

# 10 Reasons to Give Thanks to God

When counting your blessings, be sure to give thanks for what God has done for you...and for who He is. by Elizabeth Peale Allen

When the Pilgrims celebrated their first Thanksgiving in 1621, half their original group had died. Our forebears were able to focus on God's goodness and mercy even in the midst of trials. Perhaps they took a lesson from Paul and Silas who, while in chains in the prison at Philippi, "prayed, and sang praises unto God" (Acts 16:25). Or perhaps they were simply following the instruction of Philippians 2:5, which says, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." It was Christ who, knowing exactly what lay ahead, gave thanks on the very night in which He was betrayed. As Christians, we're called *beyond* simple thanks for the good things God has sent our way. We're also to give thanks for what He has done for us...and for who He is. Scripture gives us so many examples of why we are to be thankful:

### We are to be thankful for what God has given us:

- 1. His "unfailing love" (Psalm 107, numerous verses)
- 2. His grace "given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4)
- 3. Victory "through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- 4. His "righteous laws" (Psalm 119:62)
- 5. The faith of others to sustain and cheer us (Philemon 1:4)

### We are to be thankful for what God has done:

- 6. He has "answered me...[and] become my salvation" (Psalm 118:21).
- 7. He has redeemed us. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
- 8. He has qualified us "to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light" (Colossians 1:12).

### We are to be thankful for who God is:

- 9. "He is good; His love endures forever" (1 Chronicles 16:34).
- 10. He is "faithful and just" (1 John 1:9).

There is always, always something to be *Thankful* for.

Training our hearts to be thankful does many good things. It gives credit where credit is due. It keeps us from bitterness, arrogance and discouragement. It protects us from letting our lives be defined by what we don't have. It keeps us humble and reminds us of our need for God.

November 2016



### Levite Ministry of Solomon's Temple

In recognition of Clergy Appreciation Month. Elder Karen Lee, Elder Sarah Hatton, Minister Bertram Blackwell, Elder Wayne Hatton, MIT Ernest Ruffin, Minister Cynthia Edwards, Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas, Elder Edith Shivers, and Pastor K. D. Shivers

# Congratulations

Leading Lady Elder Edith R. Shivers is the 1st recipient of the Ida Ford Shivers Memorial **Scholarship**. She was awarded the scholarship on Sunday, October 16, 2016.





Congratulations Tanisha White received her Certificate of Baptism from Pastor Shivers. She was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at Huntington Park on August 23, 2016.

# Elder Terrell Batten preached an awesome word: "The Posture of

Prayer" on Sunday, October 16, 2016 for Solomon's Temple Church Anniversary service.



### **EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**

Pastor K. D. Shivers & Leading Lady E. R. Shivers receive presentations from the Solomon's Temple Church family for 16 years of Pastoral Service on Sunday, October 16th. We love you Pastor & Leading Lady.







# Solomon's Temple "Sweet 16" Party Saturday, October 1, 2016







# "Let's Boogie 70's Style"

2016 Youth Ministry Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>







### **November Scriptures**

11/6 Psalm 31:19-24 11/13 Psalm 95:1-6

11/20 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

11/27 1 Chronicles 16:28-34

### **Welcome Schedule**

11/6 Sis. Jackie Ruffin 11/13 Jasmine Parker 11/20 Bro. Lavores White 11/27 Sis. Valerie Robinson-Ford

**Door Opener** 

Bro. Ray Holmes



### Worship Leaders Schedule

11/6 Elder Wayne Hatton 11/13 Sis. Nasheena Roberts

11/20 Minister Bertram Blackwell

11/27 Elder Karen Lee

### **Servant Leaders Schedule**

11/6 Sis. Sylvia Gundy 11/13 Sis. Turekia White 11/20 Sis. Phyllis Duck 11/27 Sis. Lucy Watkins

### **Communion Bowls**

Sis. Turekia White Sis. Sylvia Gundy



Study

God's Word

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## November 2016 Teachers Schedule

