

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter of Solomon's Temple Church

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The Gift of Joyous Giving by: Pablo Diaz



When it comes to helping others, let love be your guide.

This time of year offers many opportunities to experience the joys of giving. Giving doesn't have to be a burden or an obligation; instead, it should be an expression of our love, humanity and purpose. The best gift we can give ourselves is the joy we receive when helping and giving to others. Make this season one of giving in small and big ways.

One way to make giving a joyous experience is to be prayerful about it. I think when we pause to pray about how we can give to others, our church and favorite charity, our heart is prepared to give what we can.

As we come to the end of the year, many organizations knock at our doors seeking our support. Joy comes to me when I give to the causes that touch my heart but more importantly, impact others. Look within yourself and ask, what are you passionate about? Which organizations are working with integrity and getting results that you can support?

Giving fills us with great joy when we do it out of love for people we know or don't know. Giving out of love makes us think about the person, who they are, what their needs are and how best to help them.

The gift can be monetary but it doesn't have to be. We can cook a meal for an elderly couple, give a book or a small toy to a child, a restaurant gift certificate to a young couple, flowers from your back yard and much more. As Mother Teresa said, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love."

We all have the opportunity this season and year round to experience the joy and gift of giving when we let love be our guide. Make this season joyous through giving in small ways with great love.

Lord, thank you for the joy of giving.



The Season to be

Thankful by Peola Hicks

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

It may seem from this passage in Thessalonians that we are being asked to give thanks for everything that happens to us—the good, the bad and the ugly. Of course, it is easy to give thanks for all the good, but the bad and the ugly, not so much.

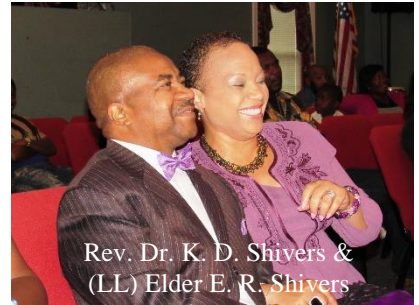
When we find ourselves in difficult situations, it may be hard to think of anything that would cause us to utter a “thank you.” I have been in those situations before, but looking back I have realized that it could have been worse. Instead of giving thanks for everything, I believe we are encouraged to give thanks *in* everything.

I recently heard a story from someone who has been going through a terrible time and is losing their home to bankruptcy. The breadwinner of the family felt like a failure because of their inability to continue making the mortgage payments. They were harassed by the bank and tried every conceivable option available to them. Nothing worked.

Yet when it was all over, the family confessed that they were thankful for the trial: In the midst of the hardship, they found out that by giving up the house they were, in a sense, saving their lives. There was asbestos poisoning in the house. What they were trying to cling to was not good for them. They may not have been thankful about losing their home, but they were thankful that their lives were spared.

There are many different ways to view tragic situations. This family chose to give God thanks for what they were saved from and for what they learned: how to let go and allow God to work in their lives. They learned that in everything, God is the one constant.

Knowing that God does not change and is with us in every situation prompts us to give thanks. We don't always feel his presence, but take courage in the fact that he does not flee when times are tough.



Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers &
(LL) Elder E. R. Shivers



You are cordially invited to the:
***1ST Annual Community Christmas
Tree Memorial Ceremony***
Theme: An Ornament of Love

When: Saturday, December 2, 2017

Where: Shivers Funeral Chapel
12749 Courthouse Highway
Smithfield, VA 23430
(757) 357-9500

Time: 5:00pm

Come decorate the tree in Memory of your deceased loved one. Please RSVP the name and date of death of your loved one by Monday, November 20, 2017 to efficiently prepare the tree ornaments.

Light refreshments will be served.

