Temple News

Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple Church

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March 2018

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

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8 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor by Bob Hostetler

Everyone wants a stronger, more vibrant spiritual life, right? And Christians everywhere want their church to be stronger and more vibrant, right? If that's your desire, one of the best things you can do to make that happen is to pray for your pastor. What—and how—should you pray? I offer eight suggestions:

1) Pray for your pastor's marriage and family - No pastor wants to neglect his or her spouse and family. But it is too easy to let the demands of others crowd out the priority of <u>marriage and family</u>. So pray for your pastor's marriage and children to thrive. Pray for your pastor's aging parents or other relatives. Ask God to make his or her home a place of beauty and joy that sets a good example for the flock of God.

2) Pray for your pastor's spiritual life - No one can draw water from an empty well. Yet too often pastors try to preach and teach, <u>counsel and comfort</u>, lead and support to the neglect of their own souls. So pray for your pastor to keep company with God in prayer, to experience blessing and growth in Bible reading (not only to prepare for preaching and teaching), and to find and seize opportunities to worship himself or herself.

3) **Pray for your pastor's physical health** - The demands of ministry often compete with healthy lifestyles. In the U.S., people in ministry now suffer from obesity and hypertension at higher rates than those to whom they minister. So pray for your pastor to be protected from sickness and disease. Pray for your pastor to <u>take good physical care</u> of himself or herself, to develop and maintain good diet and exercise routines. Pray for physical strength and stamina, particularly during demanding ministry seasons (such as Advent, building campaigns, etc.).

4) **Pray for wisdom and vision** - Leaders often face incredibly challenging situations and decisions. Seasons of growth, stagnation, and decline in the church all demand much from a pastor. So pray for God to grant wisdom and vision to your pastor. <u>Pray for wisdom</u> to say "yes" and "no" at the appropriate times. Pray for wisdom in scheduling and hiring and firing. Pray for vision to lead the church as it needs to be led and where it needs to go.

5) Pray for your pastor's friendships - Being a pastor can be a dangerously lonely job. Few understand the pressures they face and many criticize the decisions they make. Pray for your pastor to make and maintain <u>healthy</u>, strong friendships that will build him or her up, relationships that allow your pastor to be himself or herself, and enjoy an occasional respite from the responsibility of being "all things to all people."

6) **Pray for your pastor's finances** - Many people in ministry are over-committed and underpaid. They make sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel, and often serve churches where funds are tight. But of course <u>Scripture</u> says, "The worker deserves his wages" (1 Timothy 5:18, NIV), and debt and other financial pressures make effective ministry all the more difficult. So pray for your pastor's <u>financial well-being</u>.

7) **Pray for rest** - As a pastor, I never realized how tired I was until the first day or two of vacation. I would often collapse in exhaustion and frequently got sick. Eventually, I learned to take a weekly Sabbath, but I was still often "running on fumes" by the time my Sabbath arrived. Many pastors are the same—or worse. So pray for your pastor to get the necessary rest, to be regularly and completely refreshed and revived by sleep, recreation, time off and vacation.

8) Pray for ministry effectiveness - Nothing revives and restores a pastor like a spiritual victory—a grateful response to a sermon, new converts, new members, baptisms, etc. So pray for your pastor to feel useful and effective in his or her efforts, to see the fruit of his or her labors, and to experience the blessing of making a real and lasting difference in people's lives.

5 Things about Palm Sunday that Remind Us Christ is King

1. God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death. *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 1 Cor. 15:55*

2. Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of Zech. 9:9. In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zech. 9:9

3. When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him. *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" Ps. 118:26*

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9

4. The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior. "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42

5. Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death. "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, "John 11:25

We have so much to be grateful for this week. The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win.

In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King... Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone. Grace. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Cor. 9:15



SAVING GRACE © By M.S.Lowndes

Lord, you are so wonderful And deserve our love and praise; I cannot express just how I feel; When I think of your saving grace

To think of what you went through; That day upon the cross; And in the moments leading up to it; When soldiers spat and scoffed

And beat you with no mercy, Making sport and having fun You said not a word in your defense; Even though you were God's son

You bore it all out of your love; For the lost and dying souls; To give us a hope we can hold on to; For a future yet to unfold

It's such a beautiful description, Lord, Of what your grace can do, For no one's exempt from your saving grace, But it's a gift freely given from you.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, Mar. 11th Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Sunday April 1st 6:00am At the chapel 2

