# Temple News

Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple Church

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January 2018

A New Year's Message from Our Pastor and Leading Lady 2018 Theme: "THE YEAR OF ELEVATION"

1st Peter 5:6

So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; he'll promote you at the right time. (MSG)

Can you believe it's that time of year again when we begin to reflect on the past year, and start making promises to ourselves about all the ways we will change in the year ahead. It's the time for setting our New Year's Resolutions...right? Well, the thing about resolutions is that they often carry with them the weight of failure. Our intentions may be good, but the moment we lose sight of those resolutions we become guilt-ridden and usually give up on the goal altogether. That's why here at Solomon's Temple we encourage our Disciples of Christ to share with us in a unified theme rather than a resolution because themes allow changes to take shape in various aspects of your life, versus one specific area. As the year progresses a theme may reveal itself in more ways than you intended. During the morning worship service in November 2017 God revealed to me that our focus in 2018 should be to upgrade or advance forward by the power of God. Kingdom Victory has dared us to align ourselves with spiritual principles for future promotions. Thus, our 2018 theme will be "THE YEAR OF ELEVATION"; whether it be spiritually, emotionally, economically, physically or in another area of your life. We intend to *Decrease to Increase* because of God's mighty hand on us. We won't attempt to explain it all to you in this opening statement, stay close because it's already started!! It's on and poppin!! It's your season to be blessed!! As always we appreciate you for your continued support of the Kingdom and Solomon's Temple Ministry. We couldn't have gotten where we are without your efforts to God and the community. Watch the doors open for you, your family and our church as you commit yourselves to another year of Kingdom building. Let us continue to work, worship and witness together for an *Elevated* influence in our ministry, the community and even greater, the Kingdom of God. "HAPPY NEW YEAR" and we love you all.

# • Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Education Ministry meet

**Church Events** 

- **Jan 8**<sup>th</sup> Advisory meeting
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
  CID Session/Bible Study
  will resume
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>
  Consecration of 2018
  Officers
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
  Martin Luther King Jr.
  Day
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>
  Men & Women meetings
- Jan 21st 100 Kingdom Minded Men service
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>
  Levites, Servant Leaders
  & Assembly of Servants
  meet

Pastor K. D. 6 (QQ) Elder E. R Shivers

# Dream Warnings: Was God Telling Her Something? by Desiree Cole

I've always had vivid dreams, even as a kid back in Kansas. Full of strange characters, conversations and symbols. Sometimes I can barely make sense of them, even if I write them down in my journal. Like a series of dreams I had last spring. I kept seeing buses, subways and hallways. But I always got on the wrong bus, missed my subway stop or never made it to the end of the hallway. It felt as if I were being warned. Then again, maybe I was just having stress dreams about the subway, like any other New Yorker!

Many an Old Testament hero received a warning in a dream. But is he still doing that today? Why warn us in a dream and not, say, through a text message? Why is the method as mysterious as the message? I brought my questions to James W. Goll, a minister and best-selling author of *Dream Language: The Prophetic Power of Dreams, Revelations and the Spirit of Wisdom.* 

According to Goll, warning dreams are still very much a thing. In fact, God may actually prefer to warn us in our sleep because we're less likely to get distracted. Dreams that are "sticky" get our attention and spur us into action. "They feel like flypaper," he says. "Meaning, you can try and peel it off your skin, but it'll only get stuck to another part of your skin. You won't be able to get rid of it."

There's a reason Jesus liked speaking in parables—they're memorable. Similarly, warning dreams are often filled with unforgettable imagery, metaphors, even plots. "God likes to put a hook in us to draw us closer to him," Goll says. "Sometimes he'll give us a puzzle to solve so that we have to search for the meaning."

But why does <u>God warn some</u> and not others? Or does everyone get warnings and just not know it? "God is a loving father," Parrott says. "He's going to alert his <u>children</u> to look before crossing the street. But sometimes we get so busy with our lives that we might not see or hear what he's alerting us to." Which is why you could be warned through someone close to you or even a complete stranger.

Sure enough, my dreams immediately shifted this past June. Right around the time I started working at *Mysterious Ways*.

