

April 2014

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Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple
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Is Your Heart Open Toward God?

Is the door of your heart open toward God? Can the Spirit of Jesus Christ come in and speak with you? Are you defenseless to His voice? Can you sense both His pleasure and His displeasure? For us to become sensitive to divine realities, we must live with the door of our hearts open. It is impossible to do the will of God otherwise.

King Hezekiah commanded the priests to carry the uncleanness out from the holy place. The call to clean the holy place was not an option; it was a command. "So the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the Lord to cleanse it, and every unclean thing which they found in the temple of the Lord they brought out to the court of the house of the Lord" (2 Chr. 29:16, NASB).

When the priests entered the holy place, they entered alone; the rest of Israel was in the outer court and beyond. Here, privately before God, they were to remove those things that were defiling this sacred place. No one else had seen these desecrations. They could have remained in secret, and none except the priests would have known; but they did not. They brought out the unclean things. What was unholy was exposed publicly and removed.

From where did these abominations arise? Predominantly they were the sins of their forefathers—the traditions and offenses handed down to them from the wicked generation who preceded them. The careless approach to holiness, the unbelief toward the promises of God, and the idolatry and worship of man-made things were the products of a generation turned from God. They gave to their children, as a legacy, a society oppressed by sin and the devil.

In the new covenant temple, the church, it is our private, inner lives that need this deep cleansing. We have inherited traditions that justify and reinforce darkness of soul within us. Most Christians have little hope that purity of heart is even attainable. The revival that will turn a nation begins in the trembling unveiling of our

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Mark Your Calendar

4.4 & 4.11

Late Night Praise services

4.13 – 4.17

Holy Week Revival

4.18

Community Good Friday Service

4.19

Men Carrying the Cross

4.20

Easter Sunday/Sunrise Service

4.21 – 4.23

Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim

Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

4.27

We will fellowship with Swan's Point

Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA

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hearts, in the removal of what is defiled and hidden within us.

I will tell you a mystery. It is in this very place, this chamber of our deepest secrets, that the door to eternity is found. If the Father is near enough to "see in secret" He is close enough to be seen in secret as well. If He has entered us, we can, in truth, enter Him. The key to entering the presence of God is intimacy, and intimacy is secrets shared. To ascend the hill of the Lord, to stand in the holy place, we must have clean hands and a pure heart; we cannot lift up our souls toward falsehood (see Ps. 24:3-4). At this door of eternity we must renounce those things hidden because of shame and, in humility of soul, receive Christ's cleansing word.

Our goal is not merely to be "good" but to see God and, in seeing Him, to do what He does. However, John tells us that he who seeks to "see Him just as He is ... purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:2-3, NKJV). We can be assured that each step deeper into the Lord's presence will reveal areas in our hearts that need to be cleansed. Do not be afraid. When the Spirit shows you areas of sin, it is not to condemn you but to cleanse you.

The Lord desires His church to see Him. Thus, He is exposing the areas in us that are unclean. If we will walk as Jesus walked, we must remember that Christ did only the things He saw the Father do (see John 5:19). Out of the purity of His heart He beheld God and then revealed His glory.

This cleansing must become a way of life, but it does not have to take a lifetime. For Hezekiah and the people with him, it occurred in a matter of eight days.

Our prayer should be to bring all the defilement of our flesh and spirit out of the secret chambers of our hearts and give them over to the Lord so that our hearts would be purged.

"O God, thoroughly cleanse my heart; purify me quickly! In Jesus' name."



Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **Revelation 3:20**



Pastor K. D. Shivers &
Minister E. R. Shivers

Don't Be Afraid of Doubt

By Elizabeth Peale Allen

If you're like most Christians, at one time or another you've faced a season of doubt. You may be in a doubting time right now. And doubting can be a very uncomfortable position to be in! The Bible tells us, "One who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind" (James 1:6).

Remember these three truths when you are beset by doubt:

1. Not understanding is different from not believing.

Doubt is normal. Yes, even the apostles, the ones hand-picked by Jesus to lead his church on earth, had moments of uncertainty. They had heard Christ speak the words that we know through the Bible and witnessed the "many other things" we are told were not written down (John 21:25). But when Christ appeared after the resurrection, "They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself!'" (Luke 24:37-39).

