiveness. **You can be making great time going in the wrong direction.** Many congregations place a lot of time and energy into ministries and events that yield few long-term results. The problem is that more and more energies go into efficiency and less and less into seeing whether you are still being effective.”

“No one can complain about the motives and intentions of most churches,” **“The bottom line, however, is stewardship. Is this the best use of our time, talent and resources?”**

“How do you find that balance where you don’t put too much energy into quality at the expense of reducing effectiveness?” “It’s always a judgment call. **That’s where measurements come into play.** If you can track a ministry, you can get a feel of whether attention to detail is adding or detracting from effectiveness.

If a church nursery does not take care of little issues like registration, diaper changing and any number of little issues, it will begin to overlook many other details and lose ground with church members.

“Too much dust in an air filter will shut down your air-conditioning system. Too many particles of dirt in a fuel filter will keep the car from running. **By helping people see how an attention to detail keeps their ministries running well, we can keep their attention on effectiveness and the big picture.**

“A nice facility, glossy brochures, wonderful music and quality child care doesn’t necessarily make you effective in ministry. If you’re doing things well, but those things do not create effectiveness, then you’d better change what you’re doing until you find what will make you effective and still in the ministry business.”

In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Paul says, “**Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men **so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel in its blessings.**”

For Paul, effectiveness in ministry was his bottom line. What’s our goal and how can we get there? Efficiency has to do with how we get there - slow, fast, smooth or bumpy. **The goal of efficiency is to be effective with the fewest snags and the least resources consumed (time, money, talent) so that we can invest in other areas effectiveness.**

But Paul recognized that a part of effectiveness usually involved some sort of painful discipline. He continued by saying, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize” (1 Cor. 9:24-27).**

“Winning the prize” is another phrase for effectiveness. **The goal of quality improvement is not necessarily to do what we are doing with more efficiency, but to do it with more effectiveness.** The foolish steward in Jesus’ parable (see Matt. 25) was very efficient with how he buried his talent. In fact, he saved a lot more energy and took a lot less risk than stewards given two and five talents. But of course, he was called foolish and was tossed out for torment. God holds us accountable for our life and ministry investments. **He expects results effective.**

What Paul was talking about in his famous “win some” passage was cultural relevance. As any missionary, he knew that the way to effectiveness was to become like the people he wanted to reach.

Our goal is to reach people in a certain culture. Even within a single community, you cannot realistically hope to reach everyone. That is why God places different styles of congregations in a cluster effect. But many congregations do not understand the subculture that God has called them to reach.

Jesus told stories from the culture of the people to whom He ministered so that they could envision the kingdom of God. The test for veracity is the bearing of spiritual fruit. If the message you communicate in twenty-first century terms results in changed lives and the fruit of the Spirit (see Gal. 5:22, 23), then you have to recognize it as God’s blessing.

Provided by Gilbert Smith, Chair
Trustee Board

If you ordered and paid for a copy of the book entitled, The Five Star Church, you may pick up your copy today from Dr. Hattie Davis following the 7:45 or 10:55 a.m. worship service at the Event Center.

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Of
My Mother

Mrs. Hettie McCoy Wortham

Euna L.W.J. Smith
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In Memory
of

Ashland V. Vaughn

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*Today recalls sad memories
of a loved one gone to rest,
And those who think of you today are those who loved you best*

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From the Ministry of Deacons

Thoughts on the Lenten Fast

In the midst of the excitement of the First family worshipping at Shiloh on Easter Sunday, we failed to adequately celebrate the ending of our church-wide fast during the Lenten Season. The introduction of the concept of fasting was in itself a significant milestone for Shiloh. We were all probably surprised to see the majority of our congregation approach the altar during altar call at our Sunday April 10 worship service. If you will recall, Reverend Mensah invited everyone who was about to embark on the fast to come to the altar for prayer. Many of us had no idea that the concept of fasting had been accepted and embraced by so many of our members. It was indeed a memorable moment for Shiloh and a testimony that *God* is truly in our midst and working on Shiloh. *He* is doing a new thing with us.

Throughout the 21 days of fasting, our members called each other to check to see how we were doing. We shared recipes and tips on where to find foods that were acceptable for the fast. We also shared information on how and what to order at restaurants. Many of us also shared details of the benefits to our digestive systems, our sleeping habits and weight loss. Shiloh's food service team did an excellent job at creating the Daniel Fast breakfast menu option which was widely accepted and will form the basis of a healthy breakfast option moving forward.

The noon-day prayer calls provided moments of reflection and allowed us to center our thoughts on the journey of our *Lord and Savior to His* death and resurrection. The prayers, testimonies and reflections were spirit-filled and led by our ministerial team, Ministry of Deacons, our members as well as Christian friends from all over.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Second Quarter Report

January-March 2011

Deepening Our Spirituality, Responsibility and Accountability

Finance - As a result of Shiloh's continued membership giving, year-to-date the Church was in the black with net operating income of \$244,046, which was \$144,821 better than budget. During the 2nd quarter, the Church received over \$55,000 in support from eGiving. The Church also received a \$30,000 member contribution to support new carpeting in the sanctuary. The FY2010 financial statement audit has been completed.

Property Maintenance/Development - FLC electrical and parsonage driveway repairs were completed. The parsonage driveway repairs were funded by a \$10,000 member contribution. Based on a structural engineering review, the room on the second level of the gym has been temporarily closed. Additional contractor bids have been reviewed for the Wallace Charles Smith Community Services Building at 1533 Ninth Street NW. Plans are to begin construction in mid 2011. Contractor bids have been received for installation of new carpeting in the sanctuary. Insurance proceeds have been received for replacement of the sanctuary roof.

Legal -The Trustees accepted on behalf of the Church a \$300,000 life insurance policy from Evelyn Hider, whereby Shiloh Baptist Church is the sole owner and beneficiary. Ms. Hider's attorney has requested that Shiloh consider establishing a separate legal entity (IRS 509(a) (3)) to establish a Shiloh Endowment on behalf of Ms. Hider. Review of the Luther Lust and Helen Hansborough estates continue to be in process.

Personnel - Employee appraisal form, leave policy and time sheet revisions have been made. The church employee handbook is under review.

Food Service - Food Service operations and controls continue to be strengthened. A continental menu item has been added to Sunday breakfast.

Succession Planning - The following members have been added to Trustee committees: Charles Randolph-Property, Frank Walker-Finance, Linda Winfrey-Personnel, and Carla Smith-Legal. Alexandra Woodruff has been selected as a Junior Trustee and Sanford Booth has been selected as a youth representative on the Finance Committee. Each member was approved by the Ministry of Deacons.

Strategic Planning - The Trustee Chair and other church leaders attended a summit in Hunt Valley, Maryland to discuss the future direction, quality, and excellence of the Church. The book, "The Five Star Church" by Stan Toler was used as a guide for church quality, excellence and service. Trustees also planned and attended the Leadership Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gilbert Smith, Chair
Dr. Rochelle Hardy, Vice Chair



Spring Revival

Reviving Mind, Body and Spirit

**Reverend Jacqueline Thompson – Guest
Revivalist**

**Assistant Pastor –Allen Temple Baptist Church
Oakland, California**

Sunday, May 22 – Tuesday May 24, 2011

Musical Guest (Monday & Tuesday)

Willie Blount

Gospel Jazz Brunch

Caribbean Cuisine

Sunday, May 22, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

Todd Ledbetter, Saxophonist

Curtis Byrd, Guest Chef

Tickets (\$25.00) available today at the Event Center