K. D. Shivers & E. R. Shivers
Owners/Licensed Morticians



Shivers Funeral Chapel

November Kingdom Schedule *Fall*

November Scriptures

11/5 Colossians 3:15-17
 11/12 James 1:17-20
 11/19 Psalm 20:5-7
 11/26 Psalm 95:1-6

Welcome Schedule

11/5 Elder Karen Lee
 11/12 Davion Archer
 11/19 Bro. Stanley Robinson
 11/26 Sis. Lonnie Batten

Door Opener

Bro. Kinston Shivers

Worship Leaders Schedule

11/5 Elder Karen Lee
 11/12 Elder Edith Shivers
 11/19 Minister Bertram Blackwell
 11/26 Minister Cynthia Edwards

Servant Leaders Schedule

11/5 Sis. Sylvia Gundy
 11/12 Bro. James Green Sr.
 11/19 Sis. Turekia White
 11/26 Sis. Shirley Haskins

Communion Bowls

Sis. Phyllis Duck
 Sis. Lucy Watkins



NEW

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 Elder Sarah Hatton, Elder Wayne Hatton. or Bro. James Green Sr.

November CID Teaching Schedule

November 7th Promise of a New Covenant | Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Adult Teacher: Min. Cynthia Edwards
 Youth Teachers: Sis. Sylvia Gundy & Sis. Tanisha White

November 14th Mediator of the New Covenant | Hebrews 12:14, 15, 18-29
 Adult Teacher: Sis. Wendy Green
 Youth Teachers: Sis. Jackie Ruffin & Sis. Wendy Johnson

November 21st Remembering the Covenant | 1 Corinthians 11:23-34
NO CID - FALL HARVEST REVIVAL

November 28th Faith in Jesus | Acts 3:11-21
 Adult Teacher: Sis. Turekia White
 Youth Teachers: Min. Cynthia Edwards & Sis. Lisa Thompson

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website [.solomonstemplechurch.net](http://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.



November



Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
11/2/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
11/5/17		Daylight Saving Time Ends – Don't forget to set your clocks back!
11/7/17	5:30pm-6:30pm	Senior Health Plan Seminar for ages 65 and older
11/7/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study – Min. Ernest Ruffin will teach on “Victory over the Enemy”
11/7/17	After Bible Study	Women's Ministry will have a brief meeting
11/9/17	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
11/11/17	All Day	Veterans' Day
11/12/17	After service	Benjamin tribe will meet at Virginia Diner for breakfast/brunch
11/12/17	3:00pm	Elder Sarah Hatton preach at Rising Star Christian Church, 2512 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, VA 23607 for Co-Pastor Anniversary service
11/14/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study – Elder Karen Lee will teach on “Victory over Finance”
11/16/17	5:00pm-8:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service at the chapel
11/16/17	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
11/18/17	TBA	Benjamin Tribe and Trustee “I Love My Church Day” – Clean up at the Chapel
11/19/17	3:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Bishop Darren Gay, Higher Way Ministries, Petersburg, VA; Dinner will be served at 2:00pm
11/20/17	7:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Pastor Bobby Bowser, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Norfolk, VA
11/21/17	7:00pm	Fall Harvest Revival – Guest Messenger: Pastor Dwight Riddick, First Baptist Church, Franklin, VA
11/23/17	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day service / Happy Thanksgiving
11/28/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study – Elder Karen Lee will teach on “Victory over Finance”
11/30/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal

Solomon's Temple - PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE

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



October 1 st	October 8 th	October 15 th	October 22 nd	October 29 th	November 5 th	November 12 th	November 19 th	November 26 th
Levites	Finance Secretary		Education Ministry		Outreach Ministry	Mass Choir	Sons of Solomon	Youth Choir
Servant Leaders	Finance Committee		New Disciple Ministry		Praise Dance Ministry	Usher Ministry	Men's Ministry	Women's Ministry
Amour-Bearers	Trustee Ministry		Bereavement Ministry		Youth Ministry	Praise Team	Bridge Ministry	HealthCare Ministry
Media Ministry	Treasurer		Church Admin.		Couple Ministry	Singles Ministry		Musicians Director
December 3 rd			December 10 th				December 17 th	
Joyful Voices	Intercessory Prayer Min.		Joseph Tribe	Benjamin Tribe			Levi Tribe	Asher Tribe
Greeters Ministry	Hospitality Ministry							



