

Temple News

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History **MONTH**

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Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple Church | *February 2017*

Never Accept Defeat

by Norman Vincent Peale

You don't need to be defeated by *anything*! Why? Because the enormous power of God and the strength-giving power of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can enable you to avoid any defeat.

This isn't to minimize circumstances. Life can be overwhelming. And if you are in the midst of troubles and woes just now, it may seem incredible that anyone would say, "Never accept defeat." But God wants us to be victorious! He built us to be overcomers!

So how do you go about never accepting defeat? Use these three principles:

1. Never think defeat.

If you feel defeated and you think, *I'm tired and weary and I've had it* that is exactly how it will be. But if, when the going gets rough, you think, *I won't accept this. I will continue to think victory and not defeat*, then all the resources of your nature flow toward achieving victory. One way to cancel out thoughts of defeat is simply to repeat that text from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ

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See Your Troubles with Eyes of Faith

Inside every problem is the seed of a solution.

by Norman Vincent Peale

How do you handle adversity?

There's an old Russian proverb that I like: "The hammer shatters the glass, but forges steel." If you're glass, if you're superficial, if there's no faith in you, adversity will crack and shatter you. But if you "seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually" (1 Chronicles 16:11) you will have in you the victory that overcomes the world. Then the hammer of circumstance hitting you forges you into a strong person. God knew what he was doing when he constructed this world so that there was difficulty in it.

Facing difficulty is what makes it possible for us to grow, to learn where our strength really lies. "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9). Sometimes we get so caught up in our troubles that we forget an important fact: Within every difficulty is possibility. Always. Every problem has the seeds of its own solution, and sometimes those solutions lead up to new and exciting things. God says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19).

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See Your Troubles with Eyes of Faith...continued

Generally, when people are disheartened, they can't see the possibilities. They see only the difficulties that are involved, not the solution. They magnify the difficulties, to blow them up, to make them bigger than they actually are. Don't let yourself go down that path! The thing to do when you are disheartened is the very opposite: Go hunting around in your situation for the bright possibilities that are surely there. God's kindness and compassion "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23). Seek them out! He wants to place before you "an open door that no one can shut" (Revelation 3:8). There are no dead-ends with God.

Jesus told his disciples, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, receive him as your Divine Redeemer, let your life be changed. Then you will be able to handle anything life brings. I don't mean to say it's going to be easy. It never will be easy. You'll have trouble to the end, but you can be master of it in the name of Jesus.

Congratulations

Terren "Nuk" Clarke son of Tara Clarke and grandson of Ruby Clarke was named to the Dean's List at VCU for the 2016 Fall Semester. This recognition is given to students who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.50



Pastor K. D. & (LL) Elder E. R. Shivers

2017 Theme: "The Year of Kingdom Victory"

I John 5:4 "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

Our **2017 Theme: "The Year of Kingdom Victory"** will propel us into the mindset of a season of newness and victory over anything that seems to attempt to defeat us. During this study we will seek to conquer Satan's system. The Christian is in an indivisible union with Christ Himself and as a result, is a partaker of His divine nature. A Christian partakes of everything that Christ is and has, including His inheritance, righteousness, death, life, and Spirit. Since Christ is a victor, Christians partake of His victory.

Let us continue to work, worship and witness together for a victorious influence in our ministry, the community and even greater, the Kingdom of God. We love you all.

Pastor K. D. and (L.L.) Elder Edith R. Shivers

Ash Wednesday service will be held at the chapel on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm. We will fellowship with Pastor Eldridge Lucas III and the Emmanuel Baptist Church family. Let's prepare our hearts and minds for Lent 2017.

March 1, 2017

ASH JAMES 5:16

Wednesday

FORGIVENESS, REPENTANCE & PRAYER

**2 Corinthians 4:18
(New Living Translation)**

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.



What is Black History? *By: Latorial Faison*

It is the dirt road our forefathers trod,
 Memories of their lives branded in our hearts.
 It is a word, a place, a state of mind.
 Black history is a peek into our ancestors' time.

It is a piece of fabric our grandmothers wore,
 An old rope that our grandfathers lived to deplore.
 It is a slave ship and middle passage over seas.
 Black history is cotton fields and tobacco leaves.

