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Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple

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Mark Your Calendar

5.2 – 5.3

Women's Conference

5.4

Teacher Appreciation Day

5.11

Mother's Day Breakfast

5.11

Women's Day/Mother's Day

5.12

Mid-Year Advisory Meeting

5.18

Ministry Day

5.18

Bridge Ministry Gospel Showcase

5.21

Men & Women's Ministry meetings

5.31

MIT Cynthia Edwards' Initial Sermon

Open Your Heart to God's Love

**By deepening your relationship with God, you enhance
your relationships with others.**

By Elizabeth Peale Allen

Do you know a person you would consider “hard-hearted”? Someone who is gruff, holds a grudge, lacks compassion? Someone who is quick to criticize and slow to apologize? Chances are you do. Yet the Bible tells us we are to be “kind to one another, tenderhearted” (Ephesians 4:32). How can you make sure that your heart stays tender, that you don't slip into patterns of hard-hearted behavior? Here are four “heart healthy” tips:

1. Become a good listener.

When you read the Bible, you are really listening to God-inspired words, searching for direction and meaning. Yet it's easy to skim over verses we find too confusing or challenging. But 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” A heart open to God requires open ears and a willingness to tune in to every part of God's word.

2. Open your eyes.

God loves you so much that his “mercies...are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23). Yet we often fail to see how God acts on our behalf. He shows us his unending love, but we forget about it. And our hearts become hardened each time we are blind to his presence.

3. Look for the bright spots.

Think back to a time when you felt especially close to God,

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God Is Madly in Love with You

By *Michelle Medlock Adams*

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

We love to dote on our kids—even the canine and feline ones. Well, guess what? That's exactly how God is. He is a doting parent, too. If he had a "Daddy's Brag Book," our pictures would be in it! God loves to give his children good gifts. The Bible says, "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13).

So many people fail to realize that God truly loves them. It doesn't matter where you came from or what you've done, God loves you! My friend Victoria Osteen often says, "God isn't mad at you. He is madly in love with you."

That's good, isn't it? In fact, God adores us—flaws and all. He loves us when we behave badly. He loves us when we disobey him. He loves us even when we don't love ourselves. God loves us no matter what.

I'm so thankful that God's love for me isn't performance-based. I'm so thankful that my heavenly Father loves me with an unconditional love simply because I belong to Him.

Take time today and thank God for loving you with an unconditional love.

Pray, Father, I just want to praise you right now for loving me the way that you do. I am so thankful that I belong to you. Amen. Meditate on the vastness of God's love for you today, and let him know just how much you love him.



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to a time your heart overflowed with a sense of his goodness. When was the last time that "your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD" (2 Kings 22:19)? Look back to these spiritual bright spots—and figure out how to bring more of them into your life!

4. Look beyond your desires.

Having a tender heart toward God creates the rich soil in which our relationship with him can grow. Sadly, our personal desires can sometimes create a dry crust that keeps that love from flourishing. Even our prayer life can lead us astray, if we concentrate more on what we want than on Who we are praying to. Avoiding a hard heart requires us to "devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God" (1 Chronicles 22:19), to love God as God rather than as a divine wish-granter. The good news about hard hearts is that there is a cure! No matter how little we hear, how little we see or how dead we may be in our sins, God has made us alive with Christ. "He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge... which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross" (Colossians 2:13-14).

A good dose of "I'm sorry, Lord" is a sure cure for a hard heart. Why not pray that prayer today?

LOVE

I John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

In Loving Memory of ***Mother Ida Marie Ford Shivers***

July 31, 1935 – January 05, 2014



PROVERBS 31:10-12, 28-30

Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,
so that he shall have no need of spoil.
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Thank God For A Mother's Love

(Anonymous)

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

MAY KINGDOM SCHEDULE

Scripture and Welcome

- 05/04 Sis. Sylvia Gundy (Matthew 26:26-30)
Bro. Grayland Robinson (welcome)
- 05/11 Women's Day
Women's Day
- 05/18 Sis. Dorothy Robinson (Luke 1:45-48)
Bro. Stanley Robinson (welcome)
- 05/25 Bro. Terry Rawls (Genesis 21:1-3)
Bro. Carl Henderson (welcome)



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Servant Leader Schedule

- 05/04 Sis. Jackie Ruffin
05/11 Sis. Turekia White
05/18 Sis. Phyllis Duck
05/25 Sis. Sylvia Gundy

Worship Leader Schedule

- 05/04 Minister Edith Shivers
05/11 Sis. Dana Cary
05/18 Minister Bertram Blackwell
05/25 Elder Sarah Hatton

May Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Communion Bowls

Sis. Phyllis Duck
Sis. Sylvia Gundy



May Teacher's Schedule

ADULT TEACHERS

- 05-06 Sis. Shirley Haskins (5-11) | "Jesus' Mission on Earth" | Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:14-21
- 05-13 Sis. Jackie Ruffin (5-18) | "Jesus' Teaching on the Law" | Matthew 15:1-11, 15-20
- 05-20 Minister Bertram Blackwell (5-25) | "The Greatest Commandment" | Leviticus 19:18;
Deuteronomy 6:4-9;
Mark 12:28-34
- 05-27 Bro. Earl Moton (6-01) | "Obey the Lord" | Haggai 1:1-11

