

The Shiloh Spirit



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The Pastor's Pen

The choirs' trip last week to Palmer Seminary for the annual Frank B. Mitchell Black History Celebration was a great spiritual blessing. The lecture series, named in honor of Dr. Frank B. Mitchell, one of the first African American pastors in Philadelphia to sponsor Palmer students as interns, is now in its 30th year.

The combined Senior and Gospel Choirs, along with other members of Shiloh, filled three buses. The choirs captivated the audience with a varied repertoire of African praise music, spirituals, and hymns. "Thanks" seems like such a small word to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who got up early on a holiday, made the 2 ½ hour trip and then sang so majestically and gloriously. The Shiloh Choirs are the talk of Philadelphia. To God is the glory.

Last week I was blessed to make a pilgrimage to Israel as a guest of the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia. The award was given for work we have done to build up interfaith relationships in the Nation. This work was begun in response to then presidential candidate Barack Obama's landmark speech on race relations. Some clergy persons, Jewish rabbis and Muslim imams came together to form a group which we named New Core. Its purpose is to address the lingering problems of racial misunderstanding in America.

The work of this group has been recognized by President Obama's Faith-Based Commission. Over the next several weeks we will describe some of the significant events of this trip. For now let me just relate that we not only toured the land considered by three of the world's great religions--Jewish, Christian and Muslim--as holy, but we also entered into significant conversations about the challenges the world faces by the existence of the State of Israel, the Palestinian dilemma and the ultimate question of peace in the Middle East.

It was an outstanding experience filled with significant learning as well as deeply spiritual experiences. We thank God for such an overwhelming and humbling opportunity to share in this momentous event.

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Sunday, February 21, 2010

Reading Through The Bible

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
Phoebe Circle



This Week at Shiloh

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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

DCCF Credit Union	LL/FLC
Christian Education Ministry Teach-In	Sanctuary
Middle School Class	RBC
Nursery & PreK Classes	LLA&B/FLC
Guest Hospitality – <i>Phoebe Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Antioch Circle Meeting	216/FLC
Dorcas Circle Meeting	RBC#1/FLC
Ever Ready Circle Meeting	Library/FLC
Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting	LL/FLC
Hope Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
King's Messengers Circle Meeting	COH/FLC
Pilgrim Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Sacrifice Circle Meeting	208/FLC
Shiloh Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC
Youth Sunshine Circle Meeting	HHN/FLC
Victory Circle Meeting	Gym/FLC

Monday, February 22, 2010

6:00 – **Lott Carey Laymen Meeting**

HH/FLC

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Program	216/FLC
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Usher Board Executive Committee Meeting	Ushers' Room
6:30 – Pastor's Anniversary Committee Meeting	TF/FLC
6:30 – Senior Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 – Usher Board Meeting	Ushers' Room
7:00 – Boy Scouts Council District Committee Meeting	LL/FLC
7:15 – Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, February 24, 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
5:00 – Male Youth Advancement Program	Gym/FLC
6:00 – Nominating Committee Meeting	Library/FLC
6:30 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 – Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting	208/FLC

Thursday, February 25, 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 26, 2010

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9:00 – Health Ministry Exercise Class	Gym/FLC
9:00 – Debutante Workshop	LL/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting.....	216/FLC
12:00 – Hand Dance Class.....	RBC#1/FLC

Sunday, February 28, 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 – <i>Pilgrim Circle</i>	TF/FLC
Alpha Circle Meeting.....	208/FLC
Omega Circle Meeting.....	216/FLC
Torch Bearers Circle Meeting.....	COH/FLC

Discipleship News

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended Doris Berry (Golden Deed Circle) in the loss of her aunt, Nannie Copeland Solomon.

Thank You Notes

A special thank you to all the men and young men of Shiloh who came out on last Saturday to make sure the areas around the Church were free of ice and snow. I know this labor of love was appreciated by all of our members who came to worship services. May God bless each of you.

