

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## The Pastor's Pen

*"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!"* Many of us know these words as the familiar first stanza of the popular Easter hymn. However, many may not realize that these words were the basis of the earliest Christian sermons.

For the last two thousand years, Christianity has become synonymous with stained glass windows, soaring cathedrals, majestic choirs and sanctuaries full of devout worshippers. We often tend to forget that in the first few years after Christ's resurrection there were no great cathedrals, vested choirs or structured worship services. The first sermons were the excited sharings of joyous believers, that in spite of all they did to our Lord, He is alive. They whispered the message in market places; they knocked on doors and shared the good news. Whenever they could get a hearing, they proclaimed over and over *"He lives"*.

In this 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the task for contemporary believers is never to lose the excitement and enthusiasm of our faith. It is easy to become jaded when the bragging rights of our time center around such things as who has the largest pipe organ, who has the highest ratings on the Christian Broadcasting Network, who has the largest budget or the fastest growing membership. In and of themselves there is nothing wrong with any of these things, but when "things" get in the way of our pure unadorned relationship with the living Savior, we must check ourselves and our commitments.

Our prayer for our church and all churches on this Easter Sunday morning is that we will remain excited about this day in all that we do. As we wipe the sleep from our eyes, attend sunrise worship, join in with the Sunday School for dramatic depictions, bring our joyous praise to our other worship services, enjoy an Easter brunch with family and friends, let us be joyous about the news that *"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today"*.

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Sunday, April 12, 2009

## Reading Through The Bible

**April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
*Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:45-43; Mark 16:1-8*

**April 19**  
*Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31*

New Members Received by  
Hill Climbers Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*

**Sunday, April 12, 2009**

**Easter Sunday**



Early Morning Prayer Service (5:00 a.m.).....	Prayer Room
DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
Church School Easter Program (8:30 am).....	Sanctuary
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
Bethel Circle Meeting .....	208/FLC

**Monday, April 13, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
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**Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - FLC Board Meeting .....	208/FLC
6:30 - HBCU Council Meeting .....	216/FLC
7:00 - <b>Tornado Taekwondo Class</b> .....	RBC/FLC
7:15 - Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
11:45 - Mid-Week Bible Study.....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club.....	HH/FLC
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:00 - Male Youth Enhancement SAT Class.....	LL/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 - <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

**Thursday, April 16, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class .....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service.....	Sanctuary

## Friday, April 17, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach ..... 216/FLC

## Saturday, April 18, 2009

9:30 - Tennis At Shiloh ..... Gym/FLC  
9:30 - Health Ministry Meeting ..... Library/FLC  
10:00 - Evangelism Ministry Meeting ..... LL/FLC  
11:00 - Step Team Practice ..... RBC/FLC  
12:00 - Missions Fellowship Meal ..... LL/FLC  
10:00 - Christian Education Ministry Meeting ..... TF/FLC  
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting ..... 216/FLC  
10:00 - Trustee Board Meeting ..... Turner Building  
12:00 - CLC Shiloh Stars Rehearsal ..... Gym/FLC  
2:00 - New Generation Praise Dancers ..... RBC/FLC

## Sunday, April 19, 2009

### Youth & Young Adult Emphasis

### Baby Dedication

### All Church School Classes Meet at 9:30 a.m.

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.) ..... Deacons' Room  
DCCF Credit Union ..... LL/FLC  
Alpha Church School Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Caleb Church School Class ..... Sanctuary/P Street Side  
E.L. Harrison Sunday School Class ..... COH/FLC  
Ever Ready Sunday School Class ..... Library/FLC  
Excelsior Sunday School Class ..... Sanctuary/Center  
Genesis Sunday School Class ..... RBC/FLC  
John A. Miles Sunday School Class ..... 208/FLC  
Littlejohn Sunday School Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Silent Mission Sunday School Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Waldron/Gill Sunday School Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Walker Memorial Sunday School Class ..... 216/FLC  
Young Adult Sunday School Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Nursery & Pre-K Sunday School Class ..... LL-A&B/FLC  
Elementary & Upper Elementary Sunday School Classes ..... LL/FLC  
Middle School Sunday School Class ..... RBC/FLC  
Senior High Sunday School Class ..... TF/FLC  
Jonathan Sunday School Class ..... Sanctuary/Balcony  
Guest Hospitality ..... TF/FLC  
Communications Ministry Exhibits ..... HH/FLC  
Berean Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
Ever Ready Circle Meeting ..... 208/FLC  
Calvary Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
Dorcas Circle Meeting ..... Ft. Washington, MD  
Grace Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
Helping Hand Circle Meeting ..... LL/FLC  
Hope Circle Meeting ..... 216/FLC  
King's Messengers Circle Meeting ..... Library/FLC  
Olivet Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
Pilgrim Circle Meeting ..... Gym/FLC  
Victory Circle Meeting ..... COH/FLC

## Welcome New Members

Kennedie Marie Futrell – Sunshine Elementary Circle  
Savannah Catherine Waymer – Sunshine Elementary Circle

*Thank You*

Dear Pastor Smith, Deacon and Trustee Boards, Haggai Circle and the rest of my Shiloh Family – thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and telephone calls to me and my family in the passing of my brother-in-law, William T. Hall. The Hall Family is so appreciative of your acts of kindness and please know that Shiloh Baptist Church is in my daily prayers.