**Dreams** 

### Verse of the Month

**Psalm 84:5 (ESV)** 

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

### WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

BY: Carol Wimmer

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble –
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are far too visible
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache
Which is why I seek God's name

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority......
I only know I'm loved



### Solomon's Temple 2018 Officers List

### **LEVITES**

Elder Edith Shivers - CP Elder Sarah Hatton - ACP

Elder Karen Lee

**Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas** 

Elder Wayne Hatton Min. Bertram Blackwell Min. Cynthia Edwards Min. Ernest Ruffin

### SERVANT LEADERS

Phyllis Duck - CP Lucy Watkins - ACP Wendy Green James Green Sr. Turekia White **Shirley Haskins** Sylvia Gundy **Donald Watkins** Wendy Johnson (SIT) Kathy Greene (SIT)

ARMOUR-BEARER Terry Rawls – CP

Elder Karen Lee - ACP **Brandon Newsome** Rodney Murphy Phyllis Duck

### **SECURITY**

Terry Rawls - Advisor Corev Brown - CP Lavores White **Grayland Robinson** Earl Moton

Shagan Gatewood **Donald Wells** James Green Sr. James Green Jr.

Angela Batten Sheila Brown

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Elder Karen Lee Jackie Ruffin – Asst.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hope Parker Jessica Smith Wanda Clarke Tanisha White Shaquita Taylor **Trustees** 

### **CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR**

Elder Margaret S. Thomas Donald Watkins - Asst.

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Ray Holmes - CP Theodore Gundy – ACP

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Min. Bertram Blackwell – CP Donald Watkins - ACP

### **EDUCATION MINISTRY**

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### Ray Holmes - CP

Lena Holmes - ACP Earl Moton - ACP Theodore Gundy Linda Jordan

Frances Wells-Robertson

Marcus Smith **Barry Nichols** Cynthia Watson Willie Turner Jr. **Donald Wells** 

Willie Turner Sr. – Emeritus

### PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY

Tracy Murphy - CP Shenille Gray - ACP Arieana Parker - CP (Youth) Imani Gray-Davis - ACP (Youth)

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Elder Wayne Hatton – Advisor James Green Sr. - CP Min. Ernest Ruffin - ACP Donald Watkins - ACP Terry Rawls - ACP

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Elder Edith Shivers - Advisor Elder Karen Lee - CP Sheila Brown - ACP Latoya Diggs - ACP YOUTH MINISTRY

Wendy Green - CP James Green Sr. – ACP Shenille Gray - ACP

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Pastor & Elder Shivers – Advisors Lavores & Tanisha White - CP Theodore & Sylvia Gundy - ACP Shagan & Sarah Gatewood - ACP

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Stanley Robinson - CP Tanisha White - ACP

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Min. Cynthia Edwards - CP Linda Jordan - ACP Lisa Thompson - ACP

### **USHER MINISTRY**

Ella Ford - CP Alice Day - ACP **YOUTH USHERS** Hope Parker - CP

Mattie Turner - ACP

### **BRIDGE MINISTRY**

Pastor Shivers – Advisor Kinston Shivers - CP Jessica Smith - ACP Kevin Shepherd Jr. - ACP **HEALTHCARE MINISTRY** 

### Shirley Haskins - CP Desiree Brown - ACP

Angela Batten - ACP

### **GREETER MINISTRY**

Elder Edith Shivers - Advisor

Linda Jordan - CP Faye Thompson - ACP

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Min. Bertram Blackwell Min. of Music (Men's Ministry in charge)

Kinston Shivers - Asst. Jessica Smith - Directress Elder Wayne Hatton – CP (men)

Jessica Smith – Youth Director

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

Shirley Haskins - CP Lonnie Batten - ACP Joe Batten - ACP

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY Donald Watkins – CP

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

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Pastor Shivers** 

Min. Bertram Blackwell - CP

**Elder Edith Shivers Elder Wayne Hatton Ray Holmes** Lena Holmes

Earl Moton **Barry Nichols** Shagan Gatewood **Donald Watkins** 

Trustees

### SOLOMON'S COUNCIL

**Pastor Shivers** 

Elder Margaret S. Thomas – Admin. Elder Karen Lee – Finance

Theodore Gundy – Treasurer

### **LEVITE Elder Edith Shivers**

SERVANT LEADER

# Phyllis Duck

TRUSTEE Ray Holmes

### **FEBRUARY**

Valentine Celebration (Men's Ministry in charge)

### MARCH (Sun. 25th - Thurs. 29th)

Holy Week Revival

(Levite Ministry in charge)

### MAY

Women's Day

(Women's Ministry in charge)

### MAY 20th

Ministry Day

(All Ministries Celebration)

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

### JUNE 10th

Youth Day

(Youth Ministry in charge)

### JUNE

Men's Day

### JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Family & Friends Day (Asher Tribe in charge)

### SEPTEMBER 9th

**Leading Lady Day** 

(Women's Ministry in charge)