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5. Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>7. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study Women's Ministry will meet Rodney Murphy Election Day</p>	<p>8.</p>	<p>9. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal</p>	<p>10.</p>	<p>11. Happy Veterans Day Happy Anniversary Carl & Phyllis Duck</p>
<p>12. Benjamin tribe outing at Virginia Diner Elder Sarah Hatton preach at Rising Star Christian Church</p>	<p>13.</p>	<p>14. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study</p>	<p>15.</p>	<p>16. 5:00pm-8:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service 6:30pm Youth rehearsal Khadebra Vaughn</p>	<p>17.</p>	<p>18. Benjamin tribe and Trustees "I love my church day" Jay Vion Pierce</p>
<p>19. 3:00pm Fall Harvest Revival – dinner 2pm Willie Turner Jr.</p>	<p>20. 7:00pm Fall Harvest Revival Faye Thompson</p>	<p>21. 7:00pm Fall Harvest Revival</p>	<p>22. Wendy Johnson Tierra Rawls Shagan B. Galewood</p>	<p>23. 9:00am Thanksgiving Day service Happy Thanksgiving Antonio Dixon</p>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25.</p>
<p>26. Davaren White</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study Jowanda S. Hawkins</p>	<p>29.</p>	<p>30. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal</p>		

2017 Theme: The Year of Kingdom Victory (1 John 5:4)

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

NOVEMBER **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday

Rodney Murphy	November 7 th
Khadedra Vaughan	November 16 th
Jay Vion Pierce	November 18 th
Willie Turner Jr.	November 19 th
Faye Thompson	November 20 th
Wendy Johnson	November 22 nd
Tierra Rawls	November 22 nd
Shagan D. Gatewood	November 22 nd
Antonio Dixon	November 23 rd
Davaren White	November 26 th
Jowanda Smith-Hawkins	November 28 th



NOVEMBER **ANNIVERSARY**



Carl & Phyllis Duck
November 11th

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



**Honoring All
Veterans on
Veterans Day**

*We thank you for
your service and
sacrifices. We are
forever grateful!*

November 11th



Davion Archer achieved his brown belt in taekwondo class. His goal is to reach a black belt.

**NOTHING IS MORE
HONORABLE THAN A
GRATEFUL HEART. Seneca**
www.TheSilverPen.com

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
Bro. James Green Sr.
Sis. Tamara Jones
Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson
Sis. Marion Smith
Sis. Kathy Greene
Bro. Stanley Robinson
Sis. Deloris Shivers
Elder Karen Lee
Sis. Darnelle Jefferson
Sis. Lisa & Sis. Faye Thompson
Bereaved Families



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

**The hardest moments are a
calling to something greater.**



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.

Care Team for the Month

Lisa Thompson
Angela Batten
James Green Sr.

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

Highlights of Church & Pastor Anniversary

Sun., Oct. 15, 2017

Moving Victoriously in God's Kingdom: Be Strong, Be Brave, Don't Panic (Joshua 1:9)



17 Years





MINI Kingdom 8
Karnival
7:15-8:15
ALL AGES
OCT 31st
ADULT SUPER HERO CONTEST
CANDY
GAMES
SURPRISES
POPCORN



Solomon's Temple Fall Harvest Revival November 19th -21st, 2017



Theme: It's a Season for Giving



**Sunday, November 19, 2017
3:00pm**

**Guest Messenger:
Bishop Darren Gay
Higher Way Full Gospel Ministries
Petersburg, VA**



**Monday, November 20, 2017
7:00pm**

**Guest Messenger:
Pastor Bobby Bowser
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
Norfolk, VA**



**Tuesday, November 21, 2017
7:00pm**

**Guest Messenger:
Pastor Dwight S. Riddick
First Baptist Church
Franklin, VA**

Bible Study Teaching – Victory over Unforgiveness

Teacher: Minister Bertram Blackwell



There is a sin that will eat you up from the inside out. It will destroy you like a growing cancer. There is a sin that will make it impossible for you to live a victorious Christian life. It is a poison to the soul. What I'm referring to is the terrible sin of unforgiveness: bitterness, an unforgiving spirit. It is a sin that will destroy its own container and once it gets loose, it will corrupt many others. Forgiveness is the very essence of our faith even in the model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Unforgiveness is defined as a grudge against someone who has offended you; not having compassion to forgive. Whereas forgiveness is defined as the act of pardoning an offender. Greek word literally means "to let go". Below are steps to forgiveness.

