

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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TEMPLE NEWS

Pray for a New Attitude in the New Year

By [Peola Hicks](#)

Maybe you already have a vision for how 2014 will unfold for you. Perhaps you are just hoping it will be better than last year. Whatever you're thinking, a new attitude will benefit you. I would like to suggest praying for a winning attitude. Winners never give up. Winners are always striving to reach their goal. Winners never see quitting as an option.

Personally, I am asking God each day to help me have a winning attitude. That means I cannot let my thoughts sink to a place where I can only point out what is wrong. Instead of focusing on the negative, I must focus on things that are right. I may not accomplish everything I set out to do, but I will consider each day a success if just one significant thing is completed. There are days when I put together a to-do list that would be impossible to complete in an entire week. That can be exhausting and stressful. It does not make me feel like a winner. I also have to allow for unplanned distractions. My goal this year is to have a more balanced approach to the way I live.

The key to starting and maintaining a new attitude for a new year is to recognize that I have control over my thoughts and therefore I can choose to think positive. To think positive is to think that God's thoughts are good for me. Philippians 4:8 has some good practical advice: "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." I can use this as a checklist to monitor what I am thinking. Whenever I find my mind drifting in another direction, I can make the necessary adjustment.

I invite you to join me on this new adventure; let's be winners in 2014. Prayer is not new but has the ability to help me see with new eyes. God does not want my life to be filled with anxiety, and if I pray for his intervention, I should also be willing to do my part.

God bless you as you look forward to a new year with a new attitude.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

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“More than Enough”

A young college student came in tears to her father. "Dad, you gave me some terrible financial advice!" "I did? What did I tell you?" said the dad. "You told me to put my money in that big bank and now that big bank is in trouble." "What are you talking about? That's one of the largest banks in the state," he said. "There must be some mistake." "I don't think so," she sniffed. "They just returned one of my checks with a note saying, 'Insufficient Funds' and now I have nothing."

"I Have Nothing" – You know... I think I've heard that somewhere before. Perhaps I've said it and at the very least... I've thought it! Maybe you've said it. At the very least... maybe you've thought it! I have nothing... nothing at all. It seems that way for more and more people today as it becomes harder and harder to make ends meet. I would guess that about goes for everybody. In today's economy, it is getting harder and harder to get ahead. In fact, it is

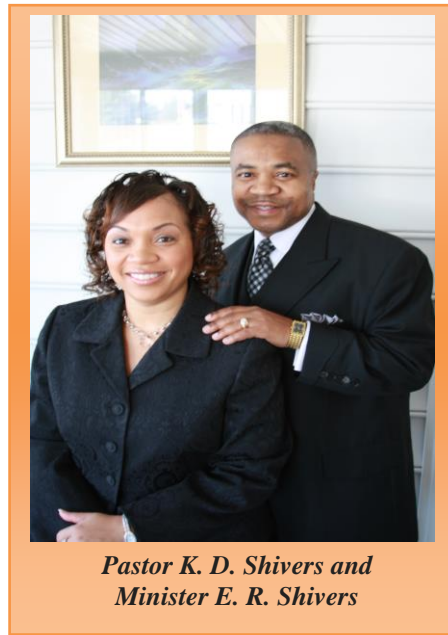
becoming easier and easier to fall behind.

It reminds me of the widow woman in the Old Testament who found herself buried in debt. Desperate, the widow turned to Elisha, a friend of her husband. "Help me! Help me please!" But Elisha doesn't get out his checkbook. Elisha doesn't go to plead with or bring fire and brimstone down upon her creditors. He asks a simple question: "How can I help you? Tell me what do you have in your house?" She

replied, "Your servant has nothing there at all, except... except for this little bit of oil." Perhaps this is how you feel when God asks you... "What do you have for me to work with?"

Today, as we move into the year 2014, we need to remember that God will do some great and amazing things with every little bit that we choose to give Him. We must ask ourselves... how much do we trust in God... how much do we believe that God will do amazing things with our gifts... how much faith do we have that God can take our offering... no matter what the size... and turn it into something so much more!