There are times we become troubled because we aren't expecting the cross God puts in our path. If we were the apostles, we could touch the wounds in Jesus' hands and feet and put our doubts to rest. Instead, we can simply pray: *Father, You said, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). There are things I do not understand, but I love You anyway.*

2. You don't need to be afraid.

A lot of feelings fall under the category of doubt. There is uncertainty, like that of Peter, who wondered if his release from prison was really the hand of God at work or simply a dream (Acts 12:9-11). There is confusion, like what Mary and Joseph felt when their son inexplicably stayed behind in Jerusalem without telling them (Luke 2:48). And then there is fear, which sometimes arises because we forget that it's healthy to wonder and question what we know.

3. Remember what you already know.

John jumped in recognition of Jesus as his Lord while they were both still in the womb (Luke 1:41). He baptized Jesus and heard the voice from heaven say, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Yet as this deeply faithful prophet sat in prison listening to reports of Jesus, he wondered if Jesus was really the right person after all. Calling two of his disciples "he sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" (Luke 7:19). Jesus didn't answer John directly. He told the emissaries to, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" (Luke 7:22). And this rather odd response gives us a clue to how to deal with some kinds of doubt: We must return to what we already know. So when the storms of doubt come, lean into the wind and believe. And remember, no matter what you're feeling, Jesus is still in charge. "He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!'" (Mark 4:39).

APRIL KINGDOM SCHEDULE

Scripture and Welcome

04/06 Sis. Lena Holmes (Mark 15:33-37)
Sis. Bianca Robinson (welcome)

04/13 Taleigha Turner (John 12:23-25)
James Green, Jr. (welcome)

04/20 Bro. Donald Watkins (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
Sis. Alice Day (welcome)

04/27 Sis. Regina Green (Matt. 20:17-19)
Sis. Phyllis Duck (welcome)

Servant Leader Schedule

04/06 Bro. Earl Moton
04/13 Bro. Donald Watkins
04/20 Bro. Ernest Ruffin
04/27 Bro. James Green, Sr.

Worship Leader Schedule

04/06 Elder Karen Lee
04/13 Sis. Shirley Haskins
04/20 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
04/27 Minister Edith Shivers

Children's Fellowship

Sun., April 13th
Sis. Beretta Smith

April Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes

Communion Bowls

Bro. Ernest Ruffin
Bro. James Green, Sr.



April Teacher's Schedule

ADULT TEACHERS

04-01 Sis. Wendy Green (4-06) | "Jesus Cleanses the Temple" | Isaiah 56:6,7; Jeremiah 7:9-11;
Mark 11:15-19

04-08 Sis. Phyllis Duck (4-13) | "A Messianic Priest-King" | Jeremiah 23:5,6; Zechariah 6:9-15
John 19:1-5

04-15 "NO CID" | "Holy Week Revival"

04-22 Sis. Turekia White (4-27) | "From Suffering to Glory" | Isaiah 53:3-8; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

04-29 Bro. Ernest Ruffin (5-04) | "Jesus Resists Temptation" | Deuteronomy 6:13-16; Matt. 4:1-11

YOUTH TEACHERS

Sis. Lucy Watkins/Bro. Donald Watkins

**Reminder: CID Sessions
every Tuesday Night
6:30pm**

Explanation of the lesson can be found on [our website. solomons-templechurch.org](http://our.website.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 Brother James Green, Sr. or Sister Turekia White.



April Birthdays

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

Points to Ponder

Every saint has a past & every sinner has a future.

Never be ashamed of the scars that life has left you with. A scar means that the hurt is over, the wound is closed, you endured the pain and God has healed you.

When life gives you more than you can stand.....Kneel.