Steps to forgiveness - Pastor K. D. Shivers

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| 1. Acknowledge/Admit you have been hurt | 2. Make a deliberate choice to forgive |
| 3. Seek a heart change/Ask God to fill the void of unforgiveness | 4. Pray for them as well as yourself |
| 5. Love in spite of the issue | 6. Learn to accept that the way they are may not be what you expect |

Bible Study Teaching – Victory over Death

Teacher: Elder Edith R. Shivers



Death was never part of the original plan of God for man. Death only became a part of the human experience when Satan was successful in causing man to fall into sin. "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Romans 5:12 ESV) When Jesus was crucified and died, some theologians teach that the devil thought he had gained a victory. His bruising the heel of Christ was a necessary step to the resurrection of Christ, which would seal his own fate and cause his power to be subjected to Christ's authority. When Jesus conquered the grave, he did so for all who would someday have to die. Grief is the emotional suffering you feel when something or someone you love is taken away. Grief is a natural response to loss.

7 Things you should never say to a grieving person:

- *How are you doing? *They're in a better place *Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you.
- *You can always..... *I know how you feel. *You're handling this better than I expected *Nothing at all.

Losing a loved one can be a highly charged and very traumatic time. **There are five (5) steps to the grieving process:**

- *Denial
- *Anger
- *Bargaining
- *Depression
- *Acceptance

Your process through bereavement and grief are your own. Everyone responds differently to coping with loss. Above all, be kind to yourself and know that you will wake one day and find the pain is less and life can go on.

Only God can turn a MESS into a message, a TEST into a testimony, a TRIAL into a triumph, a VICTIM into a victory!



SMILE..... it is the key that fits the lock of everybody's heart!



Solomon's Temple 2017 Officers List

LEVITES

Elder Edith Shivers – CP
 Elder Karen Lee – ACP
 Elder Margaret S. Thomas
 Elder Sarah Hatton
 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)

ARMOUR-BEARER

Terry Rawls – CP
 Elder Karen Lee – ACP
 Brandon Newsome
 Rodney Murphy
 Phyllis Duck

FINANCE SECRETARY

Elder Karen Lee
 Elaine Nichols – Asst.
 Jackie Ruffin – Asst.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elaine Nichols
 Jackie Ruffin
 Hope Parker
 Jessica Smith
 Wanda Clarke
 Kathy Greene
 Trustees

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Elder Margaret S. Thomas
 Kenya Hargrove – Asst.
 Jessica Smith – Asst.

TREASURER

Ray Holmes – CP
 Elaine Nichols – ACP
 Theodore Gundy – ACP

EDUCATION MINISTRY

Elder Margaret S. Thomas – CP
 Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP

NEW DISCIPLES MINISTRY

Elder Sarah Hatton – CP
 Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP
 James Green Sr. – ACP

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Min. Bertram Blackwell – CP
 Donald Watkins – ACP

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Wendy Green – CP
 Deborah Williams – ACP
 Desiree Brown – ACP

TRUSTEE MINISTRY

Ray Holmes – CP
 Lena Holmes – ACP
 Earl Moton – ACP
 Theodore Gundy
 Linda Jordan

Frances Wells-Robertson
 Marcus Smith
 Barry Nichols
 Joe Batten
 Cynthia Watson
 Willie Turner Jr.
 Willie Turner Sr. – Emeritus

PRaise DANCE MINISTRY

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

Elder Wayne Hatton - Advisor
 James Green Sr. – CP
 Min. Ernest Ruffin – ACP

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Donald Watkins – ACP
 Elder Edith Shivers – CP
 Wendy Johnson – ACP
 Dana Cary – ACP

