

# The Shiloh Spirit



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One of the greatest preachers of the twentieth century was Dr. Howard Thurman. To this day I take refuge in his prophetic writings. As we gather on this Unity/Communion Sunday, I want to share my love for him with others that I love. Although we find ourselves in the second month of 2010, there is still a newness. There is still a profound need by many, and a desire by others for change. I hope that the words that follow as written by Dr. Thurman and shared in his book of meditations, **Meditations of the Heart**, will aid, enlighten and embolden you. Find your song and sing it.

### I Will Sing a New Song

*The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out. It has long ago been learned by heart so that now it repeats itself over and over, bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit. It is a good song, measured to a rhythm to which I am bound by ties of habit and timidity of mind. The words belong to old experiences which once sprang fresh as water from a mountain crevice fed by melting snows. But my life has passed beyond to other levels where the old song is meaningless. I demand of the old song that it meet the need of present urgencies. Also, I know that the work of the old song, perfect in its place, is not for the new demand!*

*I will sing a new song. As difficult as it is, I must learn the new song that is capable of meeting the new need. I must fashion new words born of all the new growth of my life, my mind and my spirit. I must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before, that all that is within me may lift my voice unto God. How I love the old familiarity of the wearied melody—how I shrink from the harsh discords of the new untried harmonies.*

*Teach me, my Father, that I might learn with the abandonment and enthusiasm of Jesus, the fresh new accent, the untried melody, to meet the need of the untried morrow, Thus, I may rejoice with each new day and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.*

-Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

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Sunday, February 7, 2010

### Reading Through The Bible

#### February 7

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11  
- Green

#### February 14 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2  
Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43  
- White

#### February 21 – First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 1:11; Psalm, 91:1-2, 9-  
16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13 –  
Violet

#### February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:1-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35  
- Violet

New Members Received by  
Olivet Circle



# *This Week at Shiloh*



## **Sunday, February 7, 2010**

*Deacons' Morning Prayer – 8:30 a.m. /Deacons' Room*  
*Unity Service – 10:00 a.m.*  
*Holy Communion*

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| DCCF Credit Union .....   | LL/FLC      |
| Combined Adult Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.).....               | Sanctuary   |
| Middle School & Senior High Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.) ..... | TF/FLC      |
| Children's Church School Classes (9:00 a.m.) .....                  | LL/FLC      |
| Youth Church.....   | COH/FLC     |
| Youth Council Meeting.....  | COH/FLC     |
| Youth & Elementary Sunshine Circles Meeting .....                   | RBC#1/FLC   |
| YACS Meeting .....  | HHN/FLC     |
| Nurses Unit Meeting .....   | Library/FLC |
| HBCU Council Meeting .....  | 216/FLC     |
| Guest Hospitality – <i>Olivet Circle</i> .....                      | TF/FLC      |

## **Monday, February 8, 2010**

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

## **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... 216/FLC  
10:00 – ASALH Meeting..... 208/FLC  
3:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program ..... Gym/FLC  
5:30 – Senior Choir Nominating Committee Meeting ..... Deacons' Room  
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary  
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal..... Choir Room

## **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... 216/FLC  
11:45 – Mid Week Bible Study..... LL/FLC  
12:00 – DC Christian Federal Credit Union ..... LL/FLC  
1:00 – Senior Citizens Club Meeting..... HH/FLC  
3:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program ..... Gym/FLC  
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room  
7:00 – **Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting** ..... 208/FLC

## **Thursday, February 11, 2010**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program ..... 216/FLC  
10:00 – Needle Arts & Knitting..... HH/FLC  
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program ..... Gym/FLC  
6:30 – Prayer & Praise Service ..... HH/FLC  
7:15 – Bible Institute..... HH/FLC

## Friday, February 12, 2010

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

## Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:30 – Prayer Vigil.....Sanctuary  
9:00 – Health Ministry Exercise Class..... RBC/FLC  
10:00 – Health Ministry Meeting..... Library/FLC  
10:00 – Usher Bulletin Prep..... Ushers' Room  
10:00 – Boy Scouts Meeting..... 216/FLC  
9:30 – Village Council Meeting.....TF/FLC  
10:30 – Gideon Circle Meeting..... 208/FLC  
11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting ..... LL/FLC  
12:00 – Hand Dance Class..... RBC#1/FLC  
12:00 – Tennis At Shiloh..... Gym/FLC  
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers ..... RBC#1/FLC

