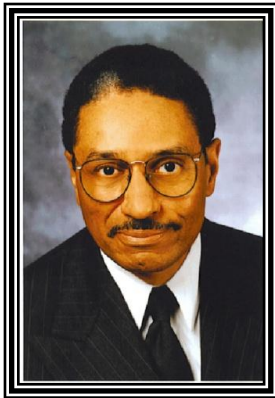


The Shiloh Spirit



Wallace Charles Smith, D.Min.
Senior Minister



The Pastor's Pen

Congratulations to the Silent Mission on their 96th Anniversary. Throughout the years they have been an active and vital part of our Shiloh ministry. Over the years we have endeavored to incorporate deaf members in all aspects of our church's work. Deaf members have served as deacons, deaconesses, ushers etc. Our Silent Mission Choir's music in our worship service always adds a heightened sense of spirituality. We thank God for our Silent Mission and our wonderful interpreters who serve selflessly as the bridge between the hearing and the deaf in our work together.

Today, the third Sunday after Easter is referred to in the lectionary as Easter 3. The Gospel text is Luke 24:36-38 and deals with the bodily appearance of Jesus before the disciples. This account, very much like John's, emphasizes that Jesus arose not as a phantom or ghost but with a physical body. He shows the disciples his wounds and eats with them, indicating that this indeed was a physical encounter. However, the resurrected body has properties that baffle and confound us. He is able to enter a room, although the doors are locked. At the tomb with Mary Magdalene, and on the Emmaus Road as he talks to disciples, he is not recognized. Yet, Paul calls Jesus the first fruits of those who slept, meaning what happens to him will also occur with us.

From my earliest recollections of the things I learned in church, I wondered whether the resurrection of our bodies was a current or future event. Paul said that at the last day the dead in Christ will rise. If it is a future event what then happens immediately after we die?

The Bible also says *to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*. The fact is, Christianity teaches both concepts. When we die, our spirits are present with God; in the fullness of time the dead in Christ will rise. We will have resurrected bodies just like our Lord. What does this mean for violent deaths like explosions where our body parts are scattered, or cremation when we are reduced to ashes? It is here where faith must answer. A God who can create an entire universe can surely restore ashes to a bodily state.

We will never fully understand what happened in Luke 24 in the Upper Room. All we know, by faith, is that what Jesus did for himself, he has also done for us.

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Sunday, April 26, 2009

Reading Through The Bible

May 3

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 10

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-7

May 17

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

New Members Received by
King's Messengers Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, April 26, 2009

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

Early Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
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
DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.)	Deacon's Room
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Faith Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Friendly Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Whetts/Tabitha Missionary Group Meeting	HHN/FLC

Monday, April 27, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach	216/FLC
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Tuesday, April 28, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach	216/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:00 - Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Blessed Seven Investment Club Meeting.....	Choir Room
7:00 - Usher Board Meeting.....	Ushers' Room
7:00 - Boy Scout Council District Committee Meeting.....	LL/FLC
7:00 - Tornado Taekwondo Class.....	RBC/FLC
7:15 - WCS Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

Wednesday, April 29, 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
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 - Al-Anon Family Meeting.....	208/FLC

Thursday, April 30, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting	HH/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service	Sanctuary
7:30 - Bible Institute	Sanctuary

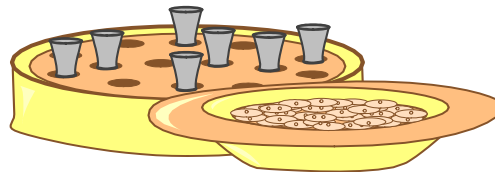
Friday, May 1, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach	216/FLC
6:00 - Urban Church Renewal for Ministry Transformation	HH/FLC

Saturday, May 2, 2009

9:00 - Urban Church Renewal for Ministry Transformation	HH, Gym, LL/FLC & Sanctuary
10:00 - Deacon Board Meeting	Deacons' Room
10:00 - Investment Club #2	Library/FLC
10:00 - Wi-Fi Techno Café	TF/FLC
10:00 - Christian Education Committee Meeting	208/FLC
10:00 - Boy Scouts Meeting	216/FLC
11:00 - Step Team Rehearsal	COH/FLC
2:00 - New Generation Praise Dancers	Deacons' Room

Sunday, May 3, 2009 Unity Sunday



Holy Communion

Early Morning Prayer Service (9:00 a.m.)	Deacons' Room
Combined Adult Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	LL/FLC
Youth Sunday School Classes (9:00 a.m.)	TF/FLC
DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Guest Hospitality	TF/FLC

Save The Date Saturday, June 20, 2009 Men's Health Tune Up

9:00 a.m. Until 2:00 p.m.

Free Food

Information

Free Exams

Ladies, please encourage your fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, husbands, cousins, nephews, and friends to attend.

