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Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple

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Your Love Letter to Jesus

by Rebecca Barlow Jordan

This Valentine's Day remember your true One and Only love.

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. John 1:18 (NIV)

Do you remember those days of "first love?" Days when that special someone was all you could think about. When your incessant talking of that person consumed the totality of your conversation.

In our lifetimes we will experience many kinds of love: parental, marital, close friends, etc. But no matter how much we treasure those here on earth, there is One whose love is like no other. The Bible calls Him, "God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side." He is the One who helps us know what God's love is like, because He "made Him known" when He came to earth.

When I think about Jesus in this way, I realize He is truly the lover of our souls—the One from whom all affection stems. Without Him, there's no way we could ever understand or express any kind of love. No matter how deeply we feel about our human relationships, they will disappoint us at some time. Their love will always be imperfect, because we are all flawed. But Jesus is truly the One and Only Love—the only One who will never reject us, never leave us, never hurt us, and who will always love us perfectly.

Faith step: Is Jesus your One and Only Love? Write Him a love letter today, telling Him how you feel about Him.

Church Events

- February 13th – Pre-Valentine's Day Party at IOW Ruritan Bldg.
- February 18th – Ash Wed. service at Emmanuel Baptist Church
- February 20th – Lenten season evening worship service
- February 22nd – Everyone asked to dress in African attire
- February 28th – Pre-Church Anniversary service sponsored by the Joseph Tribe

"Challenged to Change":
Repositioning our Perspectives,
Perceptions, and our Patterns for
Greater Service.

5 Spiritual Benefits of Fasting

Refraining from eating or drinking for a period of time is an act of worship that is good for your soul

By Brooke Obie

Many of us think of fasting as a spiritual duty to God, depriving ourselves of food and drink for a period of time in order to prove our love for Him. While long-suffering is a part of being human and certainly a part of being Christian, fasting should not be included when we think about “suffering for Christ.” On the contrary, fasting is less about what we’re giving up and much more about what we’re making room for. When we fast, we exchange what we need to survive for what we need to live—more of God. Here are five spiritual benefits to fasting:

1) A soul cleansing. How often we forget that our bodies are the temple of the Lord—especially when deciding what to eat! Fasting is a great time to remember the spiritual connection we have to our physical bodies. Without the toxins we put in our bodies, we not only give our bodies a break from the digestive process, but we also allow our spirits to be detoxed. Fasting is a faith-move, an expectation we have that God will fill us with His Holy Spirit, just as He promised. But as Christ told His disciples, “No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.” By fasting, meditating cleanses the soul and makes it new so we can receive the Holy Spirit and become empowered to live for Christ in a new way.

2) A new desire for God. When we acknowledge through fasting that we need God to live, and to live more abundantly, we can begin to desire God in a new way. When we realize we need God more than we need food, we can start to understand what the Psalmist meant when he wrote, “Like the deer that pants after water, my soul longs for You.” God, the sustainer of all life, wants nothing more than a closer connection with us, and through fasting we can quench that new desire for more of Him in our lives.

3) A deeper praise. Because the body does not have to do the work of digestion, it has more energy to focus on other things. In the same vein, since we are not consumed by what we are going to eat next and when, we have more energy to devote to God. While we’re experiencing a new desire for Him through fasting, we should also gain a deeper praise as we think about everything God is to us and all He has done. Once we get caught up in our desire for God and our praise for His mighty acts, we won’t have time to be hungry or count down the hours until our fast is over. We’ll be celebrating the whole time!

4) A sensitivity to God’s voice. The New Testament prophetess Anna is praised in the book of Luke for being a devoted servant to God and His temple. Because she regularly fasted and prayed, she was able to hear the voice of God speak clearly to her the day that Baby Jesus was brought into her temple to be dedicated. She knew He was the Christ and told everyone who would listen about His arrival. When we detox the spirit and become consumed with desire and praise for God, we become sensitive to His voice. Like Anna, when God speaks to us in the midst of chaos, we’ll still be able to pick out His voice and know what He wants us to do because we have trained our ear to hear Him through fasting, prayer, study and praise.

5) A new satisfaction. When you finish your fast, renewed, full of energy, detoxed, with a new desire, a new praise and a sensitivity to God’s voice, you’ll find that the absence of food was small in comparison to what you gained. When Christ’s disciples noticed that He hadn’t eaten all day and tried to get Him to slow down to eat, Christ said, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about....My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.”

Physical food never fully satisfies; in a few hours, you’ll need to eat again. But when you are fed from doing the work of the Lord, you will find a new satisfaction like you’ve never experienced.