November 1st CID Adult Teacher: Minister Cynthia Edwards | Revelation 21:1-8

"Brand New"

Youth Teachers: Elder Sarah Hatton & Sis. Stacy Turner

November 8th CID Adult Teacher: MIT Ernest Ruffin | Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27

"New Ierusalem"

**Youth Teachers:** Elder Margaret S. Thomas & Sis. Faye Thompson

November 15th **CID Adult Teacher:** Elder Wayne Hatton | Revelation 22:1-7

"Living Waters"

Youth Teachers: Sis. Shirley Haskins & Sis. Desiree Brown

NO CID - Fall Harvest Revival: Revelation 22:11-21 November 22nd

"First and Last"

November 29th CID Adult Teacher: Sis. Lucy Watkins | Luke 1:26-38

"God Promises A Savior"

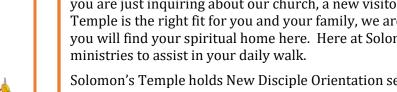
Youth Teachers: Sis. Phyllis Duck & Sis. Samantha Little

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

# 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

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. or Elder Wayne Hatton.



# POINTS TO PONDER

I don't regret the things I've done. I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance. *Unknown* 

Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own. *Paulo Coelho* 

Surround yourself with good people. They make it easier to keep your head up even when you're going through bad times. *Thema Davis* 

You must find your passion in life to truly live to your potential. *Unknown* 

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

Les Brown

"The key to happiness is having dreams; the key to success is making them come true."

James Allen

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." Mother Teresa

"To achieve great things you have to first believe it." Arsene Wenger



# <u>November Birthdays</u>



Rodney Murphy
Khadedra Vaughan
Jay'Vion Pierce
Willie Turner Jr.
Faye Thompson
Wendy Johnson
Tierra Rawls
Shagan Gatewood
Antonio Dixon
Jowanda Smith-Hawkins

November 7<sup>th</sup>
November 16<sup>th</sup>
November 19<sup>th</sup>
November 20<sup>th</sup>
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# <u>November Anniversaries</u>

**Happy Anniversary** 

Carl & Phyllis Duck

November 11<sup>th</sup>

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









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.

# November



Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
11/1/16	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study: Elder Thomas will conclude teaching on Kingdom Worship	
11/3/16	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal	
11/3/16	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal	
11/6/16	All Day	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
11/8/16	6:00am - 7:00pm	Election Day - Don't forget to VOTE!	
11/8/16	5:45pm	Assembly of Servants will meet in the small chapel	
11/8/16	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study: Elder Shivers will teach on Kingdom Giving	
11/10/16	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal	
11/11/16	All Day	Veterans Day	
11/12/16	TBA	Singles Ministry Movie Outing	
11/15/16	5:45pm	Assembly of Servants will meet in the small chapel	
11/15/16	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study: Elder Shivers will teach on Kingdom Giving	
11/17/16	6:30pm	Men and Women will meet	
11/17/16	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal	
11/20/16	3:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Pastor C. J. Sellers Jr., Mt. Tabor COGIC & Dominion COGIC, Chesapeake, VA; Dinner will be served at 2:00pm	
11/21/16	7:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Pastor Jullian Ricks, Church of Destiny, Newport News, VA	
11/22/16	7:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Pastor Darran Brandon, Little Zion Baptist Church, Carson, VA	
11/24/16	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day service at Shiloh Baptist Church, 9000 Fire Tower Rd., Windsor, VA; Ushers are asked to serve	
11/24/16	All Day	Happy Thanksgiving	
11/27/16	All Day	First Day of Advent	
11/29/16	5:45pm	Assembly of Servants will meet in the small chapel	
11/29/16	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study: Elder Shivers will teach on Kingdom Giving	



### **Attention All Youth Disciples!**

It's almost that time of the year again – **Christmas!** The Youth Ministry is asking all youth disciples (**ages 16 and under**) to write down 3 items you would like to receive for Christmas and give your list to Bianca Robinson, Wendy Green or Tamara Jones by **Sunday, November 20**<sup>th</sup>.