Contact: Bob Bates (301/980-6577)

Welcome New Members

Lloyd Rudolph Jennings – Hope Circle

Thank You

Dear Reverend Smith, Reverend Felton, Deacons Diana Roach, Robert Gunn and Patricia Cherry, Jubria Lewis and my Hill Climbers Circle, Deaconess Iris Saunders, the Gospel Choir, Joan Allen (my Sister in Christ) and all of my Shiloh family – Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, visits and expressions of love during and after my recent hospitalization. I am truly blessed by God's love and your prayers.

Betty Jean Jones

To Pastor Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacon and Trustee Boards, Omega Circle and Shiloh family – Thank you very much for your prayers, phone calls, cards and other kind expressions in the homegoing of my brother, Paul L. Gibson, Sr. Words cannot express my appreciation to each and everyone. Thank you all.

Elaine G. Thomas & Family

Reverend Wallace Charles Smith & the Shiloh Baptist Church Family – I wish to thank you for the excellent support during the passing of my wife, Elsie P. Johnson. Your prayer, cards, calls and monetary assistance is appreciated. Special thanks for those who visited. May God continue to bless you for your efforts and your continued support in building His Kingdom.

Deacon James B. Johnson & Family

Dear Shiloh Family – whether it was a Scripture read, a prayer given, a tribute made during the service, a phone call, a card sent, a monetary gift, food for family, or a memorial donation to the Henry C. Gregory III Family Life Center Foundation in Andrew's memory, we want to express to you, our heartfelt appreciation for your thoughtfulness. The family was stunned at Andrew's sudden death, but it was so heartwarming to receive comforting words from his friends and ours, such as you. We were told that there were approximately 500 people at the service. What a way to attest to the many lives that he touched by his caring and concern for others. Andrew's soul is at rest.

The Pollard Family: Marcia, Robert W-A, Michael, Tarenthia and Trebor

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rachel Mensah (Fellowship Circle) in the loss of her aunt, Mattie Brisbane and Rodney P. Emery (Progressive Circle) in the loss of his grandmother, Lee Helen Crump.

Circles Receiving New Members

April 26.....King's Messengers Circle
May 3.....Mt.Sinai Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

April 26.....Golden Deed Circle
May 3.....Golden Rule Circle

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service (Thursday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.)

April 30.....Queen Esther & Ruth Circles
May 7.....Sacrifice & Silent Mission Circles

THE USHERS' CORNER APRIL 2009

Sunday, April 26 – Unit #6 Serves

Tuesday, April 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**

An Evening of Jazz



The Family Life Center Foundation Board of Directors will host a fundraiser, **An Evening of Jazz**. Featuring DC's legendary jazz pianist, **Dick Morgan (Three Plus One)** on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Tickets (\$40/per person) can be purchased at the Event Center on Sundays, from today through Sunday, May 30th. Or you may purchase tickets via "Will Call" by contacting Bradley Grogan at 301/593-8171 (press 3) or irv1417wdc@yahoo.com.

Leadership Nominations

Nominations are requested to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees and as Circle Leaders and Vice Leaders. The most competitive candidates will be committed Christians who are filled with the Spirit and are faithful to Shiloh. Successful nominees will have exceptional leadership skills, a deep commitment toward moving Shiloh forward and an unquenchable thirst to serve as a team player in doing the

the good work of the church. If you know of someone who has these attributes and meets Shiloh's Leadership Criteria (which is attached to the nomination form), please nominate them by completing a leadership nomination form that can be found in a folder at the Family Life Center Reception Desk. Please return the completed form, with signatures, to the folder no later than Sunday, May 24, 2009.

2009 Membership Directory

The Communication Ministry has published an interim 2009 Directory. A new directory will be published based on information from the updated membership database once that information is more complete. You may pick up copies of the directory at the Family Life Center Reception Desk.

Farewell Reception

Although Reverend Jacqueline Thompson's last official day as Executive Director of the Family Life Center was Friday, April 24th, she has not yet left the area. On Sunday, May 17th Reverend Thompson will preach at the 10:55 a.m. worship service. Following that service a reception will be held in her honor in Heritage Hall. Shiloh and friends of the Family Life Center Foundation are welcome to attend. For more information you may contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057).

Family Life Center Executive Director Position Available

With the departure of Reverend Jacqueline Thompson, the Board of Directors of the Family Life Center Foundation is preparing an extensive search for a permanent Executive Director. In the interim, the Family Life Center Foundation will utilize the professional services of Lorraine C. Holmes Settles. An executive with extensive experience in assisting non-profit organizations in human resource management and income development, Mrs. Settles will serve the Family Life Center Foundation in an interim capacity for a two month period.

Persons who desire more information on the Family Life Center Executive Director search should contact Reverend Crystal Kuykendall (301/299-2057).

Nutrition Supplies

If you know of someone who uses **Jevity** 1.5 cal high protein nutrition with fiber (8 fl. oz cans), there is a generous donor who seeks to provide a supply to you without cost. Please call 301/434-4174.

Men's Day Activities

Attention ALL Men of Shiloh

*Keep These Dates In Mind – June 18 to June 21,
2009*

The Men's Day Committee is planning the following activities: Buffet Dinner, Chess Exhibition, Guest Preachers, Health Clinic, Prayer Service, Video Demonstration and the 2009 Voices of Shiloh Men

If you have questions contact R.J. Benn (301/330-8682) or Felix Cummings (301/753-1890)

About Our Members.....