Matthew 6:16-18

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.



LENT 2015 February 18th – April 4th

THE HISTORY OF LENT

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. The word **Lent** itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls. LENT is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. In the general Latin-rite and most Western denominations Lent is taken to run from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) morning or to Easter Eve.

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the Bible beginning on Friday of Sorrows, further climaxing on Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During Lent, many of the faithful commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence (repenting). Lent is traditionally described as **lasting for forty days**, in commemoration of the forty days which, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, *Jesus spent fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry*, where he endured temptation by the Devil. In most Western traditions the Sundays are not counted as part of Lent since Sundays are always the weekly anniversary of the Resurrection and exempt from fasting or abstinence from meat; thus the period from Ash Wednesday until Easter consists of 40 days when the Sundays are excluded.

According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, "the real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare men for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ...the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that *purification* by weaning men from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's Will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in their hearts."

It is important to remember that Lent is a joyful season as we say to our Father in Heaven "Each year you give us this joyful season, when we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's journey toward death, with our minds and hearts renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbor. As we recall the great events that gave us a new life in Christ, you bring to perfection within us the image of your Son. Create in us an awareness of sacrifice and surrender to you, that we may receive Joy and Celebration".


FEBRUARY KINGDOM SCHEDULE


Scripture and Welcome

- 2/01 Sis. Jackie Ruffin (Mark 10:32-34)
Bro. John Lee (welcome)
- 2/08 Anthony Gray (Psalm 33:1-3)
Shania Little (welcome)
- 2/15 Sis. Mary Diggs (Matthew 5:43-48)
Sis. Joyce Hagins (welcome)
- 2/22 Sis. Elaine Nichols (John 14:21-24)
Bro. Barry Nichols (welcome)



HOLY COMMUNION

“Let us break bread together.....”

Servant Leader Schedule

- 2/01 Sis. Turekia White
- 2/08 Sis. Jackie Ruffin
- 2/15 Bro. Earl Moton
- 2/22 Sis. Lucy Watkins

Worship Leader Schedule

- 2/01 Elder Wayne Hatton
- 2/08 Sis. Bianca Robinson
- 2/15 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
- 2/22 Minister Bertram Blackwell

Door Opener

Bro. Earl Moton

Communion Bowls

Bro. Earl Moton
Sis. Lucy Watkins



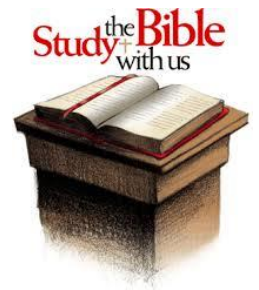
February Teachers Schedule

ADULT TEACHERS

- 2-03 Minister Bertram Blackwell (2-8) | “Serving Neighbors, Serving God” | Luke 10:25-37
- 2-10 Sis. Phyllis Duck (2-15) | “Serving the Least” | Matthew 25:31-46
- 2-17 **NO CID (2-22) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ Emmanuel Baptist Church**
- 2-24 Sis. Turekia White (3-1) “The Lamb of God” | John 1:29-34

YOUTH TEACHERS

Sis. Hope Parker
Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas



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

VALENTINE



You're like
asthma – you
take my breath
away.

You're like
dandruff – I
can't get you
off my head.

You're like my
car – you drive
me crazy.

You're like
dentures – I
can't smile
without you.

Think on these things

Greater Love
has no man
than this: that a
man lay down
his life for his
friends. *Jesus*

Don't wait for
the one you can
live with, wait
for the one you
can't live
without

"Anyone can
catch your eye,
but it takes
someone
special to catch
your heart."
Unknown

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**



February Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday

Robert White	Tues., 02/03
Mary Diggs	Thurs., 02/05
Barry Nichols	Thurs., 02/05
James Green Sr.	Thurs., 02/05
Ashley Boothe	Thurs., 02/05
Joydan Taylor	Sat., 02/07
Willie B. Warren	Thurs., 02/12
Jade Hunt	Fri., 02/13
Elaine Nichols	Sun., 02/15
Jackie Ruffin	Mon., 02/16
John Lee	Mon., 02/16
Joyce Hagins	Thurs., 02/19



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.