### Motivational and Inspirational Quote That Will Inspire You!

Most people try to add years to their life, when the real trick is in adding *MORE LIFE* into every year. *AGE* doesn't matter. What matters most is how you age, and how you *SPEND* the time in between.



27. First Day of Advent	20. 3:00pm Fall Harvest Revival 2:00pm Dinner Faye Thompson	13.	6. Daylight Saving Time Ends  Set Your Clocks		Sunday	
28. Jowanda Smith Hawkins	21. 7:00pm Fall Harvest Revival	14,	7. Rodney Murphy		Monday	Z
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	24. 9:00am Thanksgiving Day service	17. 6:30pm Men & Women meeting 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal	10. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	8. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	Thursday	November 20
	25.	18. JayVion Pierce	Happy Anniversary Carl & Phyllis Duck  Veterans Day	÷	Friday	)16
	26. Davaren White	19. Willie Turner Jr.	12. Singles Ministry Movie Outing (time & location TBA)	5.	Saturday	



**2016 Theme** Modeling Kingdom Concepts: Through Power, Love and Sound Mind



### 2017 OFFICERS

1		ACCEPT THE POSITION OF:
MINISTRY/MINISTRIES NAME		
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4	FOR THE 2017 YEAR	
I		DECLINE MY POSITION OF 2016:
MINISTRY/MINISTRIES NAME		
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# Not Able to Pray? By Julia Attaway



I went through a period recently where I was unable to pray. I don't mean that praying was hard for me, but that I couldn't utter a word. It was as if the ability to reach out to God had vanished. We all go through spiritual droughts, but this level of rock-hard muteness--a gut-level inability to even wrench out the Lord's Prayer-was something new. It was so intense that I couldn't even feel bad about it. I reached out to a few good friends. "I can't pray," I told them, "I need you to do it for me." Then I went about my days. I wasn't happy, but I wasn't going to fall in the trap of fretting over it, either. Sometimes people tell me things like, "You're such a prayer warrior!" or "You have such deep faith!" and I guess that's both true and not true. We all waft in and out of spiritual focus, more aware of God some days or moments or months than others. Some of our attention in prayer arises from determination, and some of it is a gift; some our failure to stay on track is our fault, and some of it just... is. I'm pretty sure that even the apostles had their ups and downs. Maybe part of the reason they didn't grasp everything Jesus told them was that their minds wandered off to notice a passerby or to wonder why a Pharisee's beard was so scruffy. Once during church I found myself wondering how many people at the service were distracted at any given point in time. The thought made me chuckle, and then I felt a surge of tenderness toward the fallible faithful around me, and that turned my heart back to God. I was able to worship more fully knowing that I wasn't alone in my fickleness. I think this tendency for our minds to wander and for our spiritual lives to have waves of greater and lesser depth is one reason we're called to praise God together. As a church there's a "we" to our worship: When I am deep in prayer my flow carries you along, and when my heart is arid your prayers water my heart. On average, as a church, it evens out. But to get back to my original story... I am glad to report that either my friends' prayers worked or the devil got bored of trying to get me to obsess over my prayer life. One night I was surprised to find familiar words of thanks on my lips again. Prayer didn't flow easily, but it was possible. I've been working on it, grinding out confession and praise and petition, and it's getting better.