It is a plantation overseer and back door crumbs,
 Weeping and wailing, a beating of drums.
 It is a troubling truth, an unapologetic past.
 Black history is an entire race struggling to last.

It is a Mississippi burning in a Tennessee town,
 An evil that lingers to bring Black people down.
 It is a book or movie of strength, courage, and
 will. Black history is the fate of young Emmett
 Till.

It is little Ruby Bridges, the exquisite Ruby Dee,
 Carter G. Woodson, and Coretta Scott King.
 A Mahalia Jackson song, a Michael Jackson
 routine, Black history is the phrase "Let freedom
 ring!"

It is Cheney University, the Tuskegee Airmen,
 The N. A. A. C. P., the Black Holocaust Museum.
 It is a navy master diver named Carl Brashear.
 Black history is our legacy of triumph without
 fear.

It is General Colin Powell, a Vaudeville drama,
 Zora Neale Hurston, and President Barack
 Obama. It is every single experience of our
 history. Black history is the story of you and me.

Never Accept Defeat...continued

who strengthens me." It will knock any defeatism right out of you!

2. Stick it out and never stop trying.

How many times have you failed at something because you simply didn't try hard enough or long enough? The test of an individual's character is how determined he is. You must get hold of an idea and never let go. If you have an objective, and a roadblock gets in the way, you must get around, or underneath, or over or through the barrier. No roadblock should stop you. You *must* keep on keeping on. "Let us not become weary...we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

3. Keep God in it.

Nobody can be as strong, vital and heroic as I have suggested without the presence of God. This is an overwhelming world, and we are very small. It is like the prayer the Normandy fishermen offer when they go out on the deep to fish. Before they cast off their tiny boats, they pray: "O Lord, take care of us. The sea is so vast. We are so small." God *does* and *will* take care of you. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

The secret of meeting life victoriously is how close you are to God, how deeply and sincerely you receive Jesus Christ into your life. If you give your life to God, if you commit your life to Christ, if this becomes your consuming passion, you will have immunity—not from difficulty, but from defeat. And that is all we can ask.

1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



Solomon's Temple Couples Ministry



And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;
but the greatest of these is charity. (1 Corinthians 13:13)





Solomon's Temple



Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Solomon's Temple ministry is to be a connecting force for people to discover God through His word so they in turn may discover their purpose in His kingdom.

Mission Theme:

Promoting *wisdom, worship and work* for a greater church, community and country.

Solomon's Temple 2017 Installation of Officers



Christ is Our Victory!

ALL CONTACT PERSONS

**2017 Ministry Agendas are due
Sunday, February 12th.**

2017 Theme

**The Year of Kingdom Victory
(1 John 5:4)**

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overcomes the world. This is the
victory that has overcome the world,
even our faith.”**

Points to Ponder for Black History Month

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." Rosa Parks

"Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives." Michelle Obama

"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated." Maya Angelou

"To shape your future you need to understand your past." Derrick Anderson

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." James Baldwin

**"If you can't fly.....Run
If you can't run.....Walk
If you can't walk.....Crawl
But by all means.....Keep Moving." Martin Luther King Jr.**

"Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out."



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.



CARE TEAM FOR THE MONTH

- Sis. Shenille Gray**
- Sis. Mary Diggs**
- Sis. Phyllis Duck**

Please let the church administrator know of any disciples' address or phone number change!

SOLOMONITE OF THE MONTH



**February Solomonite Spotlight Is:
Sis. Shenille Gray**

Shenille joined Solomon's Temple on April 29, 2007. She serves on the Women's Ministry, Health Care Ministry, Outreach Ministry and serves as ACP for the Praise Dance Ministry. Shenille is the mother of three, Imani, Anthony and Jayla. "Strength and honour are her clothing.....She looketh well to the ways of her household.....Her children arise up, and call her blessed." (Proverbs 31:25, 27, 28) We, the Solomon's Temple family, would like to congratulate Shenille for being this month's Solomonite Spotlight.

WE LOVE YOU!