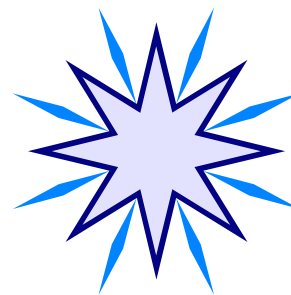
Congratulations to *Aniece McClure* on being awarded the Howard County Middle School Counselor of the Year Award. Aniece received this award because of years of dedication and commitment to students.

Claim The Victory Contribution

In Loving Memory of

Helen Hansborough

Rosa Rambeau
\$2,000.00



Silent Mission Ministry

96th Anniversary

Today, on this fourth Sunday in April, we pause and recognize the Silent Mission Ministry's legacy and its faithful and committed service to our congregation for 96 years. The Silent Mission has been a blessing to Shiloh, the Shaw community, and has served as a model to other Deaf ministries throughout the United States. We would like to highlight some of the accomplishments through the years of this historic ministry.

- The Silent Mission began its inception with 6 members in 1913
- The Silent Mission Choir was established in 1952
- The Silent Mission was home to the Late Dr. Andrew Foster in 1954. He was the first African American man to graduate from Gallaudet College (later Gallaudet University). He established schools for the Deaf in Benin, Congo, Chad, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. A bust was given to Gallaudet in his honor and presented in 2004.
- In 1997, a plaque was dedicated and is now located in front of the Kellogg Center (formerly called the Kendall School Division 2 for Negroes) on the campus of Gallaudet University in recognition of students who desegregated a separate and unequal educational institution. Three students were former members of the Silent Mission. The names of the late members were Mary Arnold, Donald Mayfield and Robert Milburn. These Deaf students were enrolled in the historic Class of 1952.
- A video of the Class of 1952 chronicles the education of Black Deaf students on the campus of Gallaudet University 2 years before the historic Brown v. the Board of Education. This history has been further documented by Dr. Sandra Jowers-Barber in her dissertation, *Ending the Educational Exile of Black Deaf Children from Washington, D.C.: Miller v Board of Education of the District of Columbia*.
- Shiloh has also been the training ground for many of the sign language interpreters who provide services within churches and communities all around the U.S.

During the past year, Shiloh would like to reflect on the memories of our members who are not with us this year—Ruth Jackson and Nathaniel Ray Perkins. Additionally, let us not forget Ms. Erica Harper, a former member of the Silent Mission Circle and Silent Mission Choir along with her two sons whose lives were cut short in a recent tragic incident. Erica was best known for her powerful and inspirational signing of gospel music during Silent Mission celebrations and other events throughout the Deaf community.

We thank the Shiloh Sign Language Interpreting Team who renders services during our Sunday morning worship, concerts, meetings and other special events at the church. Our interpreters are: Rita L. Andrews, Bernadette Banks, Janice C. Bowden, Celeste Brooks, Jackie Bruce, Tyrone Goodwyn (Coordinator), Linda David, Clara Felton, Doris Frederick, Marcellus Hartsfield, Tina Latimer, Deborah Lyles, Ava Morrow, Jana Parker, Barbara Talbert, Earl Watkins, and Lisa Weems.

Today we salute the Silent Mission on 96 years of service to our Lord and Savior.

Submitted by Deacon Rita Andrews

9th & P News

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTH:

Congratulations to **Henrietta Durant**, who won the competition at her school, Bell Multicultural High School, the *37th Annual Street Law Competition* that was held at the DC Court on Wednesday, April 15th. We are so proud of you Henrietta!!! Keep up the good work!!

WHAT'S NEW?

Attention Parents of Girls!! Start your Spring cleaning in your daughter's closet. Donate those dresses that your child can no longer wear. Join us on Saturday, May 2nd (Noon – 2:00 pm) for a Dress Swap. Bring your clean items and share with other girls. Contact Zenobia Bingham or Cindy Davis Smith if you have any questions.



FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

At the Wi-Fi Technology Walk-In Clinic

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May 2, 2009

Protecting Your Computer Against Viruses and Spyware/Adware/Malware

Learn the importance of updating your computer to prevent viruses and annoying pop-up messages

June 6, 2009

Software Tips and Tricks: What They Do Not Show You in the Manuals

Learn some of the best kept secrets for using the Microsoft Office Suite™ – Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook

July 11, 2009

How Do I Get My Picture Off My Device and On to My Computer

Learn to take your pictures off either one of the following devices: cell phone, CD or camera/video camera. You will also learn what causes out of focus/blurred pictures.

August 1, 2009

Surfing the Net to Find what You Want

Learn how to use browser (Internet Explorer, Search Engines (i.e., Google, Ask Jives, etc.)). You will also learn how to remove private information from your computer

These sessions are in addition to the walk-in-clinic where you can bring your new gadgets to get help; and your sick gadgets to get well.