## Sunday, February 14, 2010

*Deacons' Morning Prayer – 7:30 a.m. /Deacons' Room*

DCCF Credit Union..... LL/FLC  
New Members Workshop ..... Deacons' Room  
Alpha Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Caleb Class ..... Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear  
E.L. Harrison Class ..... COH/FLC  
Ever Ready Class ..... Library/FLC  
Excelsior Class ..... Sanctuary/Center  
Genesis Class ..... RBC/FLC  
John A. Miles Class ..... 208/FLC  
Littlejohn Class..... Gym/FLC  
Silent Mission Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Waldron/Gill Class ..... Gym/FLC  
Walker Memorial Class ..... 216/FLC  
Nursery & Pre-K Classes ..... LLA&B/FLC  
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes ..... LL/FLC  
Jonathan Class..... Sanctuary/Balcony  
Middle School Class ..... RBC/FLC  
Senior High Class ..... TF/FLC  
Guest Hospitality - Omega Circle.....TF/FLC  
Bethel Circle Meeting..... 216/FLC  
Berean Circle Meeting ..... 208/FLC  
Calvary Circle Meeting.....HHN/FLC  
Faith Circle Meeting ..... 5308 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW  
Hill Climbers Circle Meeting..... RBC#1/FLC  
Phoebe Circle Meeting..... Library/FLC  
Unity Circle Meeting ..... LL/FLC

# Discipleship News

## Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Elva Vaughan (Omega Circle) in the loss of her son, Gilman Vaughan, brother of Deaconess Carvella Beavers (King's Messengers Circle); Deaconess Judy Hall (Torch Bearers Circle) in the loss of her cousin and Sonadja Keene (Bethel Circle) in the loss of her mother, Leshelle Hicks.

## Thank You Notes

Reverend Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconess, Circle Leaders Council, Senior and Gospel Choirs and Fellowship Circle. - There are not enough definitions in the dictionary to express my sincerest thanks for your prayers, visits, calls and cards during my recent hospitalization, which was quite unexpected. I have had several serious illnesses in the past and I'm still fighting another one, but the God I serve has always seen fit to bring me through them all. I sincerely hope that whatever God wants me to do; I'm living the life he wants me to live. One of my favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." May God continue to shower Shiloh with his blessings.

Thomasina McLeish

Reverend Smith, Ministerial Staff, King's Messengers Circle, the quartet under the leadership of Thomas Tyler, Charles Randolph, Deaconess Carvella Beavers, Deacons James Grigsby and Keith Ellis, the kitchen staff and the Shiloh Church Family – the family of Douglas L. Dove will be forever grateful for all that you have done. Mere words can never convey our sincere appreciation for your expressions of sympathy. The prayers, telephone calls and donations will always remain dear to our heart. We ask for your continued prayers and we will be praying for you and the church family.

The Douglas L. Dove Family

First and foremost I give all praises to God for a successful surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Smith, Reverend Felton, Berean Circle, Deaconess Board, Gill/Waldron Sunday School Class, Gospel Choir members, Elsie Wallace, Irma Lashley and Deacon Willie Weddle for your prayers and loving support for me and my husband. Also, I sincerely thank my Shiloh family for your calls, cards, visits and prayers. Each act is greatly appreciated and will continue to be a source of strength as I go on to the next steps of my recovery process. May God continue to bless each of you.

Cynthia W. Kearney

Reverend Smith, Ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconesses, Grace Circle, Alpha Circle, Helping Hand Circle, King's Messengers Circle, Ushers and our entire Shiloh Church family, we cannot begin to express our gratitude for the prayers, expressions of sympathy and the outpouring of love you showered on us during the passing of our Mother, Carrie Suber Felton. Please keep us in your prayers. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Felton Family – Thurlow, Jr., Robert and Ronald

## Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

February 11 ..... Omega & Phoebe Circles  
February 18 ..... Pilgrim & Progressive Circles  
February 25 ..... Queen Esther & Ruth Circles

## Circles Receiving New Members

February 7 ..... Olivet Circle  
February 14 ..... Omega Circle  
February 21 ..... Phoebe Circle  
February 28 ..... Pilgrim Circle

## Circles Serving Breakfast

February 7 ..... Golden Rule Circle  
February 14 ..... Grace Circle  
February 21 ..... Haggai Circle  
February 28 ..... Helping Hand Circle



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Applications for scholarships offered through the Shiloh Scholarship Committee are available on the church website (go to the "Church Forms," the "Current Events," or the "Scholarship Committee" pages) as well as at the front desk of the Family Life Center. Deadline for submitting completed applications: Sunday, February 14, 2010.

## Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

**February 7, 2010** (Matthew 15:21-28) **Recognized by a Canaanite Woman** – A Canaanite woman approached Jesus about her demon-possessed daughter. Even though Jesus explained that He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel, He rewarded the woman's persistent faith with the healing of her daughter.

**February 14, 2010** (Matthew 16:13-27) **Declared by Peter** – Jesus asked His disciples about His reputation. Peter identified Him as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Many people are curious about the Jesus of history – who He really is. Jesus affirmed that Peter’s declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, was a revelation by God.

**February 21, 2010** (Matthew 17:1-12) **Witnessed by Disciples** – Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him to the top of a mountain and was transfigured (changed) before them. He encouraged them not to be afraid and instructed them not to share the experience. In reality, Peter, James and John experienced a spiritual encounter that confirmed Jesus is the Son of God.

**February 28, 2010** (Matthew 26:6-13) **Anointed by a Woman in Bethany** – A woman poured an expensive jar of perfume on Jesus’ head. The disciples were indignant and asked why she wasted so much money. Jesus told them that she had prepared His body for burial. People who truly love find ways to demonstrate that love. Such was this woman, commended by Jesus, who gave extravagantly out of her love for Jesus as Messiah.

## Senior Choir & Gospel Choirs

**Monday, February 15, 2010**, the Senior and Gospel Choirs will travel, by bus, to Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA to support Pastor Smith in presentation of the Mitchell Lecturer 2010/Black History Month Lecturer Series, which was started by Pastor Smith. Seats are now open to the congregation. The bus will depart Shiloh at 6:30a.m., and return in the afternoon at approximately 5:00p.m. Continental breakfast will be provided prior to departure from Shiloh, and lunch that will be served at Palmer Theological Seminary. Tickets are \$36 per person round trip and may be purchased at the Events Center. **Reservations must be secured by today, February 7, 2010.**

## Health Ministry

Did you know that heart disease is the #1 killer of women, as well as men? The American Heart Association has designated February as "Heart Month." The Health Ministry is asking as many as possible in the congregation to wear an item of red apparel or accessory on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th, to raise awareness of heart disease. Look for heart healthy tips in The Spirit on that day, heart healthy selections at breakfast, and expect a few surprises!

## Women’s Day Activities

Planning for the Women’s Day activities continues! In keeping with our Church theme of *Deepening Our Spirituality*, the Women’s Day Committee will focus this year on *Pearls of the Spirit*, highlighting women of the Bible and the spiritual qualities they embody and using their examples to deepen our spiritual walk as women of Shiloh. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Women’s Day events:

- **Prayer Service**, Thursday, March 11 - 6:30 pm
- **Women’s Day**, Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:55 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Worship Service-
- **Women’s Day Tea** at the Willard Hotel, Sunday, March 14 - 1:30-4:00, (following the worship service) .—Ladies of Shiloh let your spiritual light and your inner beauty and style shine through as we fellowship and enjoy an elegant afternoon tea at the Willard! We encourage you to wear your hats to Women’s Day Service and to the Tea!

More details will follow in the coming weeks so please save these dates!

The next Women’s Day Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Anna Rigsby, 1316 Iris Street, N.W. Washington, DC. We welcome your ideas and input! If you plan to attend or are interested in participating please RSVP to LaVerne at 202-879-2730.

## HBCU Corner

Little Black History Fact....Did you know that the American Missionary Association, the Catholic Church, African Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches were all very instrumental in the founding of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities? Stay tuned in to your Spirit to see which HBCUs were founded by the various Christian denominations.

HBCU Sunday, February 28, 2010...Asking ALL HBCU graduates and Greeks to wear your school colors/Greek paraphernalia to show support of our 105 HBCUs and the Divine Nine!