YOUTH TEACHERS

Sis. Wendy Green / Sis. Wendy Johnson

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

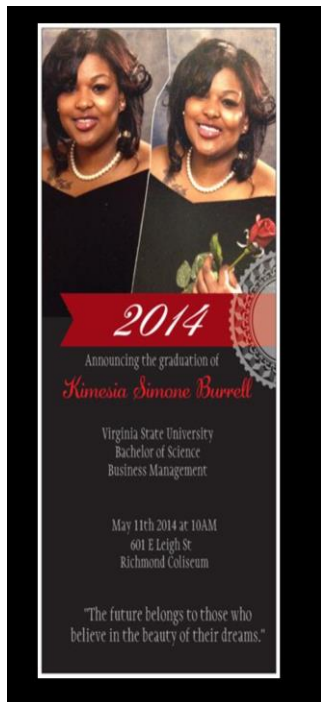
Reminder:
CID Sessions every
Tuesday night
6:30 p.m.

New To Solomon's Temple?

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 Brother James Green, Sr. or Sister Turekia White.



Saturday, May 31, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Westside Elementary School

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

May Birthdays

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



Sylvia Gundy	Thurs., May 1 st
Castachia Turner	Fri., May 2 nd
Charles Turner	Fri., May 2 nd
Terry Rawls	Fri., May 2 nd
Phyllis Duck	Tues., May 6 th
Allan Clark, Jr.	Thurs., May 8 th
Grayland Robinson	Wed., May 14 th
Dorothy Robinson	Wed., May 14 th
De'Ahzha Williams	Tues., May 20 th
Stanley Robinson	Tues., May 27 th
Nytara Clark	Tues., May 27 th



Congratulations to **Sis. Barbara Jones** whose grandson **Jalen Elliott** was offered a Full Basketball Scholarship to Old Dominion University. **Jalen** is 6'-2" and is **ONLY** a **sophomore** and attends Hanover High School, Mechanicsville Virginia class of **2016!** That's right – **2016!** **Jalen** is the son of Chiquita and Anthony Elliott. See more about Jalen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wknvm9h51tg> OR
<http://seoj.ncsasports.org/football/va/chesterfield/lloyd-c-bird-high-school/jalen-elliott>

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.

SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



May's Solomonite Spotlight is Sis. Lonnie Batten

Sis. Lonnie Batten is a faithful disciple of Solomon's Temple. She serves on the Hospitality Ministry and Women's Ministry. She is a mother, grandmother and the wife of Bro. Joe Batten. **Sis. Lonnie** has a gentle and quiet spirit. As 1 Peter 3:4 says, "Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit that is so precious to God."

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

WE LOVE YOU!

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



Saturday, May 31, 2014
5:00pm

MIT Cynthia Edwards' Initial Sermon

As you begin this new chapter in your life, may the Spirit of the Lord be your comfort, strength and guide.



Lifting You Up In Prayer

- Bro. Walter Chapman**
- Sis. Ruby Clarke**
- Sis. Evelyn Moton**
- Sis. Tammy Rawls**
- Bro. Michael Wellons**

"In our weakness, God will be our strength. Keep believing, Healing is on its way"

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12:9)

Please remember to pray for, call or visit those who are sick.

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.

Men of Solomon's Temple



MAY CARE TEAM

- Sis. Alice Day
- Sis. Deborah Williams



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

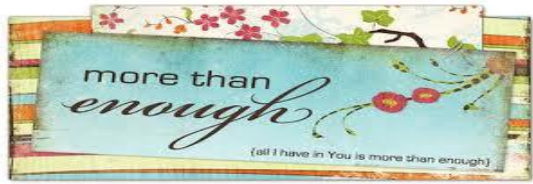
Congratulations to...

- Taleigha Turner, Kings Fork Middle School**
- Destiny Shivers, Smithfield High School**
- Kameron Robertson, Hardy Elementary School**

A-B Honor Roll this Semester!

JOB WELL DONE!





May

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
5/1/14	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
5/1/14	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
5/1/14	ALL DAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MIKE & WENDY GREEN
5/2/14	7:00pm	Women's Conference at the chapel
5/3/14	8:00am-4:00pm	Women's Conference at the chapel
5/4/14	9:00am	Teacher Appreciation Day
5/8/14	7:00pm	Joyful Voices rehearsal
5/10/14	9:00am-11:00am	Youth praise dance practice
5/11/14	7:30am	Mother's Day Breakfast at the chapel
5/11/14	9:00am	Women's Day
5/11/14	ALL DAY	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
5/12/14	6:30pm	Mid-Year Advisory meeting
5/15/14	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
5/18/14	9:00am	Ministry Day: Rev. Gilbert Harper & Brown's A.M.E. will be our guest
5/18/14	After service	Singles Ministry will meet
5/18/14	5:00pm	Bridge Ministry Gospel Showcase
5/19/14	6:30pm	Levite Ministry meeting
5/19/14	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants meeting
5/21/14	7:00pm	Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry meetings
5/22/14	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
5/24/14	9:00am-11:00am	Youth Praise dance practice
5/26/14	ALL DAY	MEMORIAL DAY
5/29/14	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
5/29/14	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
5/31/14	5:00pm	MIT Cynthia Edwards' Initial Sermon

