

Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple

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January 2015



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



HAPPY NEW YEAR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR & LEADING LADY

2015 Theme: "Challenged to Change":

Repositioning our Perspectives, Perceptions, and our Patterns for Greater Service.
{Matthew 9:17}

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Wow! God has been so gracious unto us to offer us the opportunity to move into our 15th year of service in His Kingdom. As we enter into this new year of 2015, let us focus our attention on a new direction in service unto God. We must strive to be students (disciples) of Christ with a desire to change for the better. 2 Peter 3:18 tells us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We've all had our challenges, difficulties, setbacks and disappointments in the past year. Some have endured sickness, death of a loved one, job loss or maybe even problems in their relationships or marriages. But God has still been faithful. We must remain faithful to Him and turn our tests into our testimonies.



Mark Your Calendar

1.11

Consecration of 2015 Officers

1.12

Advisory Meeting

1.15

Men & Women Ministry Meetings

1.17

Women's Ministry "Diamonds in Denim" service

1.26

Levites & AOS Meetings

1.31

Men's Ministry "New Year's Sing-O-Rama" service

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3 Key Factors to the “Benefit of Kingdom Study”

1. **Knowledge** – information awareness of something; accumulation of ideas
The important goal in life is to have knowledge.
2. **Understanding** – comprehension making sense out of it; sorting it out; making meaning from it
Understanding destroys frustration.
3. **Wisdom** – application apply it to your life on a daily basis; The ultimate goal in life is wisdom. Wisdom is experience.

Without knowledge you will be short on wisdom.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (KJV)



Message from our Pastor & Leading Lady.....continued

The only way we can do this is to challenge ourselves to change. Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” We must let go of the past and change for the positive! Become a better you.

Change comes through our attitudes, choices, thinking, learning, eating habits, etc. It enables us to have a new direction to be a positive part of the body of Christ. We still want to remain faithful, accountable, committed and unpredictable in our teaching techniques, conferences, ministries, tribes and service unto God.

Our theme speaks of perspectives, perceptions and patterns but what do they mean to us as we are challenged to change. **Perspective** is the individual inner divinity of one’s attitude and thoughts. Empowered in new solutions, unlimited possibilities healing and growing from the inside out. **Perception** is to process information properly, changing our way of picturing kingdom principles. **Patterns** is a plan or design. A model worthy of imitation. Establishing an approach to ministry that others can attach themselves to.

It’s time for a change. Are you ready for the challenge?

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

TIPS FOR A POSITIVE NEW YEAR

1. Stay Positive (you can listen to the cynics and doubters or you can know that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible)
2. Take a morning walk of gratitude (say “thank-you” more)
3. Remember that adversity is not a dead-end but a detour to something better
4. Focus on learning, loving, growing and serving
5. Believe that everything happens for a reason (expect good things to come out of challenging experiences)
6. Live with the 3 E’s. Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy
7. Implement the **NO COMPLAINING RULE**
8. Get more sleep
9. Each night before you go to bed complete the following:
I am thankful for _____ Today I accomplished _____
10. Smile and laugh more.



JANUARY KINGDOM SCHEDULE



Scripture and Welcome

- 1/04 Bro. Donald Watkins (Luke 14:22-25)
Sis. Florence Turner (welcome)
- 1/11 Marcus Gundy (Matthew 22:35-38)
Aricana Parker (welcome)
- 1/18 Sis. Jessica Smith (Ezekiel 11:17-20)
Sis. June Little (welcome)
- 1/25 Sis. Connie Payne (Colossians 3:8-11)
Sis. Christine Little (welcome)

Servant Leader Schedule

- 1/04 Bro. Ernest Ruffin
- 1/11 Sis. Wendy Green
- 1/18 Bro. Donald Watkins
- 1/25 Sis. Sylvia Gundy

Worship Leader Schedule

- 1/04 Minister Cynthia Edwards
- 1/11 Sis. Wendy Green
- 1/18 Elder Karen Lee
- 1/25 Elder Jamel Kinard

Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Communion Bowls

Bro. Donald Watkins
Sis. Sylvia Gundy



HOLY COMMUNION

“Let us break bread together.....”