## The Ushers' Corner

February/March 2010

*For training, call Charlotte Balton-Hicks  
(301/499-0628)*

Sunday, February 7 – Unit 6 Serves  
10:00 a.m. Unity Service

Thursday, February 11 – Unit 6 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 14 – Unit 1/3 Serves

Thursday, February 18 – Unit 1/3 Serves  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Sunday, February 28 – Unit 4 Serves

Thursday, March 4 – Unit 4 Serves

Sunday, March 7 – Unit 5 Serves  
Unity Service

## Black History Exhibit

Shiloh Members - As we begin our celebration of our history, Black history, please take time to come to the lower level of the church and see the new exhibit featuring the **Role of the Black Church in the Fight for Civil Rights**. It begins with slavery and ends with the election of our 44th President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

*Courtesy of Deaconess Judy C. Williams  
Church Historian  
Christian Education Ministry*

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## *Memorial Contributions & Tributes*

## Claim The Victory Campaign

In Remembrance  
Of

*William Morton - My Husband  
Georgia Lee Morton - My Daughter*

Lula Morton  
\$200.00

## Christian Education Ministry Observance

February is Christian Education Ministry month. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the following Christian Education events:

### Christian Education Ministry Observance

Sunday, February 21, 2010  
Church School Teach In - 9:30 a.m.  
Reverend Desire Grogan - Instructor

### ASALH 84th Annual Black History Luncheon

Saturday, February 20, 2010  
(Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel)

### HBCU Sunday

February 28, 2010

### Bible Institute

February 4, 11, 18, 25 - 7:15 PM

## Human Service Center Gift

Unit II Sister Ushers  
\$200.00

(Funds collected at our annual holiday fellowship as a means of modeling our spirituality through giving to the needy)

Edna Cash, Unit Captain  
Charlotte Balton-Hicks & Rosa Jeter, Unit Vice Captains  
Mack Paschal, General Usher Board President

# Black History Observance

In recognition of Black History Month, the following re-print was submitted by Dr. Sandra Jowers Barber, Co-Chair of the Christian Education Ministry.

## **Bigger Than a Hamburger** **By Ella Baker** *The Southern Patriot* **May, 1960**

[After SNCC's founding conference at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, Ella Baker wrote the following article.]

Raleigh, NC — The Student Leadership Conference made it crystal clear that current sit-ins and other demonstrations are concerned with something much bigger than a hamburger or even a giant-sized Coke.

Whatever may be the difference in approach to their goal, the Negro and white students, North and South, are seeking to rid America of the scourge of racial segregation and discrimination — not only at lunch counters, but in every aspect of life.

In reports, casual conversations, discussion groups, and speeches, the sense and the spirit of the following statement that appeared in the initial newsletter of the students at Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N.C., were re-echoed time and again:

**"We want the world to know that we no longer accept the inferior position of second-class citizenship. We are willing to go to jail, be ridiculed, spat upon and even suffer physical violence to obtain First Class Citizenship."**

By and large, this feeling that they have a destined date with freedom, was not limited to a drive for personal freedom, or even freedom for the Negro in the South. Repeatedly it was emphasized that the movement was concerned with the moral implications of racial discrimination for the "whole world" and the "Human Race."

This universality of approach was linked with a perceptive recognition that "it is important to keep the movement democratic and to avoid struggles for personal leadership."

**It was further evident that desire for supportive cooperation from adult leaders and the adult community was also tempered by apprehension that adults might try to "capture" the student movement. The students showed willingness to be met on the basis of equality, but were intolerant of anything that smacked of manipulation or domination.**

This inclination toward group-centered leadership, rather than toward a leader-centered group pattern of organization, was refreshing indeed to those of the older group who bear the scars of the battle, the frustrations and the disillusionment that come when the prophetic leader turns out to have heavy feet of clay.

However hopeful might be the signs in the direction of group-centeredness, the fact that many schools and communities, especially in the South, have not provided adequate experience for young Negroes to assume initiative and think and act independently accentuated the need for guarding the student movement against well-meaning, but nevertheless unhealthy, over-protectiveness.

Here is an opportunity for adult and youth to work together and provide genuine leadership — the development of the individual to his highest potential for the benefit of the group.

**Many adults and youth characterized the Raleigh meeting as the greatest or most significant conference of our period.**

Whether it lives up to this high evaluation or not will, in a large measure, be determined by the extent to which there is more effective training in and understanding of non-violent principles and practices, in group dynamics, and in the re-direction into creative channels of the normal frustrations and hostilities that result from second-class citizenship.

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