James 1:4 Our theme for this year "And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing".



*Pastor K. D. Shivers and
Minister E. R. Shivers*

2014 is the year of “More Than Enough”. It means a double measure of Spiritual perfection and divine covenant. Nothing can be added or taken from God's plan for our lives without marring it. As we look ahead to the coming year, we look forward to God's gracious outpouring of His abundant power, protection, promotion and promises. Join us as we profit double from our trials due to our patience.

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

BIBLE STUDY SCRIPTURE ON KEYS OF THE KINGDOM: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

JANUARY KINGDOM SCHEDULE

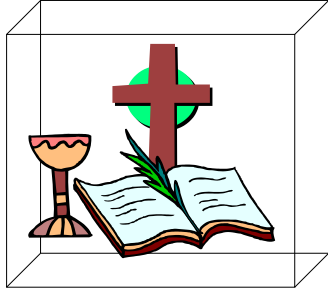
Scripture and Welcome

01/05 Bro. Ernest Ruffin (Matthew 28:1-6)
Bro. Joe Batten (welcome)

01/12 Raven Parker (Psalm 33:1-3)
Marcus Gundy (welcome)

01/19 Sis. Florence Turner (Colossians 3:8-11)
Sis. Jessica Smith (welcome)

01/26 Sis. Erica Judkins (Ezekiel 11:17-20)
Sis. Inez Jenkins (welcome)



Servant Leader Schedule

01/05 Bro. Donald Watkins
01/12 Bro. Ernest Ruffin
01/19 Bro. James Green, Sr.
01/26 Bro. Earl Moton

Worship Leader Schedule

01/05 Elder Karen Lee
01/12 Bro. Donald Watkins
01/19 Elder Sarah Hatton
01/26 Elder Wayne Hatton

January Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Communion Bowls

Bro. James Green, Sr.
Bro. Earl Moton

*To all Ministry Contact Persons:
2014 Agendas are due Sunday,
February 2nd.*

January Teacher's Schedule

ADULT TEACHERS

01-14 Elder Sarah Hatton (1-19) | "Enlarging Your Circle" | Luke 14:7-18a, 21-24

01-21 Min. William Robinson (1-26) | "Showing Compassion for the Poor" | Luke 16:19-31

01-28 Elder Margaret S. Thomas (2-02) | "Hear and Do the Word" | James 1:19-27

YOUTH TEACHERS

MIT Bertram Blackwell/Bro. Michael Green

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website. solomons-templechurch.org

**Reminder: CID session every Tuesday night
at 6:30pm beginning January 14, 2014.**

Additional Study Help: www.studylight.org

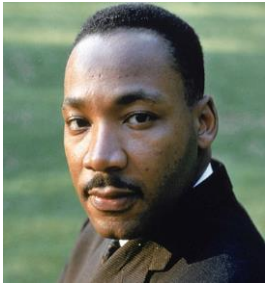
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New To Solomon's Temple?



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 Michael Green or Sister Turekia White.



**JANUARY 20, 2014
MARTIN L. KING, JR. DAY**

Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, humanitarian, and prominent leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience and his “I Have a Dream” speech. King has become a national icon in the history of modern American liberalism.

Quote from Dr. King
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.”



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January Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sharon Goodman
Kenya Hargrove
Corey Brown
Erica Judkins
Florence Turner
Vernell Brown
Inez Jenkins
Joe Batten
Donald Watkins
Jessica Smith
Connie Payne
Ernest Ruffin
Seniah Cypress

Fri., 01/03
Sat., 01/04
Sun., 01/05
Mon., 01/06
Wed., 01/08
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Wed., 01/15
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Mon., 01/27



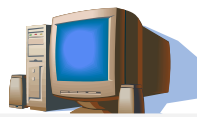
Newsletter Submissions

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.

