

### God Loves You, Flaws and All

By Michelle Medlock Adams

So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from <u>having faith</u>. (Hebrews 10:22)

It's finally summer, and many families are loading up the car and hitting the open road. Our family is no different. We're anxiously anticipating a weeklong beach vacation. In fact, I can already hear the ocean calling my name.

I love everything about beach vacations—the ocean breeze, reading a book under a big umbrella, watching dolphins play in the ocean, sinking my toes into the sand, walking the beach with my handsome husband at sunset, etc. I love it all—except the bathing suit part.

Seriously, is there anything more humbling than standing in front of a dressing room mirror, under those unforgiving fluorescent lights, trying on bathing suit after bathing suit? I think not. I dread it every year. Because no matter how many miles you've logged in previous months, no matter how many crunches you've crunched, no matter how many desserts you've passed up, bathing suits show every imperfection. While you might be able to hide a few dimples underneath blue jeans or a nice black dress with the help of Spanx, you're not hiding anything in a bikini. A bathing suit provides little camouflage.

That's pretty much how it is with God. You might be able

to fake-grin your way through church. You might be able to "play Christian" in front of your friends and family. But when you enter the throne room, it's like wearing your bathing suit before God. You can't hide any imperfections from him. He sees it all. That truth used to horrify me—even more than trying on bathing suits—but not anymore. Because now I know how God truly sees me.

God gave us Jesus to take care of our sin because God knew we'd be flawed. No matter how many good deeds we do. No matter how many chapters of the Bible we read each day. No matter how many casseroles we bake for church functions. We can never be good enough for God. We can't earn our way into God's favor or his kingdom. All we have to do is ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, and we're "in." Then, whenever we enter the throne room, God sees us through "the Jesus filter," and all he sees is perfection.

If you haven't asked Jesus to take away your sin and be the Lord of your life, why not take care of that today? Just pray: Father God, I confess that I have sinned and fallen short of your glory, as the Word says, but I wish to leave that old life behind and live for you the rest of my days. I believe that Jesus is your son and that he died for my sins, and I am so thankful. I ask you, Lord, to come into my heart. I make you my Lord and Savior this very moment. And I praise you for this new beginning. In Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen.

Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers & Leading Lady E. R. Shivers

Solomon's Temple
Pastor & Church
Anniversary Banquet
October 3, 2015
7:00pm

Temple Beth El 3927 Bridge Road Suffolk, VA 23435 (Rt. 17)

Tickets are \$40.00 per person Attire: Formal Wear See your tribe leader or Elder Karen Lee for tickets!!

Let's make this 15th year unforgettable.

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
9:00am
Church Anniversary service
<u>Guest Messenger</u>
Bishop William Blackwell Sr.
&
3:00pm

3:00pm
Pastor Anniversary service
<u>Guest Messenger</u>
Pastor John Wynn

Celebrating 15 Years

Remember, "Love is not what it says, but what it does."





Rev. Dr. K.D. Shivers, Pastor

### **God's Instrument** by Judy Crowe

I see the hands that hold God's word And fold in prayer to seek His will. I see the feet that walk the path And offers of praise as from lofty hill.

I see the hands that serve Him well, The ears that seek to hear His call, The mouth that speaks truth and wisdom, The busy feet that carry the message to all.

I see the heart that was pricked and entered When God's man answered the gospel call And yielded His life as a humble servant, A man who is willing, as was Apostle Paul.

I see all of this as he stands in the pulpit, An instrument through which God speaks The words of wisdom, of love and peace, To lead and guide all those whom God seeks.







Solomon's
Temple let's get
ready to
celebrate an
awesome
woman of GodLeading Lady
Edith R. Shivers
on Sunday,
September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Leading Lady
Day.