January Teachers Schedule

ADULT TEACHERS

- 1-13 Bro. Ernest Ruffin (1-18) | “Jesus’ Intercession for Us” | Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 5:1-10
- 1-20 Elder Jamel Kinard (1-25) | “Powerful Prayer” | James 5:13-18
- 1-27 Minister Cynthia Edwards (2-1) “Feasting and Fasting” | Daniel 1:5, 8-17; Matthew 6:16-18

YOUTH TEACHERS

Sis. Jackie Ruffin
Sis. Lenore Williams



Explanation of the lesson can be found on [our website.solomons-templechurch.org](http://ourwebsite.solomons-templechurch.org)

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.**

Think on These Things

Today will **NEVER** come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound.

There comes a time in life when you have to let go of all the pointless drama & the people who create it & surround yourself with people who make you laugh so hard that you forget the bad and focus solely on the good. After all, life is too short to be anything but happy.

The way you start your day can affect your whole day..... Begin it with a Smile, calmness of mind, coolness of emotions and a heart filled with **GRATTITUDE**.

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”
Isaiah 43:18-19



January Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday



Sharon Goodman	Sat., 01/03
Christine Little	Sun., 01/04
Kenya Hargrove	Sun., 01/04
Corey Brown	Mon., 01/05
Erica Judkins	Tues., 01/06
Florence Turner	Thurs., 01/08
Vernell Brown	Fri., 01/09
Inez Jenkins	Fri., 01/09
Joe Batten	Sat., 01/10
Donald Watkins	Sat., 01/10
Jessica Smith	Tues., 01/13
Connie Payne	Thurs., 01/15
Ernest Ruffin	Wed., 01/21
Roberto Duhart	Sat., 01/24
Seniah Cypress	Tues., 01/27
June Little	Fri., 01/30



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.

JANUARY CARE TEAM

Sis. Wendy Green
Sis. Deborah Williams



SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



January Solomonite Spotlight is Ms. Vernell Brown

Vernell Brown is a charter disciple of Solomon's Temple. She is a faithful and supportive disciple of the ministry. Vernell is one of the Mothers of the Church and serves on the Women's Ministry and Single's Ministry. The Bible speaks of aged women as in Titus 2:3, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things." **Solomon's Temple** would like to congratulate **Vernell** 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
Sis. Lonnie Batten



"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.*

TO ALL MINISTRY CONTACT PERSONS:



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. Thank you.



January



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
1/01/15	ALL DAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
1/06/15	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary John & Karen Lee
1/08/15	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
1/10/15	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Morse & Wendy Johnson
1/11/15	Morning service	Consecration of 2015 Officers
1/11/15	Morning service	Baby Dedication – Laila Maeli Kinard, daughter of Bianca Robinson & Jamel Kinard
1/12/15	6:30pm	Advisory meeting
1/13/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/15/15	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
1/15/15	6:30pm	Men & Women's meetings
1/17/15	4:00pm	Diamonds in Denim service sponsored by the Women's Ministry
1/19/15	ALL DAY	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/20/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/22/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
1/22/15	7:00pm	Joyful Voices rehearsal
1/24/15	9:30am	Benjamin Tribe breakfast @ The Broken Egg in Suffolk (Harborview area)
1/25/15	After service	Outreach Ministry will meet
1/26/15	6:30pm	Levites will meet
1/26/15	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants will meet
1/27/15	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/29/15	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
1/29/15	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
1/31/15	6:00pm	Men's Ministry New Year's Sing-O-Rama