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday before 1st Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team
7:00pm – Mass Choir

Thursday before 3rd Sunday

6:30pm – Youth Choir

Thursday before 2nd Sunday

7:00pm – Sons of Solomon

Thursday before 4th Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team
7:00pm – Joyful Voices



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Mike & Wendy Green</p> <p>Sylvia Gundy</p>	<p>2. 7:00pm Women's Conference at the chapel</p> <p>Castachia Turner Charles Turner Terry Rawls</p>	<p>3. 8:00am-4:00pm Women's Conference at the chapel</p>
<p>4. Teacher Appreciation</p>	<p>5.</p>	<p>6. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study</p> <p>Phyllis Duck</p>	<p>7.</p>	<p>8. 7:00 pm Joyful Voices</p> <p>Allan Clark, Jr.</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>10. 9:00am-11:00am Youth Praise dance practice</p>
<p>11. 7:30am Mother's Day Breakfast</p> <p>Women's Day</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>12. 6:30pm Mid-Year Advisory meeting</p>	<p>13. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14. Grayland Robinson Dorothy Robinson</p>	<p>15. 6:30pm Youth Choir</p>	<p>16.</p>	<p>17.</p>
<p>18. 9:00am Ministry Day Singles Ministry meet after service</p> <p>5:00pm Bridge Min. Gospel Showcase</p>	<p>19. 6:30pm Levite meet 7:30pm AOS meet</p>	<p>20. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study</p> <p>De'Alzha Williams</p>	<p>21. 7:00pm Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry meetings</p>	<p>22. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon</p>	<p>23.</p>	<p>24. 9:00am-11:00am Youth Praise dance practice</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p>26. MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27. 6:30pm CID 7:15pm Bible Study</p> <p>Stanley Robinson Nyvra Clark</p>	<p>28.</p>	<p>29. 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir</p>	<p>30.</p>	<p>31. 10:00am-10:00pm Relay for Life @ Westside Elem. School</p> <p>5:00pm MIT Cynthia Edwards' Initial Sermon</p>



May is National Stroke Awareness Month

History of National Stroke Awareness Month

National Stroke Awareness Month takes place in May every year. On May 11, 1989, President George H. W. Bush signed Presidential Proclamation 5975 designating May as **National Stroke Awareness Month** at the urging of National Stroke Association. Since then, National Stroke Association has been honoring this special time of the year to increase public awareness of stroke in an effort to conquer it.

Over the years, public education campaigns have been conducted during May to increase awareness of different aspects of stroke that directly affect specific populations, such as women or those at high risk for stroke. Today, National Stroke Association continues educating the public through campaigns such as the **Faces of Stroke**SM and by designing easy-to-use tools and resources that initiate individuals and groups to raise awareness on a local level.

There is a great movement of stroke champions already engaged in heightening the awareness of stroke in the U.S. By joining the thousands of people already committed to stroke awareness, you adopt stroke as a cause and put everyone further down the road to reduced incidence.

Symptoms of Stroke

The five most common signs and symptoms of stroke are:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg.
2. Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding others.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden dizziness, trouble walking, or loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Verse of the Month

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. **Ephesians 6:1-3**

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

JUNE

- 1st Min. Shivers @ Shiloh Baptist
- 1st Min. Shivers @ Emmanuel Baptist Church
- 3rd Family Church meeting
- 6th Men & Women's meeting
- 6th & 7th Youth Conference
- 8th Youth Day
- 8th Fellowship with Living Word Ministries
- 10th 2014 Graduates Speak-Out
- 15th Men's Day & Father's Day
- 21st Bridge & Youth trip to King's Dominion
- 22nd Fellowship with Mt. Calvary
- 28th Community Men's Retreat
- 28th Youth praise dance car wash & bake sale
- 29th Elder ordination service for Min. Edith Shivers

JULY

- 4th Independence Day
- 12th Praise dance practice
- 14th Pastor Shivers' Birthday
- 14th Pastor & Minister Shivers' Anniversary
- 19th Praise dance workshop & celebration service
- 20th Min. Shivers @ Olive Branch
- 20th Min. Shivers @ Gilfield Bapt.
- 27th Family & Friends Day
- 28th Levite & AOS meetings

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 6th & 13th Praise dance practice
- 21st Fellowship with Diamond Grove Baptist Church
- 28th Fellowship with Mt. Zion Word & Faith Ministry
- 29th Levite & AOS meetings

OCTOBER

- 11th & 25th Youth Praise dance practice
- 12th Fellowship with Ferguson Grove Baptist Church
- 19th Pastor & Church Anniversary
- 24th Couples meeting
- 31st Trunk-Or-Treat

NOVEMBER

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