

TEMPLE NEWS

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple
www.solomonstemplechurch.net

December 2015



**Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers &
(LL) Elder E. R. Shivers**

To our Solomon's Temple Family,

May your holiday season be
blessed with peace, love and joy.

Wishing you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year!

With Love,

Pastor K. D. Shivers &
Leading Lady E. R. Shivers

Hush...Hear the True Meaning of Christmas

Don't be stressed by the frenetic holiday pace! Listen to the angelic message in your heart. by Gwen Ford Faulkenberry

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

In the Christmas carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," there is a little-known verse that contains this phrase: "Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels." The idea is that there is so much noise in our lives, and especially at Christmastime, that we may miss the message the angels brought to the shepherds and to us down through the ages—the good news for all people, that Jesus is born.

I like to sing this verse on the last Sunday of Advent, when Christmas festivities seem to ramp up at their most frenetic pace. It's a great reminder, and a great admonition. Noise doesn't hush on its own. We have to be deliberate about hushing it. Will we be carried away by the rolling tide of a modern consumer Christmas? Once again, our source of strength is silence and trust in Jesus. The invitation always stands: *Come to Me. Rest.*

In Him we find the power to hush the noise. The wisdom to discern when and how and even whom to hush that the angels' message can be heard in our hearts: Peace... Goodwill... A Savior is born.

Faith step: Take a few moments to "hush the noise" in your life today, and listen to the voice of Jesus inviting you into His rest.



Christmas

CHRISTMAS hath darkness
 Brighter than the blazing noon,
 Christmas hath a chillness
 Warmer than the heat of June,
 Christmas hath a beauty
 Lovelier than the world can show:
 For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
 Brought for us so low.
 Earth, strike up your music,
 Birds that sing and bells that ring;
 Heaven hath answering music
 For all Angels soon to sing:
 Earth, put on your whitest
 Bridal robe of spotless snow:
 For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
 Brought for us so low.

The Magic of
Christmas
 is not in the presents
 but in *His*
 presence



Couple Ministry Christmas Dinner

Where: Colonial Farmhouse Restaurant &
 Tavern
 612 Colonial Trail East
 Surry, VA 23883

When: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Time: 4:00pm

Dress: Christmas Party Attire

Each couple is asked to bring a \$20.00 wrapped gift (Chinese Christmas). Couples please make an effort to attend our Christmas dinner celebration. It's not going to be the same without you there.

Please see Couple Ministry Contact Persons or Assistant Contact Persons if you have any questions.

Advent

(The coming of Christ)

**Hope, Love, Joy, Peace
 Life of Christ**

Sunday, November 29, 2015 –
 Thursday, December 24, 2015



Verse of the Month

Matthew 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.





DECEMBER KINGDOM SCHEDULE



Scripture and Welcome

12/06 Bro. Marcus Smith (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
Sis. Dana Cary (welcome)

12/13 Christian Turner (Matthew 2:1-3)
Destiny Shivers (welcome)

12/20 Sis. Alice Day (1 Cor. 1:4-9)
Sis. Donna Fenner (welcome)

12/27 Bro. Michael Wellons (1 John 5:10-15)
Sis. Mor'Netra Johnson (welcome)

Servant Leader Schedule

12/06 Bro. Ernest Ruffin
12/13 Bro. James Green Sr.
12/20 Sis. Shirley Haskins
12/27 Sis. Turekia White

Worship Leader

12/06 Elder Edith Shivers
12/13 Bro. James Green Sr.
12/20 Elder Wayne Hatton
12/27 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Communion Bowls

Sis. Shirley Haskins
Sis. Turekia White



HOLY COMMUNION
"Let us break bread together....."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

December Teachers Schedule

12-01 Elder Wayne Hatton | Exodus 20:8-11; Exodus 31:12-16 | "The Sabbath Day"
Youth: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas & Sis. Phyllis Wiggins

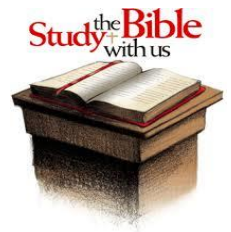
12-08 Elder Sarah Hatton | Leviticus 22:17-25, 31-33 | "Acceptable Offerings"
Youth: Sis. Wendy Green & Bro. James Green Sr.