FEBRUARY CARE TEAM

Sis. Alice Day
Sis. Hope Parker
Sis. Tami Drew



SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



February Solomonite Spotlight is Michael & Charlotte Wellons

Michael & Charlotte are faithful disciples of the ministry. Michael is a disciple of the Men's Ministry & Charlotte is a disciple of the Women's Ministry. Michael & Charlotte both serve as Assistant Contact Persons for the Couple Ministry. Genesis 2:18 says "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Solomon's Temple would like to congratulate **Michael & Charlotte** for being this month's "Solomonite Spotlight".

WE LOVE YOU!

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

Lifting You Up In 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. Arlene Langhorne
Sis. Phyllis Wiggins
Sis. Sonjia Moore
Desiree Brown
Willie Turner Sr.

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

"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.



MINISTRY AGENDAS ARE DUE!!

Please place your agendas in the basket on the table in the hallway. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the Church Administrator. Don't forget to include your ministry's duties/responsibilities and contact information sheet. Thank you. (C2C)

COUPLES' MINISTRY & SINGLES' MINISTRY ARE "CHALLENGED TO CHANGE" CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



- 8th – Couples are asked to wear red shirts
- 8th – Singles are asked to wear a hat of your choice
- 15th – Singles' Ministry will present a skit during morning service
- 15th – Couples are asked to wear matching colors



February

Happy
Valentine's
Day



Challenged to Change

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
2/1/15	After service	Asher Tribe will meet at the chapel
2/1/15	After service	Singles Ministry will meet at the chapel
2/1/15	After service	Joseph Tribe will meet at the home of Bro. Donald & Sis. Lucy Watkins
2/3/15	6:00pm	Benjamin Tribe will meet at the chapel
2/3/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
2/5/15	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
2/8/15		2015 Agendas are Due
2/8/15	After service	Ushers Ministry will meet at the chapel
2/8/15	After service	Women's Conference Committee will meet at McDonalds
2/10/15	6:00pm	Women's Conference & Women's Day Committee will meet at the chapel
2/10/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
2/12/15	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
2/12/15	6:30pm	Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry will meet
2/13/15	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Pre-Valentine's Day Party at the IOW Ruritan Bldg. sponsored by Solomon's Temple Men's Ministry (B.I.G. - Brothers In God)
2/14/15	All Day	Happy Anniversary Theodore & Sylvia Gundy 
2/14/15	All Day	Happy Anniversary Eric & Jackie Judkins 
2/14/15	All Day	Happy Valentine's Day
2/18/15	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday service at Emmanuel Baptist Church
2/19/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
2/19/15	7:00pm	Joyful Voices rehearsal
2/20/15	7:00pm	Friday Night "Hour of Power" service
2/21/15	5:00pm	Couples' Ministry meeting & movie night at the chapel
2/22/15	Morning service	Everyone is asked to dress in African attire
2/24/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten Service
2/26/15	All Day	Happy Anniversary Stanley & Dorothy Robinson 
2/26/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
2/26/15	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
2/27/15	All Day	Happy Anniversary Nelson & Mattie Turner 
2/27/15	7:00pm	Friday Night "Hour of Power" service
2/28/15	5:00pm	Pre-Church Anniversary service sponsored by Joseph Tribe



Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

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

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

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

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1. Asher Tribe will meet Single Ministry will meet Joseph Tribe will meet</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3. 6:00pm Benjamin Tribe will meet 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study Robert White</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>5. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal Mary Diggs Barry Nichols James Green Sr. Ashley Boothe</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>7. Joydan Taylor</p>
<p>8. 2015 Agendas Due Ushers will meet Women Conference committee will meet at McDonalds</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>10. 6:00pm Women Conference & Women Day Committee will meet 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study</p>	<p>11.</p>	<p>12. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Men & Women meetings Willie B. Warren</p>	<p>13. 6:30pm-9:30pm Pre-Valentine Day Party @ IOW Ruritan Bldg. Jade Hunt</p>	<p>14. Happy Valentine's Day Happy Anniversary Theodore & Sylvia Gundy Happy Anniversary Eric & Jackie Judkins</p>
<p>15. Elaine Nichols</p>	<p>16. Jackie Rutlin John Lee</p>	<p>17. NO CID</p>	<p>18. 7:00pm Ash Wed. service at Emmanuel Baptist Church</p>	<p>19. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal Joyce Hagin</p>	<p>20. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service</p>	<p>21. 5:00pm Couples Ministry meeting & movie night at the chapel</p>
<p>22. Everyone is asked to dress in African attire</p>	<p>23.</p>	<p>24. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Lenten service</p>	<p>25.</p>	<p>26. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir Happy Anniversary Stanley & Dorothy Robinson</p>	<p>27. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service Happy Anniversary Nelson & Mattie Turner</p>	<p>28. 5:00pm Pre-Church anniversary service sponsored by Joseph Tribe</p>



Joseph Day!!