# Solomon's Temple 2016 Officers List

### **LEVITES**

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Elder Margaret S. Thomas - CP Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP Min. Cynthia Edwards - ACP

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Wendy Green - CP Deborah Williams - ACP

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Elder Sarah Hatton - CP James Green Sr. - ACP Elder Wayne Hatton - ACP

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Frances Wells-Robertson

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Elder Edith Shivers - CP Wendy Johnson - ACP Dana Cary - ACP

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Bianca Robinson - CP Wendy Green - ACP Donna Fenner – ACP

### **COUPLES MINISTRY**

Pastor & Elder Shivers – Advisors Theodore & Sylvia Gundy - CP Joe & Lonnie Batten - ACP Willie Jr. & Stacy Turner - ACP Brad & Samantha Little - ACP

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Stanley Robinson - CP Krystle Murphy - ACP Ashley Boothe - ACP Kinston Shivers - ACP **USHER MINISTRY** 

Ella Ford - CP

Grayland Robinson - ACP

### **YOUTH USHERS**

Hope Parker - CP Mattie Turner - ACP

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

Hope Parker – CP (Jan. – June) Turekia White – CP (July – Dec.) Alice Day – (supply clerk)

### SINGLES MINISTRY

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Linda Jordan - CP Faye Thompson - ACP

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**Elder Edith Shivers** Elder Wayne Hatton

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Min. Bertram Blackwell

**Donald Watkins** 

**Trustees** 

### SOLOMON'S COUNCIL

**Pastor Shivers** 

Elder Margaret S. Thomas – Admin. (Bridge & Youth Ministry in charge) Elder Karen Lee – Finance

Elaine Nichols – Treasurer

### LEVITE

**Elder Edith Shivers** 

### SERVANT LEADER

Phyllis Duck

### TRUSTEE

Ray Holmes

### **LAYPERSONS**

Min. Bertram Blackwell **Lucy Watkins Donald Watkins** 

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

Pastor & Elder Shivers – Advisors Elder Margaret S. Thomas - CP Min. Cynthia Edwards - ACP

### **FEBRUARY**

Valentine Celebration (Men's Ministry in charge)

### MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> - MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week Revival

(Levite Ministry in charge)

### MAY 1st

Women's Day

(Women's Ministry in charge)

### MAY 15th

Ministry Day

(All Ministries Celebration)

Desiree Brown - CP Phyllis Wiggins - ACP Sonjia Moore - ACP

### JUNE 12th

Youth Day

(Youth Ministry in charge)

### JUNE 19th

Men's Day

(Men's Ministry in charge)

### JULY 24th

Family & Friends Day Watson/Gayton Family - CP Hatton/Chapman/Green Family - ACP

Murphy Family - ACP

### OCTOBER 16th

Pastor & Church Anniversary

Elder Karen Lee - CP

### NOVEMBER 20th - 22nd

Fall Harvest Revival Jackie Ruffin - CP

Frances Wells-Robertson - ACP

Mary Diggs - ACP

Elder Margaret S. Thomas - ACP

### **DECEMBER 18th**

**Christmas Celebration** 

### **DECEMBER 31st**

New Year's Eve service

(Assembly of Servants in charge)

Don't Forget to Vote!



# Health Care Ministry Corner



### American Diabetes Awareness Month

Observed every November, American Diabetes Month is an important element in the American Diabetes Association's efforts to focus our nation's attention on the disease and the tens of millions of people affected by it.

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. It can cause blindness, nerve damage, kidney disease, and other health problems if it's not controlled.

One in 11 Americans have diabetes — that's more than 29 million people. And another 86 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The good news? People who are at high risk for type 2 diabetes can lower their risk by more than half if they make healthy changes. These changes include: eating healthy, increasing physical activity, and losing weight. For more information contact the **American Diabetes Association at askada@diabetes.org** 





### **COPD** Awareness Month

COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) also known as emphysema and chronic bronchitis, is a lung disease that, over time, makes it hard to breathe and can even lead to death. Close to 13 million American adults have been diagnosed with COPD, and it's estimated that another 12 million in the U.S. may be suffering from the disease, but have not yet been diagnosed. The American Lung Association is doing what it can to raise awareness about this deadly disease and help those with COPD manage it and lead healthier, more active lives. The primary cause of COPD is smoking, but it can be caused by other factors, including exposure to air pollution.