### The Pastor's Wife

There is one person in our Church Who knows our Pastor's life? Who weeps and smiles and prays with Him, And that's the Pastor's wife! The crowd has seen him in his strength, While bearing God's Sharp Sword. As underneath God's banner's folds; He faced the devil's horde. But deep within her heart she knows That scarce an hour before She helped him pray the glory down Behind the closet door! She heard him groaning in his soul When bitter raged the strife. As, hand in hand she knelt with him, For she's the Pastor's Wife. You tell your tales of Preachers brave Who marched across the world? And changed the course of history By burning words they hurled And I will tell how back of each

Some woman lived her life

Who wept with him and smiled with

him, She was the Pastor's Wife!

### **Choir Rehearsal Schedule**

Thursday before 1st Sunday 6:00pm – Praise Team 7:00pm – Mass Choir

<u>Thursday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</u> 7:00pm – Sons of Solomon

<u>Thursday before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</u> 6:30pm – Youth Choir

Thursday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00pm – Praise Team 7:00pm – Joyful Voices





### August National Immunization Awareness Month

Sponsor:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

Immunization helps prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do.

National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots.

### How can National Immunization Awareness Month make a difference?

We can all use this month to raise awareness about vaccines and share strategies to increase immunization rates with our community.

Challenged to Change (C2C)
Repositioning our Perspectives,
Perceptions, and our Patterns for
Greater Service.
(Matthew 9:17)



# AUGUST KINGDOM SCHEDULE

Scripture and Welcome		Servant Leader Schedule		4
8/2	Sis. Sylvia Gundy (John 13:23-27)	8/02	Sis. Phyllis Duck	7
	Sis. Tami Drew (welcome)	8/09	Sis. Lucy Watkins	
		8/16	Bro. James Green Sr.	
8/9	Kayla Battle (Colossians 3:20-21)	8/23	Sis. Wendy Green	
	Marcus Gundy (welcome)	8/30	Bro. Donald Watkins	
8/16	Sis. Alma Gayton (Hebrews 4:14-16)		nip Leader Schedule	
	Bro. Blair Taylor (welcome)	8/02	Elder Wayne Hatton	Vi Mari
		8/09	Sis. Lucy Watkins	
8/23	Sis. Lenore Williams (Psalm 89:1-5)	8/16	Minister Bertram Black	kwell
	Sis. Krystle Murphy (welcome)	8/23	Elder Edith Shivers	
		8/30	Elder Sarah Hatton	
8/30	Sis. Sheila Brown (Isaiah 12:1-5)			
	Sis. Shenille Gray (welcome)		Door Opener	



### **HOLY COMMUNION**

"Let us break bread together......"

Bro. Stanley Robinson

### Communion Bowls

Bro. James Green Sr. Sis. Wendy Green

### August Teachers Schedule

There will be **NO CID Session** or **Bible Study** for the month of August. However, the lessons are listed below should you desire to continue to study the Word of God.

8-04 "A Choice to be Just" " | Jeremiah 7:1-15

8-11 "A Call for Repentance" "| Ezekiel 18:1-13, 30-32

8-18 "A Demand for Justice" | Zechariah 7:8-14

8-25 "A Plea to Return to God" "| Malachi 3:1-10

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website.solomonstemplechurch.net Additional Study Help: www.studylight.org www.biblestudytools.com





### New To Solomon's Temple?

First of all, **WELCOME**! We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you among us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here. Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk.

Solomon's Temple holds New Disciple Orientation sessions that can provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Sarah Hatton, Bro. James Green Sr., Sis. Turekia White or Elder Wayne Hatton.

# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Every day may not be good. But there is something good in every day.

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Sometimes you have to forget what's gone, appreciate what still remains and look forward to what's coming next.

Everyone wants happiness. No one wants pain. But you can't have a rainbow, without a little rain.

Be with someone who knows exactly what they have when they have you. Not someone who will realize it when they've lost you.

Don't change so people will like you. Be yourself and the right people will love the real you.

I am not what has happened to me. I am what I choose to become.

Happiness is found when you stop comparing yourself to other people.



# August Birthdays

If your birthday is missing from the list or incorrect, let the office know.





### Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate them to be the Solomonite of the Month. This person can be a youth or an adult.

Don't forget to recognize those celebrating an anniversary, graduation (from high school, college, or any other), or special occasion.

We also want to know about those who have made the honor roll. Let's not forget baby announcements, bible humor or recipes.

If you have a story or idea that you would like to incorporate into the newsletter, forward the story to <a href="mailto:stsecretary1@gmail.com">stsecretary1@gmail.com</a> or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.

### **OUTREACH**

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry is in Full Effect! Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, in-outpatient surgeries, and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death). We have "Care Teams" for each month that is willing and ready to contact you. We love our church family and we believe love is not what it says – it's what it does.

### **AUGUST CARE TEAM**

Sis. Connie Payne Sis. Patricia Payne Ms. Kayla Battle



# SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



### August Solomonite Spotlight is <u>Terren Clarke</u>

Terren joined Solomon's Temple on October 14, 2012. He is a disciple of the youth ministry. Terren is the son of Ms. Tara Clarke and grandson of Ms. Ruby "Mae" Clarke. He is a 2015 Smithfield High School Graduate. Terren plans to further his education by attending Virginia Commonwealth University. Solomon's Temple would like to congratulate Terren for being this month's Solomonite Spotlight.

WE LOVE YOU!

Will YOU be the Next "Solomonite of the Month"?

### Lifting You Up In Prayer



Bro. John Shivers
Bro. Walter Chapman
Sis. Ruby Clarke
Sis. Tammy Rawls
Bro. Michael Wellons
Sis. Vernell Brown
Sis. Mary Diggs
Sis. Connie Payne
Sis. Arlene Langhorne
Sis. Christine Little
Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson



"In our weakness, God will be our strength. Keep believing, Healing is on its way"

**Elder Wayne Hatton** 

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12:9)

Please remember to pray for, call or visit those who are sick, shut-in or bereaved.

If there are any names that need to be added to the list, let the Church Administrator know. Thanks.

### When God Is Silent

Use this excerpt from *Time Out for the Spirit* to help you feel God's comfort. By Lucile Allen

**READ:** Men listened to me and waited, and kept silence for my counsel. Job 29:21

**REFLECT:** Sometimes, I get frustrated with those seemingly endless seasons when God is so silent it's easy to doubt that He's ever spoken at all. During those times, I try to reflect on the many ways I've heard God's voice in the past, times when He has:

- directed, corrected, and loved me through the voice of a family member, a friend, a teacher or a preacher;
- guided my steps through changes in circumstances;
- spoken His forgiveness through the timely reading of a perfect passage of Scripture;
- moved me to laughter and tears through the writing of gifted authors;
- and in prayer, stopped my whirling world to sit with me in silence and fill my heart with His perfect peace.

Actually, those silences... they're the most precious times of all.

**PRAY:** Thank You for trusting me with those silent seasons, Father. I'll try to receive those silences as gifts and worship You in them.

**DO:** Sit in silence with God until you see Him reflected in the stillness of your heart and mind.



# Schedule of Events

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL INFORMATION TO BE ADDED TO THE TEMPLE NEWS FOR THE MONTH NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR NO LATER THAN THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
8/1/15	9:00am-11:00am	Youth Praise Dance practice
8/2/15	After service	Ushers will meet at the home of Sis. Ella Ford
8/2/15	After service	Asher Tribe outing to Williamsburg
8/3/15	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
8/6/15	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
8/9/15	3:00pm	We will fellowship with Mt. Gilead Pentecostal Holiness, 3701 Colley Ave., Norfolk, VA 23508; Choir & ushers are asked to serve
8/13/15	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
8/15/15	9:00am-11:00am	Adult Praise Dance practice
8/15/15	4:00pm	Trustee & Finance Ministry Fashion Show
8/17/15	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
8/20/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
8/20/15	7:00pm	Joyful Voices rehearsal
8/22/15	4:00pm	Couples Ministry Fun Day at Michael & Charlotte Wellons' home
8/24/15	6:30pm	Levite Ministry meeting
8/24/15	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants meeting
8/27/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
8/27/15	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
8/29/15	9:00am-12:00pm	Praise Dance Ministry Workshop
8/29/15	5:00pm	Praise Dance Ministry service