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

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. New Year's Day	2.	3. Sharon Goodman
4. Kenya Hargrove Christine Little	5. Corey Brown	6. Erica Judkins Happy Anniversary John & Karen Lee	7.	8. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal Florence Turner	9. Yernell Brown Inez Jenkins	10. Joe Batten Donald Watkins Happy Anniversary Morse & Wendy Johnson
11. Consecration of 2015 Officers	12. 6:30pm Advisory meeting	13. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study Jessica Smith	14.	15. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Men & Women meetings Connie Payne	16.	17. 4:00pm Diamonds in Denim service sponsored by Women's Ministry
18.	19. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study	21. Ernest Ruffin	22. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal	23.	24. 9:30am Benjamin Tribe breakfast @ The Broken Egg in Suffolk Roberto Duhart
25. Outreach Ministry will meet after service	26. 6:30pm Levites will meet 7:30pm AOS will meet	27. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study Seniah Cypress	28.	29. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	30. June Little	31. 6:00pm Men's Ministry Sing-O-Rama

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE 2015 TRIBE LIST

LEVI	BENJAMIN	ISSACHAR	ASHER	JOSEPH
Phyllis Duck-CP	James Green Sr.-CP	Ernest Ruffin-CP	Shirley Haskins-CP	Donald Watkins-CP
Turekia White-CP	Wendy Green-CP	Jackie Ruffin-CP	Sylvia Gundy-CP	Lucy Watkins-CP
Wayne Hatton	Karen Lee	Edith Shivers	Margaret S Thomas	Bertram Blackwell
Sarah Hatton	John Lee	Jamel Kinard	Kimesia Burrell	Cynthia Edwards
Regina Green	Krystle Murphy	Kinston Shivers	Vernell Brown	Earl Moton
Walter Chapman	Brad Little	Kayla Battle	Corey Brown	Ella Ford
Frances Robertson	Samantha Little	Zachary Robinson	Theodore Gundy	Hilja Diggs-Hall
Robert White	Shania Little	Bianca Robinson	Marcus Gundy	Mercedi Brown
Nasheena Roberts	Allan Clark Sr.	Grayland Robinson	Hope Parker	Mary Diggs
Ruby Clarke	Nytara Clark	Stanley Robinson	Shakilra Parker	Junious Little Sr.
Wanda Clarke	Kenya Hargrove	Dorothy Robinson	Raven Parker	Willie Turner Sr.
Tara Clarke	Linda Jordan	Khadedra Vaughan	Arieana Parker	Florence Turner
Craig Clarke	Joyce Hagins	John Shivers	Deloris Shivers	Willie Turner Jr.
Ebony Clarke	Connie Payne	Kathy Greene	Courtland Shivers	Stacy Turner
Terren Clarke	Patricia Payne	Marcus Smith	Latisha Shivers	Tykeria Knight
Carl Duck	Latoya Diggs	Jessica Smith	Destiny Shivers	Castachia Turner
Vernessa Black	James Green Jr.	Ray Holmes	Nikia Robertson	Barry Nichols
Inez Smith	Wendy Johnson	Lena Holmes	Kameron Robertson	Elaine Nichols
Beretta Smith	Mor'Netra Johnson	Blair Taylor	Lonnie Batten	Quenton Turner
Jowanda S Hawkins	Mor'Relle Johnson	Alonzo Taylor Jr.	Joe Batten	Jayla Nichols
Alexis Smith	Dana Cary	Jerrica Taylor	Denise Brown	Melissa Turner
Marion Smith	Terry Rawls	Jordan Taylor	Lenore Williams	Taleigha Turner
Renazi Vinson	Tammy Rawls	Jade Hunt	Arlene Langhorne	Charles Turner
Faye Thompson	LaQueshia Rawls	Ashley Boothe	Desiree Brown	Mattie Turner
Lisa Thompson	Tierra Rawls	Danielle Seaborn	Phyllis Wiggins	Melvin Turner Sr.
Sheila Brown	Brandon Newsome	Rodney Murphy	Micheal Wiggins	Barbara Jones
Kianna Hill	Michael Wellons	Tracy Murphy	Sonjia Moore	Cornell Bailey
Tami Drew	Charlotte Wellons	Trakelia Hamlin	Alma Gayton	Alice Day
Crystal Wrenn	Darnelle Jefferson	Kevin Shepherd	Lekesha Moton	Katrina Suiter
Vernell Wrenn	Christine Little	Shenille Gray	Jala Johnson	Carl Henderson
Brent Wrenn	June Little	Imani Gray	Marquis Palmer	De'Ahzha Williams
Charnell King	Derica White	Anthony Gray	Sharon Goodman	Casey Moton
Dorian Epps II	Deborah Williams	Jayla Gray	Willie B Warren	Justan Purvis
Letitia Seaborne	Brittany Williams	Erica Judkins		
	Bryce Williams	Jackie Judkins		