March Kingdom Schedule

March Scriptures

3/4 Philippians 1:3-6
3/11 1 Chronicles 29:11-14
3/18 Proverbs 3:7-10
3/25 Ephesians 1:3-6

Welcome Schedule

3/4 Elder Wayne Hatton3/11 Anthony Gray3/18 Sis. Jessica Smith3/25 Sis. Barbara Jones

Door Opener Bro. Kinston Shivers

Worship Leaders Schedule

- 3/4 Elder Sarah Hatton
- 3/11 Sis. Lucy Watkins
- 3/18 Min. Bertram Blackwell
- 3/25 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

Servant Leaders Schedule

- 3/4 Sis. Sylvia Gundy
- 3/11 Sis. Phyllis Duck
- 3/18 Sis. Lucy Watkins
- 3/25 Bro. Donald Watkins

Communion Bowls

Sis. Turekia White Sis. Sylvia Gundy





March 2018 CID Teaching Schedule



Educational Partners for the month of March are: Elder Karen Lee, Elder Margaret S. Thomas, Sis. Sylvia Gundy, Sis. Turekia White

- March 6th There is no God like You | 2 Chronicles 6:12-21 Teacher: Sis. Sylvia Gundy
- March 13th The People gave Thanks to God | 2 Chronicles 7:1-9 Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
- March 20th Keep my Statutes and Ordinances | 2 Chronicles 7:12-22 Teacher: Elder Karen Lee

March 27th NO CID: HOLY WEEK REVIVAL

March Youth Teaching Schedule Joseph Tribe Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website. solomonstemplechurch.net





NEW

First of all *WELCOME*! We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you among us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here. Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk.

Solomon's Temple holds New Disciple Orientation sessions that can provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Sarah Hatton, Elder Wayne Hatton. or Bro. James Green Sr.

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 <u>stsecretary1@gmail.com</u> or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.

Don't expect everyone to understand your journey especially if they've never had to walk your path.

KATE THE EVENT

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3/1/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
3/2/18	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service. Speaker: Sis. Sylvia Gundy
3/3/18	10:00am	Education Ministry will meet
3/4/18	3:00pm	Pastor Shivers will preach at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church for Family/Friends Day service; choir and ushers are asked to serve
3/5/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
3/6/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten service: Min. Bertram Blackwell will preach
3/7/18	6:00am	Mid-Week Motivation Prayer on the conference line
3/7/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Kingdom Workouts
3/8/18	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
3/9/18	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service. Speaker: Sis. Turekia White
3/10/18	4:00pm-6:00pm	Couples Ministry meet and greet at the chapel
3/11/18	During service	Youth Ministry Temple Nation
3/11/18	After service	Pastor and Church Anniversary Committee will meet
3/11/18	After service	Levi Tribe will meet. Sis. Phyllis Duck & Sis. Turekia White tribe leaders.
3/12/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
3/13/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten service: Min. Ernest Ruffin will preach
3/14/18	6:00am	Mid-Week Motivation Prayer on the conference line
3/14/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Kingdom Workouts
3/15/18	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
3/16/18	6:30pm	Men's Ministry and Women's Ministry meetings
3/16/18	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service. Speaker: Bro. James Green Sr.
3/17/18	9:00am	Women's Ministry Outreach Activity at the Smithfield Laundromat
3/18/18	After service	Joseph Tribe will meet
3/19/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
3/20/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten service: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas will preach
3/21/18	6:00am	Mid-Week Motivation Prayer on the conference line
3/21/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Kingdom Workouts
3/22/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
3/23/18	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service. Speaker: Sis. Wendy Johnson
3/25/18	3:00pm	Holy Week Revival. Pastor Melvin Blackwell & Little Zion Baptist Church will be our guest. Dinner will be served at 2:00pm
3/26/18	7:00pm	Holy Week Revival. Bishop Clarence Russell III & St. Paul Baptist will be our guest
3/27/18	7:00pm	Holy Week Revival. Pastor E. B. Perry & Triumph-in-Victory will be our guest
3/28/18	7:00pm	Holy Week Revival. Pastor Glenn Lyttle & Olive Branch Baptist will be our guest
3/29/18	7:00pm	Holy Week Revival. Pastor Melvin Lyttle & Mt. Sinai Baptist will be our guest
3/30/18	12:00noon	Good Friday service at the chapel
3/31/18	9:00am	Carrying the Cross - leaving from Hardees 1909 S. Church Street Smithfield VA
3/31/18	4:00pm	Play "A Change is Coming" at Main St. Mission Center, 517 Main Street, Smithfield