### Our Gifts for His Kingdom (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Many people hear the word "serve" and feel that they do not have the necessary qualities to make a difference in others' lives. This is true – apart from God. But He has gifted each of us in unique ways with a purpose in mind. His plan for us involves using these talents to serve Him for the good of others. Satan would like us to believe otherwise. Our enemy wants us to notice what others are doing and then to feel inferior. For instance, I have heard women say, "I am just a homemaker." They see people preaching and singing in the choir and wish they could accomplish something so great for God. Friends, nothing could be further from the truth. An enormous responsibility rests with those who train their children in righteousness. In fact, the Holy Spirit has gifted each believer for specific work in God's kingdom. Scripture explains this idea by a comparison with a human body: Each person has gifts and purposes that make the entire system function well. But if the heel wants the eye's role, the whole being will lose balance. Each part is crucial, even though some aren't as noticeable as others. Truthfully, those with less apparent talents have an advantage because pride and self-sufficiency may not be so great a temptation. Notice the words Peter used to define himself: "a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:1). He was no longer a man motivated by self-interest. Once He began to follow Jesus, he saw himself as a servant of God. We, too, are called to serve the King of Kings with whatever abilities we are given. (Submitted by: The Trustee & Finance Ministry)

FASHION SHOW

Saturday, August 15, 2015 4:00pm Trustee & Finance Ministry Fashion Show





# August 2015



80. Happy Anniversary Bert & Toni Blackwell Barry & Elaine Nichols Deborah Williams	23. Blair Taylor Aiyanna Chapman Jasmine Parker	16. Stacy Turner	9. 3:00pm Fellowship with Mt. Gilead Pentecostal Holiness	2. Ushers meeting at Ella Ford's home Asher Tribe outing to Williamsburg Friendship Day		Sunday
81. Happy Anniversary Willie Jr. & Stacy Turner	24. 6:30pm Levites meet 7:30pm AOS meet	17. 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise dance practice Shenille Gray	10.	3. 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise dance practice		Monday
	25.	18. Sheila Brown	11. Tami Drew Carl Duck Kayla Battle	4. Sarah Hatton Hilja Diggs Krystle Murphy Kori Smith		Tuesday
	26. Lekesha Moton	19.	12.	5. Jala Johnson Davion Archer		Wednesday
rehearsal	27. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir	20. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal	18. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal Shakina Boone	6. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal		Thursday
	28. Bertram Blackwell	21.	14. Courdand Shivers Dorian Epps II	7.		Friday
5:00pm Praise Dance Ministry service Alma Gayton	29. 9:00am-12:00pm Praise Dance Ministry Workshop	22. 4:00pm Couples Ministry Fun Day at the Wellons' home Theodore Gundy	15. 9:00am-11:00am Adult Praise Dance practice 4:00pm Trustee & Finance Ministry Fashion Show Lenore Williams Brad Little Mariah Little	8. Mary Cornick	1. 9:00am-11:00am Youth Praise dance practice Derica White	Saturday





PIXELS In theaters (JULY 24)



SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE In theaters (AUG. 7)



FANTASTIC FOUR In theaters (AUG. 7)



UNDERDOGS In theaters (AUG. 14)



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please support our youth by placing school supplies in the box in the hallway from August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>. School Supplies will be handed out on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support. Youth Ministry





Disney on Ice... coming to Hampton Coliseum Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>



### Don't Quit

by: Unknown Author

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile, but you have to sigh. When care is pressing you down a bit. Rest, if you must, but don't you quit. Life is gueer with its twists and turns As every one of us sometimes learns. And many a failure turns about When he might have won had he stuck it out: Don't give up though the pace seems slow -You may succeed with another blow. Success is failure turned inside out -The silver tint of the clouds of doubt. And you never can tell how close you are. It may be near when it seems so far: So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.



