

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

The execution of Troy Davis in Georgia this week calls attention to the racial disparities in this Nation's criminal justice system.

From early childhood, African American children live under the Damocles Sword of entrenched poverty, rampant drugs, and inadequate school systems. All of these factors lay the foundation for the prison industrial complex, a reality that is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

Conservative forces in this Nation would argue that African Americans constitute a criminal element that can only be controlled by rigorous containment, *i.e.*, mandatory jail sentences, and little if any sensitivity to the conditions that breed crime and violence.

During the Nixon presidency in 1973, the Drug Enforcement Administration was created and the popular expression, "the war on drugs", became a household word. As Barry McCaffery, President Clinton's Drug Czar, stated in 1996, "*Anything waged against a shapeless, intangible noun can never be won*". However, using the language of war permits the suspension of civilities and allows law enforcement to attack the problem by any means necessary. The result for African Americans was a wholesale rise of illegal search and seizure, the suspension of civil rights and the eventual mass incarceration of primarily young Black and Latino men.

Whether Troy Davis did or did not shoot an off duty policeman, the fact is that he is only one of thousands of young Black men who have been lured into a system of crime and violence where there is little incentive to address the core of the problem because too many municipalities around the country have found prisons to be good business, and African American and Latino youth are the commodity necessary for that business to thrive.

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Sunday, September 25, 2011

**Lectionary: Reading Through
The Bible**

*26th Sunday of the Year – September 25
(Green)
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*

*27th Sunday of the Year – October 2
(Green)
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Phillipians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*

**New Members Received by
Social Reapers Circle**



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, September 25, 2011

148th Church Anniversary Celebration

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.).....	216/FLC
148 th Anniversary Cruise (2:00 p.m.).....	Gym

Monday, September 26, 2011-Administrative Offices and Family Life Center Facilities

Closes at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/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 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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, September 28, 2011

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

Thursday, September 29, 2011

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	Library/FLC
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting	HHS/FLC
4:00 – Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 – Mid-Week Prayer & Praise Service.....	Sanctuary

Friday, September 30, 2011 - Administrative Office & Family Life Center Closes at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1, 2011

9:00 – Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
9:00 – 100 Black Men Saturday Academy	Gym/FLC
9:30 – WiFi Café.....	HHS/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting.....	RBC/FLC
10:00 – Usher Board Bulletin Preparation	LL/FLC
10:00 – Ministry of Deacons Meeting.....	Deacons’ Room
10:00 – Evangelism Ministry Service	COH/FLC

Sunday, October 1, 2011

Unity Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion



DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Combined Adult Church School Classes.....	Sanctuary
Combined Middle School and Senior High Church School Classes	TF/FLC
Combined Children’s Church School Classes	LL/FLC
Youth Church (10:00 a.m.).....	COH/FLC
Guest Hospitality (Torch Bearers Circle)	TF/FLC
HBCU Council Meeting	LL/FLC
Nurses Unit Meeting	Library/FLC
YACS Fellowship Meeting.....	HHN/FLC

Discipleship News

2013 Anniversary Tour Update SAVE THE DATE!!!

Welcome New Member

David Lee Morrow – Shiloh Circle

Baby Dedication

Congratulations to **Zen Akeli Bryant** (Kahlil Kuykendall-Bryant & Stanley Bryant – parents); **Lyric Lucinda Nelson** (Bianca Fox & Anthony Nelson – parents); **Gabrielle Elizabeth Reynolds** (Cassandra Z. Bryan-Reynolds & William Benjamin Reynolds III – parents) and **Olukayo Wallace Smith-Souza** (Christen Anne Smith-Souza & Clayton Rogerio Souza – parents) who were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, September 18, 2011. We pray that **Zen, Lyric, Gabrielle** and **Olukayo** grow to be strong Disciples of Christ.

Dr. Mark Wilson of Tutku Tours will be presenting information of the upcoming anniversary tour on November 5, 2011 in Heritage Hall at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wilson will provide information on some of the sites that will be visited, review the itinerary and offer a Q&A session to answer any questions.

Mr. Wilson is the founder and director of the Asia Minor Research Center in Antalya, Turkey which focuses on the early Jewish and Christian history of Asia Minor. He is also the author of the book, **Biblical Turkey**, a guide to the Jewish and Christian sites of Asia Minor.

All are invited, even if you did not sign up and please notify all persons in your individual groups of this first step in preparing for our spectacular Anniversary Tour of the Holy Land and Egypt.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Deacon Robert Gunn (Naomi Circle) in the loss of his aunt, Bessie Gunn; Deacon Jocelyn Frye Summers (Queen Esther Circle) in the loss of her mother, Lillie Frye (Shiloh Circle) and Elnora Lewis (Antioch Circle) in the loss of her mother, Cora P. McLendon – grandmother of Muriel Lewis (Naomi Circle).