12-15 NO CID | Exodus 13:13b-15; Luke 2:22-32 | "Dedication of the Firstborn"

12-22 NO CID | Matthew 23:2-12; Mark 12:38-44 | "A Generous Gift"

12-29 NO CID | Genesis 29:15-30 | "A Bride Worth Waiting For"

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our [website.solomonstemplechurch.net](http://www.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**.

“IF JESUS CAME”

Would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in or would you rush about?

And I wonder... if the Savior spent a day or two with you Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go? Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so? Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends? Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on? Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

—Author Unknown—



December Birthdays

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



Quenton Turner
Kimesia Burrell
Michael Wellons
Dana Cary
Walter Chapman
Christian Turner
Mor'Netra Johnson
Melvin Turner Sr.

December 9th
December 10th
December 11th
December 20th
December 21st
December 24th
December 24th
December 26th



Let Every Day Be Christmas

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

(Written by Norman W. Brooks)

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 stsecretary1@gmail.com 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.

DECEMBER CARE TEAM

Sis. Wendy Green
Bro. Kinston Shivers
Sis. Deborah Williams



SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



December Solomonite Spotlight is Christian Turner

Christian is a youth disciple of Solomon's Temple. She is active in the Youth Ministry and Youth Choir. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Turner Jr. and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Turner Sr. Christian was born on December 24th (Christmas Eve) a day before Christmas. The day our Savior was born. "For unto us a child is born....(Isaiah 9:6)" Solomon's Temple would like to congratulate **Christian** for being this month's Solomonite spotlight.



WE LOVE YOU!

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



Prayer



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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. Lonnie Batten
Sis. Vernell Wrenn
Sis. Marion Smith
Sis. Sonjia Moore
Bro. Donald Watkins



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

"When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater, the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment, and man's applause and approval become the measure of success. But when ministry is for the glory of God, his presence moves into the sanctuary. Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us.

 drrichardlmoore

RELIGION doesn't

Save you,

Change you,

Heal you,

Or Set You Free

JESUS
does!




DECEMBER



Challenged to Change (C2C)

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
12/1/15	6:30pm / 7:15pm	CID Session / Bible Study
12/3/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
12/3/15	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
12/6/15		2016 Accept/Decline forms are due
12/6/15	3:00pm	Mass choir to sing at Eternal Life Church, 102 W. Barrett St., Franklin, VA 23851 for Christmas Cantata and Extravaganza
12/7/15	7:00pm	Solomon's Council will meet
12/8/15	6:30pm / 7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study (last night for the 2015 calendar year)
12/10/15	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
12/10/15	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
12/12/15	4:00pm	Couple Ministry Christmas Dinner at The Colonial Farm House Restaurant & Tavern, 612 Colonial Trail East, Surry, VA 23883
12/14/15	7:00pm	Solomon's Council will meet
12/17/15	7:00pm	Mass choir rehearsal
12/20/15	5:00pm	Christmas Celebration service
12/21/15	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Sherman & Shirley Haskins 
12/24/15	ALL DAY	CHRISTMAS EVE
12/25/15	ALL DAY	MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!
12/31/15	ALL DAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE
12/31/15	9:30pm	New Year's Eve Black and White Affair, Mix/Mingle, Mime, Music & Co-Medy. Bring a favorite traditional New Year's dish.

December Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday before 1st Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team
7:00pm – Mass Choir

Thursday before 2nd Sunday

6:00pm – Sons of Solomon
7:00pm – Mass Choir

Thursday before 3rd Sunday

7:00pm – Mass Choir

Thursday before 4th Sunday

No rehearsal





Music MINISTRY

Youth
Choir

Sons of
Solomon

Praise

“Music

speaks what cannot be expressed
soothes the mind and gives it rest
heals the heart and makes it whole
flows from heaven to the soul.”