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| Sis. Sonjia Moore | Sis. Vernell Brown |
| Sis. Tami Drew | Sis. Vernell Wrenn |
| Bro. James Green Sr. | Sis. Connie Payne |
| Sis. Lonnie Batten | Sis. Mary Diggs |
| Sis. Mary Cornick | Sis. Phyllis Wiggins |
| Sis. Tamara Jones | Sis. Darnelle Jefferson |
| Shivers Family | Rawls & Wellons Family |
| Holmes & Taylor Family | Lee Family |

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

Black History

Did you know...

The Black Man Invented the Following:

- PENCIL SHARPENER • TROLLEY CAR POWER SYSTEM
- 1st TRAFFIC LIGHT • STREET SWEEPER TRUCK
- CORN & COTTON SEED PLANTER • THE STRONG BOX
- COMMON DUST PAN • AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR DOOR
- 1st CLOTHES DRYER • FIRE ESCAPE LADDER
- JENNY COUPLER FOR TRAIN CARS • FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- CARBON FILAMENT FOR THE LIGHTBULB •

Verse of the Month

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

February Kingdom Schedule

February Scriptures

2/5 John 15:9-13
 2/12 1 John 4:7-10
 2/19 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
 2/26 Matthew 5:43-48

Welcome Schedule

2/5 Sis. Shirley Haskins
 2/12 Bro. John Lee
 2/19 Mariah Little
 2/26 Sis. Kathy Greene

Door Opener

Bro. Earl Moton

Worship Leaders Schedule

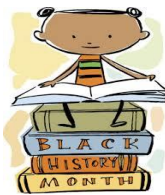
2/5 Elder Sarah Hatton
 2/12 Shagan Gatewood (son)
 2/19 Elder Wayne Hatton
 2/26 Minister Bertram Blackwell

Servant Leaders Schedule

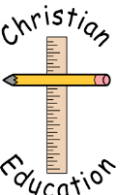
2/5 Sis. Wendy Green
 2/12 Sis. Shirley Haskins
 2/19 Bro. Donald Watkins
 2/26 Sis. Lucy Watkins

Communion Bowls

Sis. Phyllis Duck
 Sis. Shirley Haskins



February 2017 CID Teachers Schedule



- February 7th** **Adult Teacher:** Minister Bertram Blackwell | Galatians 4:8-20
 “New Birth Brings Freedom”
Youth Teacher: Sis. Shirley Haskins & Sis. Hope Parker
- February 14th** **NO CID: Galatians 5:1-17 | “Freedom In Christ”**
- February 21st** **Adult Teacher:** MIT Ernest Ruffin | Galatians 5:18-26; 6:1-10
 “Christ Creates Holy Living”
Youth Teachers: Sis. Sylvia Gundy & Sis. Tanisha White
- February 28th** **NO CID: 1 John 4:7-19 | Perfect Love**

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website solomonstemplechurch.net

Choir Rehearsal Schedule for the Month of February

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

Thursday before the 3rd Sunday
 6:30pm Youth Choir



Thursday before the 2nd Sunday
 7:00pm Sons of Solomon

Thursday before the 4th Sunday
 6:00pm Praise Team
 7:00pm Joyful Voices



February Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

Theodore & Sylvia Gundy
February 14th

Stanley & Dorothy Robinson
February 26th

Nelson & Mattie Turner
February 27th



An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.

February Birthdays

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Happy Birthday

Robert White	February 3 rd
Mary Diggs	February 5 th
Barry Nichols	February 5 th
James Green Sr.	February 5 th
Ashley Boothe	February 5 th
Joydan Taylor	February 7 th
Shaquita Taylor	February 12 th
Jade Hunt	February 13 th
Elaine Nichols	February 15 th
Jackie Ruffin	February 16 th
John Lee	February 17 th
Kaden Taylor	February 21 st
Anthony Gray Jr.	February 22 nd



Blow out the Candles,
Wish away,
you are the
superstar of the day.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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.