A Pre-Church Anniversary Service!

15 Years - \$15.00

www.15Years15Dollars.com

5:00pm, Saturday February 28, 2015

Pastor Christopher Eason and

Zion Southampton AME Zion Church

15 Years - \$15.00

www.15Years15Dollars.com

Location:

12749 Courthouse Highway

Solomon's Temple Church – Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Pastor K.D. Shivers

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Sponsored By: The Tribe of Joseph – Solomon's Temple Church

Contacts: Bro. Donald & Sis. Lucy Butts-Watkins 757.365-0520

Pre-Valentine's Day Party

for the

Ladies of Solomon's Temple

"A Night Of Entertainment"

Sponsored by

The B.I.G. Ministry

(Brothers In God)

Friday, February 13, 2015

at the

Isle of Wight Ruritan Bldg.

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Featuring the

Loni Dixon Trio Jazz Band

A night filled with Music, Fun, Food, Door Prizes and most of all

"LOVE"



Solomon's Temple Tribe Leaders

BENJAMIN TRIBE

Wendy Green 757-642-0585
James Green 757-373-3832

LEVI TRIBE

Phyllis Duck 757-713-0927
Turekia White 757-771-4740

JOSEPH TRIBE

Donald Watkins 757-292-5241
Lucy Watkins 757-329-3848

ISSACHAR TRIBE

Ernest Ruffin 757-357-6927
Jackie Ruffin 757-635-0543

ASHER TRIBE

Shirley Haskins 757-377-6344
Sylvia Gundy 757-335-0406

2015 Worship Leaders Schedule *(2nd Sunday of each Month)*

January 11 th	Sis. Wendy Green
February 8 th	Sis. Bianca Robinson
March 8 th	Sis. Phyllis Duck
April 12 th	Bro. Ernest Ruffin
June 14 th	Bro. Kinston Shivers
July 12 th	Bro. Willie Turner, Jr.
August 9 th	Sis. Lucy Watkins
September 13 th	Sis. Kenya Hargrove
October 11 th	Sis. Turekia White
November 8 th	Sis. LaQueshia Rawls
December 13 th	Bro. James Green Sr.

SMILE FOR YOU



Everyone needs a smile!



Each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans. The theme for 2015 is "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture", chronicling the important contributions by African-Americans to art, literature, sports and pop culture.

Black History Month began in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson who launched Negro History Week in 1926. Woodson proclaimed that Negro History Week should always occur in the second week of February — between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Since 1976, every American president has proclaimed February as Black History Month. Today, other countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom also devote an entire month to celebrating black history.



Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 4th Outreach "Helping to Heal" (H2H)
 14th Showcasing the Gifts of a Preacher's Kid
 22nd Easter Skate for youth 17 & under
 29th Palm Sunday
 29th-Apr. 2nd Holy Week Revival

APRIL

- 3rd Good Friday Service
 5th Easter Sunday
 19th Fellowship with Brown's AME Church
 25th Bikers Ride sponsored by Bro. Brad Little
 27th Levite & Assembly of Servants meetings

MAY

- 3rd Teacher Appreciation
 4th Fellowship with Little Zion Baptist Church
 Hampton, VA
 8th-10th Women's Retreat
 10th Women's Day
 11th Mid-Year Advisory meeting
 12th Fellowship with Shiloh Baptist Church
 17th Ministry Day
 25th Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2nd Family Church meeting
 14th Youth Day
 21st Men's Day

JULY

- 14th Pastor's Birthday
 14th Pastor & (LL) Elder Shivers Anniversary
 25th Mass Choir to sing at Mt. Sinai – Annual
 Choir Day
 26th Family & Friends Day

SEPTEMBER

- 13th Grandparents' Day
 13th Leading Lady Day
 13th (LL) Elder Edith Shivers' Birthday

OCTOBER

- 11th Clergy Appreciation Day
 18th Pastor & Church Anniversary
 31st Hallelujah Fest

NOVEMBER

- 22nd-24th Fall Harvest Revival
 26th Thanksgiving Day service
 29th First Day of Advent

DECEMBER

- 6th 2016 Accept/Decline forms due
 20th Christmas Celebration
 25th Christmas Day
 31st New Year's Eve service

Verse of the Month

1 John 4:7-8

**Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of
 God; and every one that loveth is born of God,
 and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not
 God; for God is love.**