Solomon's seniors section



Father John and Mother Ida Shivers



Solomon’s Temple family would like to recognize our seniors celebrating their birthday this month! They are:

- Florence Turner.....01/08
- Vernell Brown.....01/09
- Joe Batten.....01/10
- Connie Payne.....01/15

SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



Servant Leader Evelyn Moton is a faithful, dedicated and loyal disciple. She is truly an epitome of faith and courage as she continues to serve in the Ministry despite health issues. Evelyn is a jewel. She loves the Lord and she loves people. Her excitement for God and others is evident in her works. Evelyn is the wife of Servant Leader Earl Moton. **Solomon’s Temple** would like to congratulate **Evelyn** for being this month’s “Solomonite Spotlight”. **WE LOVE YOU!**

Will YOU be the Next “Solomonite of the Month”?

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.”
Exodus 23:20 (NIV)



Meet our newest disciples from left to right: Phyllis Wiggins, Sonja Moore, Faye Thompson, Lisa Thompson, Desiree Brown and Willie B. Warren. **Congratulations and God bless you!**

Congratulations to Dr. Chiquita

Jones Elliot! Dr. Elliot is the daughter of Sis. Barbara and Bro. Vincent Jones. On December 14, 2013, Dr. Elliot received her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Education. Dr. Elliot’s dissertation was titled “*The Prioritization of Student Mental Health in the School Setting: Secondary Administrator’s and Educators’ Knowledge of Adolescent Suicidal Risk Factors and Warning Signs*”. Dr. Elliot completed her undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech.



Our Youth in Action: James “Mike Mike” Green, Jr. is a junior at Smithfield High School. See him in action in this track meet photo submitted by his mother Sis. Wendy Green.

January

schedule of events

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL INFORMATION TO BE ADDED TO 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
1/1/14	ALL DAY	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
1/6/14	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary John & Elder Karen Lee
1/10/14	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Morse & Wendy Johnson
1/11/14	9:30am	Outreach Ministry meeting at the chapel
1/11/14	5:00pm	Mighty Men of Valor service at the chapel
1/12/14	Morning Service	Consecration of 2014 Officers
1/12/14	Morning Service	Dedication Service for Infant Addison MaeLi Robinson daughter of Tameka Robinson.
1/13/14	6:30pm	Advisory Meeting
1/16/14	7:00pm	Men & Women's Ministry meetings
1/20/14	ALL DAY	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/25/14	5:00pm	Sing-a-Rama sponsored by the Men's Ministry
1/26/14		Benjamin Tribe will meet after morning service in Parlors A & B
1/27/14	6:30pm	Levite meeting
1/27/14	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
 2
 Super Bowl
 9
 50 States Rally
 15
 Valentine Dinner
 16
 Fellowship with
 Campbell AME

MARCH
 5
 Ash Wednesday
 9
 Daylight Savings Time
 Begins
 17
 St. Patrick's Day
 20
 Spring Begins

APRIL
 13-17
 Holy Week Revival
 18
 Good Friday Service
 20
 Easter
 21-23
 Pastor Shivers in revival
 Roanoke, VA

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 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. New Year's Day	2.	3. Sharon Goodman	4. Kenya Hargrove
5. Corey Brown	6. <i>Happy Anniversary John & Karen Lee</i> Erica Judkins	7.	8. Florence Turner	9. 7:00pm - Sons of Solomon rehearsal Yennell Brown Inez Jenkins	10. <i>Happy Anniversary Moose & Wendy Johnson</i> Joe Batten Donald Watkins	11. 9:30am - Outreach meeting at the chapel 5:00pm - Mighty Men service at the chapel
12. Consecration of 2014 Officers	13. 6:30pm - Advisory meeting Jessica Smith	14. 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study	15. Connie Payne	16. 6:30pm - Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00pm - Men & Women's Ministry meetings	17.	18.
Dedication of Infant Addison MacLi Robinson daughter of Tameka Robinson						
19.	20. Martin L. King, Jr. Day	21 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study Ernest Ruffin	22.	23. 6:00pm - Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm - Joyful Voices rehearsal	24.	25. 5:00pm - Sing-a-Rama at the chapel sponsored by the Men's Ministry
26. Benjamin Tribe meet following morning service (Parlors A & B)	27. 6:30pm - Levite meeting 7:30pm - AOS meeting Seniah Cypress	28. 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study	29.	30. 6:00pm - Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm - Mass Choir rehearsal	31.	