Jo Fisher-Hall

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee, Pastor Smith and the Shiloh family for honoring me with the Cirtie Mae Turner Award on Scholarship Sunday. I am truly blessed to be a member of the Shiloh family. I thank you for all of your support and ask for your continued prayers as I pursue my college education. I look forward to continuing to give back to Shiloh and my family for all that you have given to me.

Erin Young

The family of Lillian Shelton Pruden thanks its Shiloh family for the expressions of concern, compassion and condolences received upon the passing of our loved one. During our many years of membership/fellowship within the congregation, your love has been shown consistently. While we thank you, we are aware that your kindnesses are reflections of God's love, and we appreciate it. May he continue to bless you.

Parthenia Shelton Pruden & Eloise Shelton Curry

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eleanor Stewart (Helping Hand Circle) in the loss of her husband, Reginald Stewart ( Helping Hand Circle); Elaine E. Thomas (Omega Circle) in the loss of her brother, Paul L. Gibson, Sr. and JoAnn McDonald (Grace Circle) in the loss of her father, Herbert McDonald, Sr., grandfather of Leslie Thompson (Grace Circle).

### Circles Receiving New Members

April 12.....Hill Climbers Circle  
April 19 .....Hope Circle

### Circles Serving Breakfast

April 12.....Friendly Circle  
April 19.....Hope Circle

### Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.)

April 16.....Omega & Phoebe Circles

## THE USHERS' CORNER APRIL 2009

**Sunday, April 12 – Unit #4 Serves**  
Easter Sunday

6 a.m. Sunrise Service

10 a.m. Morning Worship Service

**Thursday, April 16**

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Unit #4 Serves  
Bible Institute

**Sunday, April 19 – Unit #5 Serves**

**Thursday, April 23**

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Unit #5 Serves  
Bible Institute

**Sunday, April 26 – Unit #6 Serves**

**Tuesday, March 28 – Usher Board Meetings**

6 p.m. Executive Board

7 p.m. General Board (Unit #5 Devotions)

**Thursday, April 30**

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise, Unit #6 Serves  
Bible Institute

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

## NAACP Centennial Empowerment Week

The Washington, DC NAACP will host the NAACP Centennial Empowerment Week, which will be a week of events from Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 18, 2009. The events are a series of social justice, educational and social events commemorating the NAACP's 100 years of fighting for social justice. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information visit

[www.naacpdc.org/centennial/index.htm](http://www.naacpdc.org/centennial/index.htm).

## Farewell to Reverend Jacqueline Thompson

Since its inception in November 1982, the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation has achieved much success in facilitating the mission of its visionary founder. The first such foundation of its kind, the Family Life Center Foundation has been imitated by other churches nationwide, seeking to provide similar services.

Under the leadership of its current Executive Director, Reverend Jacqueline Thompson, the Family Life Center Foundation has received over 5 million dollars in revenue. Some of the programs established during that time frame have received national recognition for their service. Moreover, the Foundation has attracted the attention and support of celebrities, local and national politicians, and a host of humanitarians. The Family Life Center Foundation continues to impact the lives of the least, the lost, the locked out, and the left behind. Importantly the potential of the Family Life Center Foundation for expanded growth and impact is still limitless.

While both Shiloh and the Family Life Center Foundation have been blessed by Reverend Thompson's sojourn in Washington, DC, exigencies beyond her control will preclude her continuation as the Family Life Center Foundation Executive Director. Effective April 10<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Thompson vacated her position as Family Life Center Foundation Executive Director. The Board of Directors and staff of the Family Life Center Foundation will miss her tremendously. We will miss her preaching and service to the Family Life Center Foundation and Shiloh during her previous capacity as Minister of Youth. Reverend Thompson will preach at Shiloh in May before she leaves the area to return to California and a farewell reception will be held for her following that worship service. More information will be shared in an upcoming issue of the Shiloh Spirit. You may contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057) for more information.

## HBCU Corner

A virtual campus tour can help cut the cost of actually visiting colleges. At [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com), you will find tours aggregated from hundreds of schools' websites. You can view panoramic snapshots of key campus locations at 1,200 colleges. The best substitute for an actual visit is a \$15 DVD from Collegiate Choice ([www.collegiatechoice.com](http://www.collegiatechoice.com)).

## It's Easter Time

*Hallelujah it's Easter time  
Clear your hearts and steer your mind  
Toward that resurrection day  
When Christ arose to clear the way.*

*Salvation's plan is now completed  
Satan knows he's been defeated  
And we know through Jesus Christ  
We can have eternal life.*

*Praise to God our living King  
Praise 'til earth and heaven ring  
Praise 'til all kindred's find  
The love of God and peace of mind.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, the day has come  
To worship Jesus, God's only son  
And yield to Him our very life  
In thanksgiving for His sacrifice.*

*First the cross, and then the grave  
Our sinful, sinful souls to save  
On Easter morn, clear and bright  
Brought to us eternal life.*

By: Carrie T. Dublin