### OCTOBER 21st

Pastor & Church Anniversary

Lucy Watkins - ACP Earl Moton – ACP

### NOVEMBER (Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 20<sup>th</sup>)

Fall Harvest Revival Jackie Ruffin - CP

Elder Margaret S. Thomas – ACP

Min. Ernest Ruffin - ACP

### **DECEMBER**

**Christmas Celebration** 

(Youth & Bridge Ministries in charge) New Year's Eve service (Dec. 31st) (Assembly of Servants in charge)



### **LAYPERSONS**

Min. Bertram Blackwell

Turekia White Kathy Greene **Elaine Nichols** 

# January Kingdom Schedule



### **January Scriptures**

1/7 1 Peter 5:6-10 1/14 Psalm 31:15-19 1/21 1 Peter 1:3-7 1/28 Philippians 2:5-8

### Welcome Schedule

1/7 Bro. Donald Watkins
1/14 Aalani Brown
1/21 Sis. Shenille Gray
1/28 Sis. Faye Thompson

### Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes

### **Worship Leaders Schedule**

1/7 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

1/14 Sis. Sylvia Gundy1/21 Elder Karen Lee

1/28 Min. Cynthia Edwards

### **Servant Leaders Schedule**

1/7 Sis. Turekia White
1/14 Sis. Sylvia Gundy
1/21 Sis. Phyllis Duck
1/28 Sis. Lucy Watkins

### **Communion Bowls**

Bro. Donald Watkins Sis. Lucy Watkins



### <u>January 2018</u> <u>CID Teaching Schedule</u>



### **Educational Partners for the month of January are:**

Elder Sarah Hatton, Min. Ernest Ruffin, Sis. Wendy Green and Sis. Phyllis Duck

January 2<sup>nd</sup> NO CID | A Sincere Faith |Daniel 1:8-21 | January 9<sup>th</sup> A Bold Faith | Daniel 3:19-23, 26-28

Teacher: Elder Sarah Hatton

January 16<sup>th</sup> A Prayer for an Obedient Faith | Daniel 9:4-8, 15-19

Teacher: Min. Ernest Ruffin

January 23<sup>rd</sup> A Strong Faith | Daniel 10:10-19

Teacher: Sis. Phyllis Duck

January 30th Faith without Works is Dead | James 2:14-26

Teacher: Sis. Wendy Green

### **January Youth Teaching Schedule**

Asher Tribe

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

### **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.

## **NEW**

### New to Solomon's Temple?

First of all **WELCOME!** We are so pleased that vou 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, Elder Wayne Hatton. or Bro. James Green Sr.

Every second brings
a fresh beginning,
Every hour holds
a new promise,
Every night our dreams
can bring hope and
Every day is what you
choose to make it.

# January Schedule



DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/1/18	All Day	New Year's Day - Happy New Year
1/4/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
1/6/18	10:00am	Education Ministry will meet with Educational Partners – Elder Sarah Hatton, Min. Ernest Ruffin, Sis. Wendy Green, Sis. Phyllis Duck & Sis. Wendy Johnson
1/8/18	6:30pm	Advisory meeting
1/9/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/10/18	6:00pm-7:00pm	Kingdom Workout
1/11/18	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
1/14/18	During service	Consecration of 2018 Officers
1/14/18	After service	Outreach Ministry will meet in the parlor
1/15/18	All Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/16/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/17/18	6:00pm-7:00pm	Kingdom Workout
1/18/18	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
1/18/18	6:30pm	Men & Women meetings at the chapel
1/21/18	3:00pm	100 Kingdom Minded Men service – Guest: Dr. Tremayne Johnson & the Zion Baptist Church of Newport News, VA
1/22/18	6:30pm	Levites will meet & Servant Leaders will meet
1/22/18	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants will meet
1/23/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/24/18	6:00pm-7:00pm	Kingdom Workout
1/25/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
1/30/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
1/31/18	6:00pm-7:00pm	Kingdom Workout

### Solomon's Temple - PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE

(All Pictures will be taken in Chapel immediately after morning service unless otherwise notified!)

Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 21st	Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>
Levites	No pictures will be taken	Greeters	Benjamin Tribe
Armour-Bearers		Hospitality	Trustee Ministry
Intercessory Prayer		Health Care Ministry	Musicians

### **Choir Rehearsal Schedule for January 2018**

Thursday before 1st SundayThursday before 2nd Sunday6:00pmPraise Team7:00pm7:00pmMass Choir

Thursday before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
6:30pm Youth Choir

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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. New Year's Day Happy New Year	2. No CID/Bible Study	8. Sharon Goodman	4. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir Kenya Hargrove Christine Little	5. Corey Brown	6. 10:00am Education Ministry will meet Erica Judkins
7. Christopher Harper	8. 6:30pm Advisory meeting Florence Turner	9. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study Vernell Brown	10. 6:00pm-7:00pm Kingdom Workout Donald Watkins Joe Batten Happy Anniversary Morse & Wendy Johnson	7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	12.	13. Jessica Smith
14. Consecration of 2018 Officers Outreach Ministry will meet after service	15.  Martin Luther King Jr. Day  Connie Payne	16. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study	17. 6:00pm-7:00pm Kingdom Workout Tamara Jones	18. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Men & Women meetings	19.	20.
21. 3:00pm 100 Kingdom Minded Men service Ernest Ruffin	22. 6:30pm Levites meet 6:30pm Servant Leaders meet 7:30pm AOS meet	23. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pm Bible Study	24. 6:00pm-7:00pm Kingdom Workout	25. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal	26.	<b>27.</b> Seniah Cypress
28.	29. Aalani Brown	30. 6:30pm CID Session 7:15pnm Bible Study June Little	31. 6:00pm-7:00pm Kingdom Workout			

### January Birthdays Happy Birthday

Sharon Goodman Kenya Hargrove Christine Little Corey Brown Erica Judkins Christopher Harper Florence Turner Vernell Brown **Ioe Batten Donald Watkins Jessica Smith** Connie Payne Tamara Jones **Ernest Ruffin** Seniah Cypress Aalani Brown **Iune Little** 





January 3rd January 4th January 4th January 5th January 6th January 7th January 8th January 9th January 10th January 10th January 13th January 15th January 17th January 21st January 27th January 29th January 30th

# **Prayer List**



Sis. Vernell Brown Sis. Mary Diggs Sis. Lonnie Batten Sis. Connie Payne Sis. Vernell Wrenn

Sis. Ruby Clarke Sis. Mary Cornick

Sis. Florence Turner Sis. Sonjia Moore

Sis. Tami Drew

Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson

Bro. James Green Sr.

Sis. Tamara Jones

Sis. Marion Smith

Bereaved Families

If there are any names that need to be added to the list, let the church administrator know. Thank You.



### January Anniversary Happy Anniversary

Morse & Wendy Johnson January 10<sup>th</sup>

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



# National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Isle of Wight Branch 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Banquet will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Smithfield Center, 220 North Church St. at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students. Checks are to be made payable to Isle of Wight NAACP. Friday, January 6, 2018 is the deadline to purchase or reserve a table (8). Any questions contact Diane Bowser 757-357-6517 or Felicia Scott 757-357-9378.



### Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry

Is In Full Effect!

Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, inoutpatient surgeries and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death).

We have <u>"Care Teams"</u> 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.

### Care Team for the Month

Sis. Desiree Brown Sis. Lisa Thompson

Sis. Wendy Green

Please let the church administrator know of any disciples' address or phone number change.

Thank you.

Attention All Contact Persons!!
2018 Ministry Agendas are
due Sunday, February 4th.





Seniah Cypress
Lil Miss Seniah
had her first
performance in
the Nutcracker
with Studio 17
Dance Studio.



Shagan Gatewood Shagan scored an 1,150 on his PSAT exam.



AWESOME





Destiny Shivers
Destiny earned a
4.0GPA and made
the Merit List for
the Fall Semester
at Thomas Nelson
Community
College.



# **CHANCES OF SUCCESS:**

0% I WON'T 10% I CAN'T

20% I DON'T KNOW HOW

30% I WISH I COULD

40% I WANT TO 50% I THINK I MIGHT 60% I MIGHT 70% I THINK I CAN

80% I CAN 90% I AM

100% I DID

Highlights from 2017 Couples Retreat
Eastover Retreat Center, Spring Grove VA
Theme: "Victory over the enemy in our Marriage"



### Martin Luther King Jr.



Martin Luther King Jr. was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest. He was the driving force behind watershed events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the 1963 March on Washington, which helped bring about such landmark legislation as the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a U.S. federal holiday since 1986.

### When Was Martin Luther King Born?

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, the second child of Martin Luther King Sr., a pastor, and Alberta Williams King, a former schoolteacher. Along with his older sister Christine and younger brother Alfred Daniel Williams, he grew up in the city's Sweet Auburn neighborhood, then home to some of the most prominent and prosperous African Americans in the country.

### Did You Know?

The final section of Martin Luther King Jr.'s eloquent and iconic "I Have a Dream" speech is believed to have been largely improvised.