Tuesday, March 20th is the First Day of Spring 4

First Day of Passover	Good Friday	Samuel & Tami Drew	Melissa Turner		Kayla Williams	Palm Sunday
81. 9:00am Carrying the Cross 4:00pm Play at Main Street Angela Batten	30. 12:00pm Good Friday service	29. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival Revival	28. 6:00am Midweek Motivation Prayer 7:00pm Revival	27. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	26. 7:00pnm Holy Week Revival	25. 3:00pm Holy Week Revival
24.	23. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service	22. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal	21. 6:00am Midweek Motivation Prayer 7:00pm Kingdom Workouts	20. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lent service Wendy Green Sonjia Moore Craig Clarke	19. 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise Dance practice	18. Joseph tribe will meet Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd
 17. 9:00am Women Ministry Outreach Activity at Smithfield laundromat St. Patrick's Day 	16. 6.30pm Men and Women will meet 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service	15. 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	14. 6:00am Midweek Motivation Prayer 7:00pm Kingdom Workouts Ebony Clarke	13. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lent service	12. 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise Dance practice	11. Youth Temple Nation Anniversary committee will meet Levi tribe will meet Daylight Saving Time Begins
10. 4:00pm-6:00pm Couples Ministry meet and greet	9. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service Aricanna Parker Jerrica Taylor	8. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	7. 6:00am Midweek Motivation Prayer 7:00pm Kingdom Workouts Happy Anniversary Lavores & Tanisha White	6. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lent service	5. 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise Dance practice	4. 3:00pm Pastor Shivers preach at First Gravel Hill
3. 10:00am Education Ministry will meet	2. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Elevated Praise service	1. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal				
Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday
		20		March		

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*)

March Birthdays Happy Birthday

Arieana Parker Jerrica Taylor Ebony Clarke Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd Jr. Wendy Green Sonjia Moore Craig Clarke Kayla Williams Melissa Turner Angela Batten



March 9th March 9th March 14th March 18th March 18th March 20th March 20th March 20th March 26th March 28th March 31st

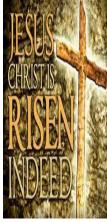
March Anniversary Happy Anniversary Lavores & Tanisha White March 7th Samuel & Tami Drew March 29th

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

Think On These Things

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer; Death is strong, but Life is stronger; Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right... *Phillips Brooks, An Easter Carol*

Angels, roll the rock away; Death, yield up thy mighty prey: See, He rises from the tomb, Glowing with immortal bloom. Thomas Scott, "Easter Angels



Matthew 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

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. Soniia Moore Sis. Tami Drew Bro. James Green Sr. Sis. Tamara Brown Sis. Marion Smith Bro. Stanley Robinson Bro. Grayland Robinson Sis. Cynthia Watson **Bereaved Families**



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



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. Hope Parker Sis. Valerie Robinson-Ford **Bro. James Green Sr.**

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



During the Season of Lent Join Us For Mid-Week Motivation

Every Wednesday morning at 6:00am Call the Conference Line @ 1-302-202-1106 and enter code 596347 You will receive a motivational word of encouragement!



⁷ The Churches of Isle of Wight County and Vicinity presents "The Last 7 Statements of Jesus <u>Christ on the Cross"</u>



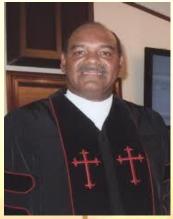
Pastor Eldridge Lucas III Emmanuel Baptist Church "Father Forgive Them" Luke 23:34



Pastor Bobby Taylor Sandy Mt. Baptist Church "My God, My God Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" Mark 15:34



Pastor Larry Simmons Sr. Shiloh Baptist Church "Today Shalt Thou Be With Me in Paradise" Luke 23:43



Pastor James Harrison Main St. Baptist Church *"I Thirst" John 19:28*



Pastor Terrell Batten Rising Star Baptist Church "Woman, Behold Thy Son! Behold Thy Mother" John 19:26-27



Pastor Douglas Jones New Bethany Christian Church "It Is Finished" John 19:30



Pastor Robert Elliott Morning Star Baptist Church "Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit" Luke 23:46

Good Friday March 30, 2018 12:00 noon

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..... John 3:16



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

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Solomon's Temple 2018 Holy Week Revíval