7 Ways to Live Lighter in the New Year

It's important to remember that your spirit as well as your body needs care and attention.

By Susan Call, New Hampshire

With the sound of New Year's noise makers fading, it's a natural time of year to make changes that can lead to a healthier, happier life. Here are seven ways you can live lighter in the New Year:

1. Develop a thankful heart.

Finish each day by remembering at least one thing that you are thankful for. Gratitude nourishes the soul with an important reminder of our blessings.

2. Keep a prayer journal.

Track your prayer requests regularly. Over time, it can be a blessing to read over previous needs that have become answered prayers.

3. Admit your problems and troubles to God and your trusted friends.

Denying that a problem exists negates the need for a solution to that problem. Be courageous and identify what is upsetting you so that it can be addressed and resolved.

4. Forgive those who have wronged you.

Forgiveness releases the grip of anger and bitterness and yields a peace that will enable you to focus on the positive in life.

5. Stay connected to others.

Problems can seem bigger when you're isolated. Psychological studies have shown that the support of and close relationships with friends and family foster greater resilience.

6. Rely on God's word and trust His promises.

The Bible offers abundant accounts of God's faithfulness and provides us a valuable source of strength. Remember and repeat the words of Isaiah: "He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

7. Help someone, no matter how big or small the effort.

We hear it over and over again: Our problems become smaller when we reach out and help another so allow yourself to be God's hands, God's feet, God's eyes, God's ears.

This year resolve to look above and beyond life's challenges. Focus on God rather than on your troubles. As a result, your spirit will be lighter, making it a truly Happy New Year!



52 Week Money Challenge

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$1.00	\$1.00	27	\$27.00	\$378.00
2	\$2.00	\$3.00	28	\$28.00	\$406.00
3	\$3.00	\$6.00	29	\$29.00	\$435.00
4	\$4.00	\$10.00	30	\$30.00	\$465.00
5	\$5.00	\$15.00	31	\$31.00	\$496.00
6	\$6.00	\$21.00	32	\$32.00	\$528.00
7	\$7.00	\$28.00	33	\$33.00	\$561.00
8	\$8.00	\$36.00	34	\$34.00	\$595.00
9	\$9.00	\$45.00	35	\$35.00	\$630.00
10	\$10.00	\$55.00	36	\$36.00	\$666.00
11	\$11.00	\$66.00	37	\$37.00	\$703.00
12	\$12.00	\$78.00	38	\$38.00	\$741.00
13	\$13.00	\$91.00	39	\$39.00	\$780.00
14	\$14.00	\$105.00	40	\$40.00	\$820.00
15	\$15.00	\$120.00	41	\$41.00	\$861.00
16	\$16.00	\$136.00	42	\$42.00	\$903.00
17	\$17.00	\$153.00	43	\$43.00	\$946.00
18	\$18.00	\$171.00	44	\$44.00	\$990.00
19	\$19.00	\$190.00	45	\$45.00	\$1,035.00
20	\$20.00	\$210.00	46	\$46.00	\$1,081.00
21	\$21.00	\$231.00	47	\$47.00	\$1,128.00
22	\$22.00	\$253.00	48	\$48.00	\$1,176.00
23	\$23.00	\$276.00	49	\$49.00	\$1,125.00
24	\$24.00	\$300.00	50	\$50.00	\$1,275.00
25	\$25.00	\$325.00	51	\$51.00	\$1,326.00
26	\$26.00	\$351.00	52	\$52.00	\$1,378.00

VERSE OF THE MONTH Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.