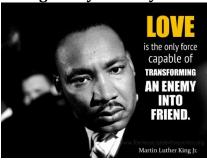
A gifted student, King attended segregated public schools and at the age of 15 was admitted to Morehouse College, the alma mater of both his father and maternal grandfather, where he studied medicine and law.

Although he had not intended to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the ministry, he changed his mind under the mentorship of Morehouse's president, Dr. Benjamin Mays, an influential theologian and outspoken advocate for racial equality. After graduating in 1948, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree, won a prestigious fellowship and was elected president of his predominantly white senior class.

King then enrolled in a graduate program at Boston University, completing his coursework in 1953 and earning a doctorate in systematic theology two years later. While in Boston he met Coretta Scott, a young singer from Alabama who was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. The couple wed in 1953 and settled in Montgomery, Alabama, where King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

They had four children: Yolanda Denise King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King and Bernice Albertine King.

### **Montgomery Bus Boycott**



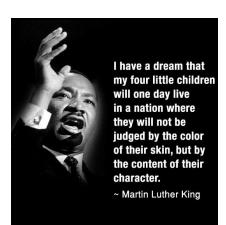
The King family had been living in Montgomery for less than a year when the highly segregated city became the epicenter of the burgeoning struggle for civil rights in America, galvanized by the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision of 1954.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, secretary of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery bus and was arrested.

Activists coordinated a bus boycott that would continue for 381 days, placing a severe economic strain on the public transit system and downtown business owners. They chose Martin Luther King Jr. as the protest's leader and official spokesman.

By the time the Supreme Court ruled segregated seating on public buses unconstitutional in November 1956, King—heavily influenced by Mahatma Gandhi and the activist Bayard Rustin—had entered the national spotlight as an inspirational proponent of organized, nonviolent resistance.

King had also become a target for white supremacists, who firebombed his family home that January.



### I Have a Dream

The March on Washington culminated in King's most famous address, known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, a spirited call for peace and equality that many consider a masterpiece of rhetoric.

Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial—a monument to the president who a century earlier had brought down the institution of slavery in the United States—he shared his vision of a future in which "this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

The speech and march cemented King's reputation at home and abroad; later that year he was named "Man of the Year" by TIME magazine and in 1964 became the youngest person ever awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In the spring of 1965, King's elevated profile drew international attention to the violence that erupted between white segregationists and peaceful demonstrators in Selma, Alabama, where the SCLC and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) had organized a voter registration campaign.

Captured on television, the brutal scene outraged many Americans and inspired supporters from across the country to gather in Alabama and take part in the Selma to Montgomery march led by King and supported by President Lyndon B. Johnson, who sent in federal troops to keep the peace.

That August, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which guaranteed the right to vote—first awarded by the 15th Amendment—to all African Americans.

### Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.



The events in Selma deepened a growing rift between Martin Luther King Jr. and young radicals who repudiated his nonviolent methods and commitment to working within the established political framework.

As more militant black leaders such as Stokely Carmichael rose to prominence, King broadened the scope of his activism to address issues such as the Vietnam War and

poverty among Americans of all races. In 1967, King and the SCLC embarked on an ambitious program known as the Poor People's Campaign, which was to include a massive march on the capital.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated. He was fatally shot while standing on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, where King had traveled to support a sanitation workers' strike. In the wake of his death, a wave of riots swept major cities across the country, while President Johnson declared a national day of mourning.

James Earl Ray, an escaped convict and known racist, pleaded guilty to the murder and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He later recanted his confession and gained some unlikely advocates, including members of the King family, before his death in 1998.

### **MLK Day**

After years of campaigning by activists, members of Congress and Coretta Scott King, among others, in 1983 President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a U.S. federal holiday in honor of King.

Observed on the third Monday of January, Martin Luther King Day was first celebrated in 1986.



welding circumferential seams, or c-seams, on Virginia – class submarines. C-seams join the two sections of a submarine's pressure hull.

Congratulations to Bro. Theodore "Roger" Gundy for appearing in Newport News Shipbuilding weekly newsletter "The Current". Bro. Gundy is a welder (X18) at NNS and is part of a team responsible for

CONGRATULATIONS BRO. GUNDY

Be conscious of your identity in Christ. If you see yourself as a doormat, your destiny will be trampled upon. ~ Yemi Davis

Zion Baptist Church

Dr. Tremayne Johnson

Newport News, VA. 23607

# Pastor K.D. Shivers & (LL) Elder E.R. Shivers

**Guest Speaker:** 

Wear Bow-Ties (If You Have One)!! All Men Are Asked To

Ladies Are Welcome to Attend!

# Smart Phone Users . . . Solomon's Temple New Mobile App



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