Sis. Lena Holmes retired on May 28, 2015 @4:02pm © after working 35 years in food services. This includes twenty-five years with The Compass Group – Eurest Dining/OVC - Suffolk. Congratulations Sis. Lena Holmes.



It's that time, time for our kids to load up their back-packs, don their new threads and head back to school in September.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



### **SEPTEMBER**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship	with Sandy 1	Mt. Baptist	Church

- $13^{\text{th}}$ Grandparents' Day
- $13^{th}$ Leading Lady Day
- $13^{th}$ (LL) Elder Edith Shivers' Birthday
- $17^{\text{th}}$ Men & Women Ministries meetings
- $19^{\text{th}}$ Trustee/Finance meeting at the Gundy's home
- $19^{th}$ Asher Tribe Prayer Breakfast
- $26^{\text{th}}$ Father/Daughter Glory service sponsored by
  - Usher Ministry

### **OCTOBER**

- $3^{rd}$ Church Anniversary Banquet at Temple Beth El
- $11^{\text{th}}$ Clergy Appreciation Day
- $11^{\text{th}}$ Pre-Pastor/Church Anniversary service - Mt. Gilead Pentecostal Church will be our guest
- $15^{\text{th}}$ Men & Women's Ministries meetings
- $17^{\text{\tiny th}}$ Trustee Ministry Women in Hats service
- $18^{th}$ Pastor & Church Anniversary
- $24^{\text{th}}$ Couples Ministry meeting at the chapel

I just wanted to wish you Good **Health and Happiness and thank** 

you for being a part of my life. HAVE A GREAT DAY Share this on your wall and bring Good ealth and Happiness your family and friends

- $25^{\text{th}}$ Mass Choir sing at Mt. Lebanon COGIC
- Hallelujah Fest/Trunk-Or-Treat  $31^{st}$





### **NOVEMBER**

- $3^{\rm rd}$ Election Day
- $7^{\text{th}}$ Issachar Tribe Day - Jesus, Jeans & Jerseys service
- $11^{\rm th}$ Veteran's Day
- $14^{\scriptscriptstyle th}$ Levi Tribe service
- $12^{th}$ Men & Women's Ministries meetings
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Fall Harvest Revival
- $26^{\text{th}}$ Thanksgiving Day service
- $29^{th}$ First Day of Advent

### **DECEMBER**

- $6^{\text{th}}$ 2016 Accept/Decline forms due
- $6^{\text{th}}$ Mass Choir sing at Eternal Life Church
- $12^{th}$ Couple Ministry Christmas Gala
- $20^{th}$ Christmas Celebration
- $24^{\text{th}}$ Christmas Eve
- $25^{th}$ Christmas Day- Happy Birthday Jesus!!
- New Year's Eve service  $31^{st}$

### **UPCOMING**

### 2015 Worship Leader Schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month)

September 13th Sis. Kenya Hargrove

October 11th Sis. Turekia White

November 8th Sis. LaQueshia Rawls

December 13th Bro. James Green Sr.

## Solomon's Temple **Tribe Leaders**

### **BENJAMIN TRIBE**

Wendy Green James Green

757-642-0585 757-373-3832

### **ISSACHAR TRIBE**

**Ernest Ruffin** Jackie Ruffin

757-357-6927 757-635-0543

# Bible Verse of the Month

### LEVI TRIBE

Phyllis Duck Turekia White

757-284-9764 757-771-4740

### **ASHER TRIBE**

Shirley Haskins Sylvia Gundy

757-377-6344

757-335-0406

# Genesis 8:22 (KJV)

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

### JOSEPH TRIBE

**Donald Watkins** Lucy Watkins

757-292-5241 757-329-3848