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, Elder Wayne Hatton.** or **Bro. James Green Sr.**



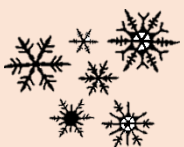
Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2/1/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts at the chapel
2/2/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
2/5/17	After service	Singles Ministry will meet in Parlor A
2/5/17	After service	Youth and their parents will meet with Youth Leaders
2/7/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study – Kingdom Victory Lifestyle
2/8/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts at the chapel
2/9/17	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
2/11/17	10:00am	Media Ministry will meet at the chapel
2/11/17	6:00pm	Pastor & Leading Lady Shivers will speak at Valentine’s Banquet at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 14165 Racetrack Road, Ivor, VA 23866
2/12/17	After service	Joseph Tribe will meet at the chapel in Parlor A
2/12/17	After service	Asher Tribe will meet at the chapel in the choir area
2/12/17	3:00pm	Servant Leader Ministry will fellowship with Emmanuel Baptist Church for their Deacon and Deaconess Anniversary service
2/14/17	All Day	Happy Valentine’s Day 🌸
2/14/17	6:30pm	Valentines Celebration at the chapel (sponsored by the Men’s Ministry)
2/14/17		NO CID Session/Bible Study
2/15/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts at the chapel
2/16/17	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
2/16/17	6:30pm	Men & Women will meet at the chapel
2/17/17	6:30pm	Couples Ministry will meet at the chapel
2/18/17	TBA	Singles Ministry Movie Outing at Harborview
2/20/17	6:30pm	Pastor’s Wives Fellowship at the chapel
2/21/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study – Kingdom Victory Lifestyle
2/22/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts at the chapel
2/23/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
2/25/17	11:00am	Usher Ministry Rainbow Tea at the chapel
2/26/17	3:00pm	Pastor Shivers will serve as Officiant for Pastor Installation service for Pastor-Elect Terrell Batten at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church
2/28/17		NO CID Session/Bible Study
3/1/17	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday service at the chapel; Emmanuel Baptist Church will be our guest





February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 6:30pm Kingdom Victory Workouts	2. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	3.	4. 6:00am Media Ministry will meet at the chapel 6:00pm Pastor & Leading Lady Shivers speak at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
5. Singles Ministry will meet Youth & Parents will meet	6.	7. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study "Kingdom Victory Lifestyle"	8. 6:30pm Kingdom Victory Workouts	9. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	10.	11. 10:00am Media Ministry will meet at the chapel 6:00pm Pastor & Leading Lady Shivers speak at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
12. 2017 Agendas due Joseph Tribe meet Asher Tribe meet 3:00pm Servant Leaders go to Emmanuel Baptist	13.	14. 6:30pm Valentine Celebration at the chapel Happy Valentine's Day	15. 6:30pm Kingdom Victory Workouts	16. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Men & Women meetings	17. 6:30pm Couples Ministry meeting at the chapel	18. Singles Ministry Movie Outing at Harborview
19.	20. 6:30pm Pastor's Wives Fellowship	21. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study "Kingdom Victory Lifestyle"	22. 6:30pm Kingdom Victory Workouts	23. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal	24.	25. 11:00am Usher Ministry Rainbow Tea
26. 3:00pm Pastor Shivers serve at Installation Service at First Gravel Hill	27.	28. No CID session/ Bible Study				

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Solomon's Temple 2017 Tribe List