Ralph Lee

With heartfelt gratitude the family of David Hankins, Sr. would like to thank our entire Shiloh Church family for the sympathy, condolences and loving compassion you gave us during the hospitalization and home going of our dear son and brother. Special thanks to Reverend Smith for his visits to the hospital and to our home to pray with us and for beautifully officiating over David's home going services; Minister Thomas Bowen, Deacon Charles and Deaconess Judy Hall, and Dr. Sheryl Lucas for your visits to comfort and pray with us at the hospital; Deacons Willie Weddle and Caesar Dudley for your prayers and visits; Dr. Sharon Parker for preparing the beautiful programs; Mr. Thomas Tyler and the Comforting Choir; the Deacons, Deaconesses and ushers; Bethel, Dorcas and Unity Circles and all others who prayed with and for us, served and provided desserts for the repast and helped us during our time of greatest need. We thank you and may God continue to bless you all.

Deaconess Ostein, Joseph, Deborah and Eppie O. Hankins

Pastor Smith, Ministerial Staff, Board of Deacons, Deaconess Board, Antioch Circle, Ever Ready Bible Class, Senior and Gospel Choirs, Usher Board and my Shiloh Family – I thank you for your prayers and many expressions of sympathy in the passing of my wife, Delores Holmes. May God continue to bless you.

Melvin Holmes

Reverend Smith, Reverend Felton, Reverend Calbert, deacons, deaconesses, Torch Bearers Circle Usher, Shiloh Gospel Choir, YACS and my Shiloh Family – I thank God for his faithful provision and care during my illness, recovery and healing. I am home and can only say, "thank you Lord." Thank you Shiloh for gifts, love tokens, cards, calls, visits and prayers – and messages sent via my family. Special thanks to my Circle Leader, Rita Bibbs Booth, Deacon Chuck Hall and Deaconess Edwenia Watkins. Because of what God has done for me, I can truly say, "I have a new testimony."

Lancewell Ray

Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

(Thursday Evenings)

February 25.....Queen Esther & Ruth Circles

Circles Receiving New Members

February 21.....Phoebe Circle

February 28.....Pilgrim Circle

Circles Serving Breakfast

February 21.....Haggai Circle

February 28.....Helping Hand Circle

From Our Ministries

Church School Lessons At-A-Glance

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.

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 14th 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!

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

TODAY

Church School Teach In - 9:30 a.m.

Reverend Desire Grogan - Instructor

HBCU Sunday

February 28, 2010

Bible Institute

February 25 - 7:15 PM

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 **Roll 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*

HBCU Corner

The following is the beginning of a series on the various denominations in the founding our HBCUs.

The Catholic Church...The Catholic Church's commitment to education in the United States can be traced back to 1789 with the founding of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. 126 years later, that same commitment was extended to African Americans when Mother Katherine Drexel founded the only Catholic HBCU, Xavier University. Mother Drexel joined a convent and devoted her life to helping Native Americans and African Americans. This calling was so strong that she was led to form a congregation of sisters who would help her in this quest. Their work caught the attention of the archbishop of New Orleans, who invited them to come to Louisiana to open a school for African American youth. Mother Drexel eventually brought some old college property

and named the future high school Xavier Academy in the hopes that it would become a college where teachers would be trained to educate Black children of Louisiana and throughout the South. Within two years Xavier became a normal school and by 1925 Xavier had changed its name to Xavier University. Reference: **I'll Find A Way or Make One** by Juan Williams & Dwayne Ashley)

The Ushers' Corner

February/March 2010

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

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

Employment Opportunity

Special Project/Training Coordinator – The Equal Rights Center (ERC) is a national non-profit civil rights organization based in Washington, DC. The ERC works nationally to proactively promote equal opportunity in housing, employment, disability rights, immigrant rights and access to public accommodations and government services. The ERC is looking for a dynamic and energized professional with a passion for civil rights to fill a newly created position of Special Project/Training Coordinator (SPTC). This position may involve work and travel throughout the greater DC Metropolitan Area and beyond. The SPTC must exhibit a high level of professionalism, organizational and time management skills and have the ability to manage complex projects with limited supervision. A working knowledge of civil rights laws, particularly fair housing laws is highly desirable. The ability to simultaneously work on multiple projects and meet deadlines is essential. The individual must be able to follow directions, problem solve and must think and act as a team player at all times.

Please e-mail cover letter and resume to Melissa Forbear, Manager of Administration at mfobear@equalrightscenter.org. Please include "Special Project/Training Coordinator" in the subject line.