APRIL 20, 2014

9:00am

EASTER SUNDAY

PLAY

“THEY WON’T LET ME IN”



The new email addresses for Pastor Shivers, Minister Shivers and the Church Administrator are listed below:

Pastor Shivers

kdsrver2@yahoo.com

Minister Shivers

esbornagain@gmail.com

Church Administrator

stsecretary1@gmail.com

James Green, Jr.	Wed., 04/02
Regina Green	Mon., 04/07
Denise Brown	Thurs., 04/10
Taleigha Turner	Mon., 04/14
Allan Clarke	Wed., 04/16
Marion Smith	Thurs., 04/17
Alexis Smith	Thurs., 04/17
Frances Wells-Robertson	Fri., 04/18
Darnelle Jefferson	Fri., 04/18
Brandon Newsome	Sun., 04/20
Alice Day	Wed., 04/23
Bianca Robinson	Wed., 04/23
Lena Holmes	Sat., 04/26
Tammy Rawls	Sat., 04/26

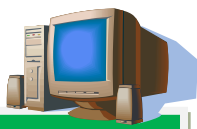
Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate them to be the Outstanding Disciple 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.



NOW AVAILABLE! Do you wish you had your newsletter on your computer, your Smart Phone, your iPad? Send your request to stsecretary1@gmail.com. Place in the subject line "Newsletter". Your copy of the newsletter will be sent electronically to the provided email address on the last Saturday before the first Sunday of each month and can be viewed via your computer, iPad and/or iPhone. This feature is **FREE** and **ONLY** available to Disciples of Solomon's Temple.



Smithfield High School Band . . . did it again!
 Congratulations to Smithfield High School marching band who competed in New Orleans on the weekend of March 1st 2014 and won 1st Place in their "Krewe of Tucks" Parade. **Kinston Shivers** is pictured displaying the winner's trophy. (Now that's what you call a trophy!)

SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



April's Solomonite Spotlight is Sis. Deborah Williams

Deborah is a faithful disciple of Solomon's Temple. She serves on the Outreach Ministry as Asst. Contact Person, the Usher Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Singles Ministry and Women's Ministry. **Deborah** is the mother of Brittany & Bryce Williams and grandmother of Aiyanna Chapman. She has a loving and caring heart for all but especially for the youth.

Solomon's Temple would like to congratulate **Deborah** for being this month's "Solomonite Spotlight".

WE LOVE YOU!

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



Congratulations!

Bro. Brandon Newsome successfully completed New Members Class last month! Congratulations to our newest disciple.



Congratulations to **Sis. Jessica Smith** who coaches Junior Varsity Girls' basketball for Nansmond River High School. **Coach Smith** states..... "The JV program this year was very young and inexperienced due to the need for players on the Varsity level. Despite having only 2 returning players, with all others being new to the program, we began the season with a 7-0 record. Behind our key player, an 8th grader who averaged 30 points the entire season, we finished with a 14-6 record, far better than expected especially when facing teams more experienced, older and larger in size. "**Coach Jessica Smith** has been coaching for 9 years (five years with NRHS) and is also the assistant coach for the school's Girls' Varsity basketball program. Way to Go **Coach Jessica!!** ☺☺

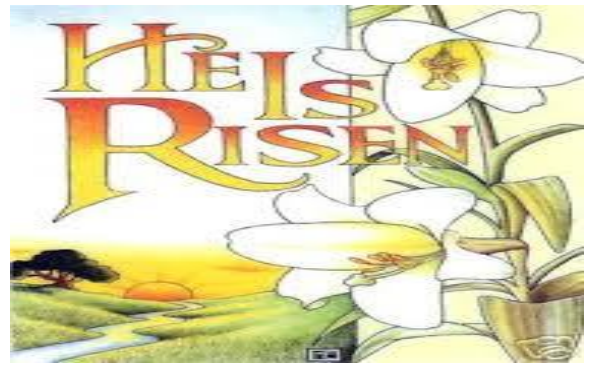


FOR SALE:

Fresh "Free-Range" Eggs. The cost of one dozen \$3.00 and 18 eggs are \$4.50. These eggs are fresh and raised by our own **Elder Wayne Hatton**. They are organic eggs which are 99% cholesterol free and good for you!