97th Annual Ushers' Day Observance

Prayer Breakfast

Standing Before God's Open Doors

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

Reverend Dexter Nutall, Pastor
New Bethel Baptist Church
Guest Speaker

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

Thank You Notes

Dear Pastor Smith and my Beloved Shiloh Family --My family thanks you for answered prayers for our loved one, Darryl Parker, during his recent hospitalization. We depended on faith-filled prayers for Darryl's healing and to support us during this time when healing was uncertain. Because you prayed, however, God's good grace and healing were steady and complete. Darryl is now on the road to recovery and we are most grateful! He remains under intense medical care, so please keep him in your prayers for continued improvement. I especially want to thank Deacon Diana Roach for serving as the prayer liaison for my family, getting the prayer requests out in a timely and sincere fashion. May God bless each of you for your kindness and loving support, and may He continue to sustain you in this work of mercy. Always and forever grateful,

Sharon Parker and Family

Thank you Pastor Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconesses, Hill Climbers, Torch Bearers and Olivet Circles, Usher Units and the many Shiloh members for the cards, visits and prayers during the illness and continued recovery of Ollie Person. Our Mom was released from the National Rehabilitation Hospital on September 20th. She is currently staying with daughter Linda Johnson. She is making moderate progress daily, towards full recovery. Thanks for keeping Ollie Person and our family in your prayers.

Gloria Bell, Maceo and David Person and the entire Person Family

Circles Receiving New Members

October 2 Torch Bearers Circle
October 9 Unity Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

October 2 King's Messengers Circle
October 9 Mt. Sinai Circle

Circles Leading Mid-Week Worship

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

September 29 Sacrifice & Shiloh Circles
October 6 Silent Misson & Social Rapers Circles
October 13 Torch Bearers & Unity Circles

Church School Open House

You are invited to attend the 2011 Shiloh Church School Open House on October 23rd from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gymnasium. This open house will feature all of the Church School classes for persons age 18 and older. At this event, you will meet class members in a relaxed setting and learn about the activities of each class.

Attending Church School classes is one of the most important ways that you can work to deepen your spirituality.

Mark your calendar, attend, and bring a friend/neighbor/family member.

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

Teaching and Learning

September 25 - Wisdom and Discernment (Proverbs 25:1-10) – In this lesson, the proverbs of Solomon were collected by King Hezekiah. While they originally meant to help those who dealt with a king, these verses have positive applications for a wide variety of relationships. They offer wisdom on values such as humility, honesty, discretion and respect.

October 2 – An Ordered Life (Proverbs 29:16-27) – Wisdom is provided for living an ordered life. Wickedness and unrighteousness affect the entire community. However, God and God's laws are the ultimate sources of justice, and righteousness will prevail. God wants people to revere Him and obey Him by ordering their lives in the way of God.

October 9 - The Superiority of Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 9:13-18) – The parable of a poor man who saved a town is shared as an example of quiet, thoughtful wisdom. Wisdom is greater than strength and soft-spoken wisdom is better than loud words of foolishness.

Federal and State Government employees can now make contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way by using the following codes: CFC 55022 and the United Way 9816.

From the Ministry of Deacons

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16

I accepted the position of Deacon of Shiloh after much prayer, and consultation with family and friends.

As we approach our first anniversary as Deacons, I often reflect back to one of our first Deacon's class which taught us how Deacons came into existence. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and started to go about doing the work they were chosen to do. This work they were to do would take them away from their homes and hometowns, and they realized there was a need to have some men there to take care of the widows and orphans. They had the people look for seven men that were full of the spirit and wisdom to overlook the duties of distributing of food to those in need. They found the seven and presented them to the Apostles and they laid hands on them to fill them with the Holy Spirit. The seven were then sent out to do God's work in the world.

This is how deacons are ordained today, by the Church laying hands on them. There are no words that can explain the feelings that rush through you at that moment. The closest I can come up with is WOW, God really has a plan for me. I still do not know what it is I am to accomplish, but if it is what God wants me to do it will be good.

I am very humbled and honored to be a Deacon at Shiloh. To me, becoming a Deacon means to serve our congregation, visit the sick and shut in, and to assist our pastor not only in word, but in actions. There are many challenges, of course, but sometimes when you witness just one person becoming closer to the presence of God in their life, one person experiencing the healing of belonging again, of finding new life – or when you know you have the privilege of being part of the way God is working to make all things new – then nothing compares with this.

Deacon Warren C. Pyles III

Women of Shiloh

We need your input, spirit-filled ideas and energy to plan Women's Day and other fellowship and service programs with the women of Shiloh. The first planning meeting for the Women's Day activities is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., in the Library. If you are interested in serving on the committee - please contact LaVerne Atiba (202-879-2731).