The good news is that COPD is <u>preventable</u> and <u>treatable</u>. Symptoms of COPD include: persistent cough, sometimes called "smoker's cough", shortness of breath while doing everyday activities, producing a lot of sputum (also called phlegm or mucus), feeling like you can't breathe or take a deep breath and wheezing. Like most diseases, the earlier COPD is diagnosed, the better one's chances for leading a full and high-quality life. People at risk of COPD, especially current and former smokers, should consult their physicians.

For more information about COPD, call the <u>Lung</u> <u>HelpLine</u> (1-800-LUNGUSA) or visit www.lung.org.



Solomon's Temple
2016 Fall
Harvest Revival
Sunday, November 20th –
Tuesday, November 22nd

### **Guest Messengers will be:**

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm Rev. C. J. Sellers Jr., Pastor Mt. Tabor C.O.G.I.C., Smithfield, VA & Dominion C.O.G.I.C., Chesapeake, VA

Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm *Rev. Jullian Ricks, Pastor* Church of Destiny, Newport News, VA

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm *Rev. Darran Brandon, Pastor* Little Zion Baptist Church, Carson, VA

Harvest boxes will be given each night of the revival and Thursday morning at the Thanksgiving Day service. Tribe leaders please don't forget your donations.

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Tribe & Levi Tribe Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Benjamin Tribe Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Asher Tribe Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Issachar Tribe



Annual Community
Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 24, 2016
9:00am

Shiloh Baptist Church 9000 Fire Tower Rd. Windsor, VA 23487

Rev. Larry Simmons, Host Pastor

### **Churches that will be in attendance:**

Solomon's Temple Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Larry Simmons, Pastor

Olive Branch Baptist Church Rev. Glenn Lyttle Sr., Pastor Triumph In Victory Church Rev. E. Brion Perry, Pastor

Sandy Mt. Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor, Pastor

# BETHANKFUL

### **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.



Sis. Deborah Williams Sis. Wendy Green Bro. James Green Sr.

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

Father John Shivers Sis. Soniia Moore Sis. Mary Cornick Sis. Ruby Clarke Sis. Tammy Rawls Sis. Mary Diggs Bro. James Green Sr. Sis. Lonnie Batten Sis. Vernell Brown Sis. Connie Payne Sis. Darnelle Jefferson Sis. Tamara Jones Sis, Vernell Wrenn Sis. Tami Drew Sis. Marion Smith



# **Upcoming Events**

### **December 2016**

Reach

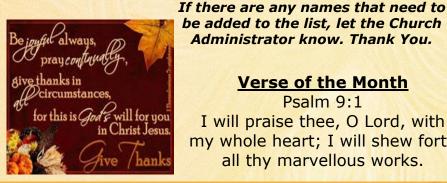
4<sup>th</sup> 2017 Accept/Decline Forms Due

18th Solomon's Temple Christmas Party

24th Christmas Eve 25th Christmas Day

31st New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Service 31st



**FReach** 

**Verse of the Month** 

Psalm 9:1

Administrator know. Thank You.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

### A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

By Ellen Bailey

We thank you, oh Lord, on this Thanksgiving Day For the many sacrifices You were forced to pay You taught us by Your sharing and giving We can build a better world for those still living

We thank You for the blessings You have bestowed On we Americans who are living down here below We live in a place where freedom abounds But there are those who wish to tear it down

Terrorists are using Your good name to deceive And it is an evil web that they have weaved They have replaced Your teachings with their own And declared they should sit upon the throne

Many of our loved ones have gone off to war To smite our common enemy on foreign shores We ask You to protect them while they are away And to remember them on this Thanksgiving Day.



Give Thanks

### Thank You Lord

by Clay Harrison

Thank you, Lord, for simple things that brighten every day like sunshine in the morning and daffodils in May.

Thank you, too, for friends who care when tears begin to fall and thank you, too, for answered prayer... the greatest gift of all!

Thank you for each spring bouquet and for the summer rose. for rainbows in the meadow and every stream that flows.

Thank you, Lord, for simple things which really are quite grand for each one is a miracle wrought by the Master's hand!