April



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
4/1/14	7:15pm	Lenten Service – Messenger: MIT Cynthia Edwards
4/3/14	6:30pm-8:30pm	Adult praise dance practice
4/4/14	11:00pm-12:00am	Late Night Praise service – Speaker: Sis. Evelyn Moton
4/5/14	9:00am-11:00am	Youth praise dance practice
4/5/14	10:00am	Pastor Shivers at Triumph In Victory for Leadership Conference
4/6/14	After service	Youth Ministry will meet with all parents and youth
4/8/14	7:15pm	Lenten Service – Messenger: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
4/9/14	7:00pm	Men & Women’s Ministry meetings
4/11/14	11:00pm-12:00am	Late Night Praise service – Speaker: Sis. Jackie Ruffin
4/12/14	8:00am-1:00pm	Men’s Ministry Car Wash/Fish & Chips
4/12/14	9:00am-12:00pm	Adult praise dance practice
4/13/14	1:00pm	Opening of Holy Week Revival; Olive Branch Baptist Church will be our guest
4/14-17/14	7:00pm nightly	Holy Week Revival services
4/18/14	7:00pm	2014 Community Good Friday service @ Main St. Baptist Church
4/19/14	9:00am	Men carrying the cross
4/19/14	9:00am-12:00pm	Adult praise dance practice
4/20/14	6:00am	Sunrise Service
4/20/14	After service	Picture Day – sponsored by Bridge Ministry
4/21-23/14	7:30pm nightly	Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church; Roanoke, VA
4/25/14	6:30pm	Couples meeting/movie night
4/27/14	After service	Family & Friends Day committee will meet at McDonald’s
4/27/14	3:00pm	We will fellowship with Swan’s Point Baptist Church; 687 Swann’s Point Rd., Spring Grove, VA 23881; Church Anniversary

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Lent service	2. James Green, Jr.	3. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir 6:30pm-8:30pm Adult Praise dance practice	4. 11:00pm-12:00am Late Night Praise	5. 9:00am-11:00am Youth Praise dance practice 10:00am Pastor Shivers at Triumph In Victory for Leadership Conference
6. Youth Ministry meeting with parents and youth after service	7. Regina Green	8. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Lent service	9. 7:00pm Men & Women meetings	10. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon	11. 11:00pm-12:00am Late Night Praise	12. 8:00am-1:00pm Men's Car Wash/Fish & Chips 9:00am-12:00pm Adult Praise dance practice
13. 1:00pm Opening of Holy Week Revival	14. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival Taleigha Turner	15. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	16. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival Allan Clark	17. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival Marion Smith Alexis Smith	18. 7:00pm Community Good Friday Service @ Main St. Baptist Church Frances Robertson Dannelle Jefferson	19. 9:00am Men carrying the cross 9:00am-12:00pm Adult Praise dance practice
PALM SUNDAY						
20. 6:00am Sunrise Svc Picture Day EASTER Brandon Newsome	21. 7:30pm Pastor Shivers in revival @ Pilgrim Baptist Church Roanoke VA	22. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study 7:30pm Pastor Shivers in revival @ Pilgrim Baptist Church Roanoke VA	23. 7:30pm Pastor Shivers in revival @ Pilgrim Baptist Church Roanoke VA Alice Day Bianca Robinson	24. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Joyful Voices	25. 6:30pm Couples meeting & movie night	26. Lena Holmes Tammy Rawls
27. 3:00pm We will fellowship with Swan's Point Family/Friends Day committee will meet	28.	29. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study	30.			

Pray the Names of Jesus

By: Dianne Neal-Matthews

***“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.”
Philippians 2:9 (ESV)***

When my brothers and I were little, our dad picked out a nickname for each one of us. The names didn't have any reasoning behind them, but they made us feel loved. When my children were born, I loved hearing them call me “Mama” or “Mom”. Now I get a similar thrill when my grandkids address me as “Nana”. Each of these names represent different roles and relationships—daughter, mother, and grandmother.