Develop Unshakable Confidence



For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you.
Psalm 71:5-6

What do you rely on to give you confidence? Do you rely on your skills, your degrees, or even your accomplishments? What about when you sense a call to do a task for which you feel unqualified? Have you ever found yourself wondering, "Who am I to (lead this group, start this ministry, supervise these employees, organize this fundraiser, teach these children . . .)?" Have you ever thought, "You picked the wrong person for this job, Lord"?

If we rely on ourselves, we will not be qualified for that which God calls us. In fact, throughout Scripture we see that God often chose people who felt unqualified for the tasks He laid before them: Abraham, Sarah, Moses, David, Esther and Mary all felt unequal to the task.

But if God can use a roaming

Bedouin to birth a nation, a stuttering speaker to confront Egypt's pharaoh, a shepherd boy to lead a nation, an exiled Jewish girl to rescue her people and a timid teenager to bear the Son of God, then God can use us! The critical question isn't, "Can I do this?" The better question is, "Can God do this through me?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!"

When the psalmist asked God to be a refuge and rescuer in Psalm 71, he boldly proclaimed his dependence upon the Sovereign Lord. The psalmist knew that every breath he had taken had occurred because God had given it. Throughout his lifetime he had been dependent on God.

When we feel weak-kneed and lack confidence, we are most open to relying on God. The Bible gives us affirmation after affirmation of God's strength in the face of our limited ability: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). "Nothing is

impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). "Nothing is too hard for [the Lord]" (Jeremiah 32:17). "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Nothing silences the voice of timidity as powerfully as the voice of Scripture.

So if you find yourself in a new situation today, make sure you don't rely on your own limited talents or skills, but that you place your unshakable confidence in the limitless God.

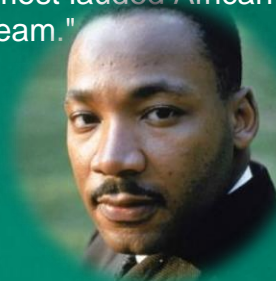
***I CHOOSE*.....**

to live by choice, not by chance;
to make changes, not excuses;
to be motivated, not manipulated;
to be useful, not used;
to excel, not to compete.
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity.
I choose to listen to my inner voice,
not the random opinion of others.

JANUARY 19, 2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King, both a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist, had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. Among many efforts, King headed the SCLC. Through his activism, he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and continues to be remembered as one of the most lauded African-American leaders in history, often referenced by his 1963 speech, "I Have a Dream."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 8th 2015 Agendas Due
- 14th Valentine's Day/Valentine's Celebration (13th or 14th)
- 18th Ash Wednesday service at Emmanuel Baptist Church

MARCH

- 23rd Levite & Assembly of Servants meetings
- 29th Palm Sunday
- 29th-Apr. 2nd Holy Week Revival

APRIL

- 3rd Good Friday Service
- 5th Easter Sunday

MAY

- 3rd Teacher Appreciation
- 8th-10th Women's Retreat
- 10th Women's Day
- 11th Mid-Year Advisory meeting
- 17th Ministry Day
- 18th Levite & Assembly of Servants meeting
- 25th Memorial Day

JUNE

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

JULY

- 25th Mass Choir to sing at Mt. Sinai – Annual Choir Day
- 26th Family & Friends Day
- 27th Levite & Assembly of Servants meetings

OCTOBER

- 18th Pastor & Church Anniversary

NOVEMBER

- 22nd-24th Fall Harvest Revival
- 26th Thanksgiving Day service

DECEMBER

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

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Verse of the Month

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