Sunday, March 25th – Thursday, March 29th

2018 Theme: The Year of Elevation Ist Peter 5:6

Guest Preachers will include:

Monday, March 26th 7:00pm Bishop Clarence Russell III St. Paul Baptist Church Suffolk, VA



Sunday, March 25th 3:00pm Rev. Dr. Melvin Blackwell Little Zion Baptist Church Smithfield, VA

Wednesday, March 28th 7:00pm Pastor Glenn Lyttle Sr. Olive Branch Baptist Church Suffolk, VA

The community is invited to join us in our Holy Week Revival services. Thursday, March 29th Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Pastor Melvin Lyttle Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Ivor, VA



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Pastor K. D. &

(LL) Elder E. R. Shivers

Tuesday, March 27th 7:00pm Pastor E. Brion Perry Triumph In Victory Wakefield, VA

Guest Church Choir & Ushers for the week include:

Sunday, March 25th 3:00pm Little Zion Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Melvin Blackwell, *Pastor*

Monday, March 26th 7:00pm Saint Paul Baptist Church Bishop Clarence Russell III, *Pastor*

Tuesday, March 27th 7:00pm Triumph In Victory Rev. E. Brion Perry, *Pastor*

Wednesday, March 28th 7:00pm Olive Branch Baptist Church Rev. Glenn Lyttle Sr., *Pastor*

Thursday, March 29th 7:00pm Mt. Sinai Baptist Rev. Melvin Lyttle Sr., *Interim Pastor*



Saturday, March 31st 9:00am "Carrying the Cross"



We will assemble behind the Hardee's Restaurant (Smithfield Square Shopping Center, S. Church Street) and start our march down to Royal Farms then head back to Hardee's Restaurant.



Presented By: Solomon's Temple | Rev. Dr. K.D. Shivers - Pastor | 12749 Courthouse Hwy. | Smithfield, Va. 23430 Ticket Infor: 757.357-9500 / 757.371-1048





Health Care Corner

March is National Kidney Month

March is National Kidney Month and the NKF is urging all Americans to give their kidneys a second thought and a well-deserved checkup.

Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood a day, help regulate blood pressure and direct red blood cell production. But they are also prone to disease; 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney failure. There are more than 30 million Americans who already have kidney disease, and most don't know it because there are often no symptoms until the disease has progressed.

The kidneys are two, fist-sized organs in your lower back. They maintain overall health through the following functions:

- Filtering waste out of 200 liters of blood each day.
- Regulating of the body's salt, potassium and acid content.
- Removing of drugs from the body.
- Balancing the body's fluids.
- Releasing hormones that regulate blood pressure.
- Producing an active form of vitamin D that promotes strong, healthy bones.
- Controlling the production of red blood cells.

Quick Facts on Kidney Disease:

- Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the country.
- More than 30 million Americans have kidney disease, and most don't know it.
- There are over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants.
- More than 590,000 people have kidney failure in the US today.

Youth Temple Nation Sun., Feb. 11, 2018



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Congratulations to Kristiana Smith. Kristiana received a **Hardy Elementary Citizenship Award** and SUPER Reader **Rockstar Award.**





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congratulations

Congratulations to Jay'Vion Pierce. Jay'Vion has been nominated to represent Windsor Elementary School at the 33rd Great Computer Challenge on May 12, 2018 at **Old Dominion University.**

Congratulations to the following youth disciples for making the Honor Roll:

Jayla Gray - Smithfield High School Kameron Robertson - Smithfield Middle School

The following youth disciples received awards of recognition for their participation in the Winter Sports at Smithfield High School's Winter Sports Awards Program on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Nikia Robertson Most Valuable Player Girls JV Basketball

Jayla Gray SHS scholar Athlete Award for having a grade point average of 3.5 or greater

Arieana Parker Most Valuable Athlete Girls Indoor Track





SPORTS Several members of Smithfield High School's track team are aded for state final - See page 12

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Congratulations to Arieana Parker. Arieana placed 2nd in the state competitions Sat., February 24th.

Good Enough By: Belinda van Rensburgs

God wants me to be myself For He created me this way, And since God made me who I am, Myself I'm quite content to stay.

In His eyes I'm good enough It matters not what others say; I need not act as if I'm tough Or copy other children's ways.

God doesn't care if I'm not cool If I'm not stronger; thinner; In His hands I am a tool To reach out to another sinner.

Though I am still young and small In Jesus Christ I'm strong and tall; So when people look at me May it be God's own Son they see.