Asher Tribe	Benjamin Tribe	Joseph Tribe	Levi Tribe
Sylvia Gundy	James Green	Donald Watkins	Phyllis Duck
Shirley Haskins	Wendy Green	Lucy Watkins	Turekia White
Angela Batten	Jha'Siah Brown	Cornell Bailey	Davion Archer
Joe Batten	Dana Cary	Bertram Blackwell	Kayla Battle
Lonnie Batten	Aiyanna Chapman	Shakina Boone	Vernessa Black
Aalani Brown	Allan Clark	Mercedi Brown	Ashley Boothe
Corey Brown	Nytara Clark	Mary Cornick	Sheila Brown
Denise Brown	Latoya Diggs	Alice Day	Craig Clarke
Desiree Brown	Jordan Elliott	Hilja Diggs	Ebony Clarke
Vernell Brown	James Green Jr.	Mary Diggs	Ruby Clarke
Kimesia Burrell	Kenya Hargrove	Cynthia Edwards	Terren Clarke
Alma Gayton	Christopher Harper	Ella Ford	Wanda Clarke
Anthony Gray	Lena Holmes	Kathy Greene	Seniah Cypress
Imani Gray	Ray Holmes	Trakelia Hamlin	Antonio Dixon
Jayla Gray	Darnelle Jefferson	Tranisha Hamlin	Tami Drew
Shenille Gray	Mor'Netra Johnson	Carl Henderson	Carl Duck
Marcus Gundy	Mor'Relle Johnson	Barbara Jones	Sarah Gatewood
Theodore Gundy	Wendy Johnson	Erica Judkins	Shagan Gatewood
Sierra Johnson	Linda Jordan	Jacqueline Judkins	Shagan Gatewood (son)
Tamara Jones	John Lee	Junious Little	Sheila Gatewood
Sonjia Moore	Karen Lee	Earl Moton	Regina Green
Arieana Parker	Brad Little	Rodney Murphy	Sarah Hatton
Hope Parker	Christine Little	Tracy Murphy	Wayne Hatton
Raven Parker	June Little	Barry Nichols	Nasheena Roberts
Shakilra Parker	Mariah Little	Elaine Nichols	Kevin Shepherd Jr.
Kameron Robertson	Samantha Little	Jayla Nichols	Edith Shivers
Nikia Robertson	Shania Little	Jessica Smith	Kinston Shivers
Bianca Robinson	Krystle Murphy	Kori Smith	Pastor Kim Shivers
Dorothy Robinson	Brandon Newsome	Kristiana Smith	Beretta Smith
Grayland Robinson	LaQueshia Newsome	Marcus Smith	Jowanda Smith-Hawkins
Laila Robinson	De'Etra Parris	Katrina Suiter	Marion Smith
Stanley Robinson	Connie Payne	Castachia Turner	Faye Thompson
Valerie Robinson-Ford	Patricia Payne	Charles Turner	Lisa Thompson
Courtland Shivers	Jay'Vion Pierce	Christian Turner	Frances Wells-Robertson
Deloris Shivers	Terry Rawls	Florence Turner	Robert White
Destiny Shivers	Ernest Ruffin	Mattie Turner	Brent Wrenn
Latisha Shivers	Jackie Ruffin	Melissa Turner	Crystal Wrenn
Margaret Shivers-Thomas	Jerrica Taylor	Quenten Turner	Vernell Wrenn
Khadedra Vaughan	Jordan Taylor	Stacy Turner	
Cynthia Watson	Alonzo Taylor Jr.	Taleigha Turner	
Lavores White	Shaquita Taylor	Willie Turner Jr.	
Tanisha White	Charlotte Wellons	Willie Turner Sr.	
Micheal Wiggins	Brittany Williams	Melvin Turner	
Phyllis Wiggins	Bryce Williams	De'Ahzha Williams	
Kayla Williams	Deborah Williams		
Lenore Williams			

Congratulations

Kristiana Smith presented the game ball and Sis. Desiree Brown was honored as a Breast Cancer Survivor at the "Pink Game" at Nansemond River High School on Friday, Jan. 27th.



Solomon's Temple Kingdom Victory Workouts
Come and workout with us. Classes will be held
on Wednesday nights (Feb. 1st, Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th
and Feb. 22nd) at 6:30pm at the chapel.
You're welcome to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- March 1st Ash Wednesday
- March 1st Beginning of Lent
- March 4th Mass Choir to sing at Easter Baptist Church
- March 16th Men & Women's Meetings
- March 19th Men's Ministry Concert/Mime
- March 25th Play – "The Glory Train"

APRIL

- April 9th – 13th Holy Week Revival
- April 14th Good Friday
- April 15th Carrying the Cross
- April 16th Easter Sunday
- April 30th 100 Kingdom Minded Women Service

MAY

- May 5th – 6th Women's Conference/Retreat
- May 7th Women's Day
- May 7th Mother's Day Celebration
- May 14th Mother's Day
- May 21st Ministry Day
- May 28th Pastor Shivers preach at Galilee Baptist Church

Valentine's Day

The Men's Ministry of Solomon's Temple invites you to a Valentine Celebration on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30pm at the chapel. Join us for Fellowship, Food and a Movie.