Mass
Choir

Team

Joyful
Voices



C2C
Challenged to Change





December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study	2.	3. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	4.	5.
6. 2016 Accept/ Decline forms due 3:00pm Mass choir to sing at Eternal Life Church	7. 7:00pm Solomon Council will meet	8. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study	9.	10. 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	11.	12. 4:00pm Couple Ministry Christmas Dinner at The Colonial Farm House Restaurant & Tavern Surry, VA
13.	14. 7:00pm Solomon Council will meet	15. NO CID / BIBLE STUDY	16.	17. 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	18.	19.
20. 5:00pm Christmas Celebration service	21. Happy Anniversary Sherman & Shirley Haskins	22. NO CID / BIBLE STUDY First Day of Winter	23.	24. CHRISTMAS EVE	25. CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas!! Happy Birthday Jesus!	26.
27.	28.	29. NO CID / BIBLE STUDY	30.	31. 9:30pm New Year Eve Black & White Affair service NEW YEAR EVE		





A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the
snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas
choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your
heart

But I am not so far away - we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this
year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home
above

I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do
For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of
you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear
Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this
year. **-Author Unknown-**

In Loving Memory:

Steven Bailey
Walter Spratley
James Goodwin
Joyce Turner
Jeanette Finney
Rhonda Ralph
Evelyn Moton
Arlene Langhorne

Lois Jones
Lula Scott
Vernette Raines
Bettie Goodwin
Thomasine Garner
James Jones
Devin Smith

Romona Seaborn
Shirley Ballard
Jacquelyn Williams
Junious Little Sr.
Evelyn Wilkerson
Ida Shivers
Doris Seaborn

The Gospel Tree

There once was a shining Christmas tree
Standing out where all could see.
Its brilliance captured every eye
And seemed to cheer each passerby.

"The lights are so bright," they would say
And hesitate to walk away.
The tree stood proud ablaze with light
For every light was burning bright.

Then one bulb was heard to say
"I'm tired of burning night and day;
I think I'll just go out and rest
For I'm too tired to do my best;
Besides, I am so very small
I doubt if I'd be missed at all."

Then a child lovingly touched the light
"Look, mother, this one shines so very bright.
I think of all the lights upon the tree
This one looks the best to me."

"Oh my goodness," said the light
"I almost dimmed right out of sight.
I thought perhaps no one would care
If I failed to shine my share."
With that a glorious brilliance came
For every light had felt the same.

Our Gospel, like this Christmas tree
With little lights which are you and me.
We each have a space that we must fill
With love, and lessons and good will.

Let's keep our tree ablaze with light
With testimonies burning bright.
For our Gospel is a living tree
That lights the way to eternity.

- Author Unknown -



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

ASSEMBLY OF SERVANTS PRESENT
to the Church family, Community and Beyond



THE 2015 NEW YEAR'S EVE
BLACK AND WHITE AFFAIR
December 31, 2015
12749 Courthouse Highway
Smithfield, Virginia 23430
9:30pm



Music by Dr. Jazz
Mix and Mingle with Munchies and Mocktails until 10:30pm

The Colors for the night (not required) are Black and White
Casual Attire (also Jeans and T-Shirts)



Please **BYONM** (Bring your own Noise Makers)
2016 Hats, Sun Shades etc. for the
Magical Moments Party Picture Station
(You don't want to miss the shout outs and toasting)

Around 10:35pm we will move into.....
The Main Event until Midnight! This will include but
not limited to More Music, 2015 Moments To Remember,
CoMedy, Mime, and the Message of Ministry!

**THIS AFFAIR WILL BE ONE TO
REMEMBER. FOOD, FUN, CELEBRATION
AND THANKSGIVING!**

**Tell Everyone You Know That Solomon's Temple Will Be
The Place To Be On New Year's Eve!**



JAZZ



**COMEDY
time**