The Bible is filled with names for Jesus, each one revealing a specific aspect of His character or His role. Old Testament prophecies called Him the Messiah and the Anointed One. A single verse in Isaiah labels Jesus as “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (9:6). In his account of Jesus' birth, Matthew repeated Isaiah's prediction that He will be called “Immanuel, God With Us.” The gospel writers called Jesus “Son of God”, “Only Begotten Son”, and “The Word”.

John's account shows that Jesus called Himself many names: “The Bread of Life”, “Light of the World”, “The Good Shepherd”, “True Vine”, and “The Resurrection and Life”. When He identified Himself as “I AM”, the Jews tried to stone Him to death because they understood He was claiming to be God. Revelation calls Jesus the “Lamb Who Was Slain” and “The Lion of the Tribe of Judah”.

In the vision of Jesus riding out to lead the final battle against God's enemies, He is referred to as “Faithful and True” and “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”. In the Bible's final chapter, Jesus calls himself “The Beginning and End”, “The First and Last”, and “The Bright and Morning Star”.

Since the Bible gives these and other names for Jesus, how can we doubt that He is all we will ever need?

Faith step: Make a list of the names for Jesus that most speak to you. When you have a need, meditate on the name that pertains to your situation, addressing Him in prayer by that title.

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.

APRIL CARE TEAM

Sis. Crystal Wrenn
Sis. Deborah Williams
Bryce Williams



Please let the Church Administrator know of any disciples' address, or phone number change!



MEN OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE
Come and be a part of the Outreach Ministry!
See Sis. Wendy Green or Sis. Deborah Williams

Thank You!



****UPCOMING EVENTS****

MAY

3rd Women's Conference
 4th Teacher Appreciation Day
 10th & 24th Praise Dance practice
 10th Mother's Day celebration
 11th Women's Day & Mother's Day
 12th Mid-year Advisory meeting
 16th & 17th Bridge Ministry Conference
 18th Ministry Day
 18th Bridge Ministry Gospel Showcase
 19th Levite & AOS meetings
 31st Initial Sermon for MIT Cynthia Edwards

JUNE

1st Min. Shivers preach at Shiloh Baptist
 3rd Family Church meeting
 6th Men & Women's meeting
 6th & 7th Youth Conference
 8th Youth Day
 10th 2014 Graduates Speak-Out
 15th Men's Day & Father's Day
 21st Bridge/Youth trip to King's Dominion
 21st Couples Cruise on Spirit of Norfolk
 22nd We will fellowship with Mt. Calvary
 28th Community Men's Retreat
 28th Youth praise dance car wash/bake sale
 29th Elder ordination svc - Min. Edith Shivers

JULY

4th Independence Day/4th of July
 12th Praise dance practice
 14th Pastor Shivers' Birthday
 14th Pastor & Minister Shivers' anniversary
 19th Praise dance workshop/celebration svc
 20th Min. Shivers preach at Olive Branch
 20th Min. Shivers preach at Gilfield Baptist
 27th Family & Friends Day
 28th Levite & AOS meetings

AUGUST

4th-6th Pastor Shivers in revival at Union Bethel
 9th & 23rd Praise dance practice
 23rd Couples cookout @ The Rawls' home
 24th We will fellowship with White Oak
 Springs Missionary Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER

6th & 13th Praise dance practice
 21st We will fellowship with Diamond Grove
 28th We will fellowship with Mt. Zion Word &
 Faith Ministry
 29th Levite & AOS meetings

OCTOBER

11th & 25th Praise dance practice
 19th Pastor & Church Anniversary
 24th Couples meeting
 31st Trunk-Or-Treat

NOVEMBER

2nd We will fellowship with Oak Grove
 8th & 22nd Praise dance practice
 23rd - 25th Fall Harvest Revival
 27th Thanksgiving Day service
 30th Beginning of Advent

MOTHERS & FATHER OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



Sis. Mary Diggs



Sis. Vernell Brown



Sis. Connie Payne



Sis. Doris Seaborne



*Servant Leader Emeritus
Bro. John Shivers*

**I will still be the same when you are old and gray, and
 I will take care of you. I created you. I will carry
 you and always keep you safe. Isaiah 46:4**



Pray for the Mothers and Father of our church.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

- 1 John 3:2