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bianca Robinson – CP
 Wendy Green – ACP
 Tamara Jones – ACP
 Shenille Gray – ACP

COUPLES MINISTRY

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

MEDIA MINISTRY

Stanley Robinson – CP
 Tanisha White – ACP
 Bryce Williams – ACP

USHER MINISTRY

Ella Ford – CP
 Grayland Robinson – ACP

YOUTH USHERS

Hope Parker – CP
 Mattie Turner – ACP

SINGLES MINISTRY

Min. Cynthia Edwards – CP
 Deborah Williams – ACP
 Lisa Thompson – ACP

BRIDGE MINISTRY

Elder Karen Lee – Advisor
 Krystle Murphy – CP
 LaQueshia Newsome – 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
 Kinston Shivers – Asst.
 Jessica Smith – Director
 Elder Wayne Hatton – CP (men)

Bianca Robinson – Youth Director

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Dana Cary – CP
(January – June)

Sarah Gatewood – CP &
 Shirley Haskins – CP

Joe & Lonnie Batten – ACP
(July – December)

Alice Day – supply clerk

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Min. Bertram Blackwell – CP
 Elder Edith Shivers
 Elder Wayne Hatton

Lena Holmes
 Ray Holmes

Earl Moton
 Barry Nichols

Shagan Gatewood
 Trustees

SOLOMON'S COUNCIL

Pastor Shivers
 Elder Margaret S. Thomas – Admin.
 Elder Karen Lee – Finance
 Elaine Nichols – Treasurer

LEVITE

Elder Edith Shivers

SERVANT LEADER

Phyllis Duck

TRUSTEE

Ray Holmes

LAYPERSONS

Min. Bertram Blackwell
 Lucy Watkins
 Kathy Greene
 Earl Moton

FEBRUARY

Valentine Celebration
 (Men's Ministry in charge)

APRIL (Sun. 9th – Thurs. 13th)

Holy Week Revival
 (Levite Ministry in charge)

MAY

Women's Day
 (Women's Ministry in charge)

MAY 21st

Ministry Day
 (All Ministries Celebration)
 Desiree Brown – CP
 Phyllis Wiggins – ACP

Sonjia Moore – ACP

JUNE 11th

Youth Day
 (Youth Ministry in charge)

JUNE

Men's Day
 (Men's Ministry in charge)

JULY 23rd

Family & Friends Day
 (Joseph Tribe in charge)

SEPTEMBER 10th

Leading Lady Day
 Faye Thompson – CP
 Elder Karen Lee – ACP

OCTOBER 15th

Pastor & Church Anniversary
 Cynthia Watson – CP
 Min. Bertram Blackwell – ACP
 Tanisha White – ACP

NOVEMBER (Sun. 19th–Tues. 21st)

Fall Harvest Revival
 Elder Margaret S. Thomas – CP
 Jackie Ruffin – ACP

DECEMBER

Christmas Celebration
 (Youth Ministry & Bridge Ministry
 in charge)

New Year's Eve service (**Dec. 31st**)
 (Assembly of Servants in charge)





2018 OFFICERS ACCEPT/DECLINE FORM

I _____ ACCEPT THE POSITION OF:

MINISTRY/MINISTRIES NAME

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

FOR THE 2018 YEAR

Accept/Decline Forms Are Due
Sunday, December 3, 2017

I _____ DECLINE MY POSITION OF 2017:

MINISTRY/MINISTRIES NAME

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

December Upcoming Events

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| <p>Dec. 3rd
1st Day of Advent</p> <p>Dec. 3rd
Pastor Shivers preach at Olive Branch</p> <p>Dec. 8th – 9th
Couples Ministry Retreat</p> <p>Dec. 25th
Christmas Day! Happy Birthday Jesus!</p> | <p>Dec. 3rd
2018 Accept/Decline Forms Due</p> <p>Dec. 5th
Outreach Ministry will meet</p> <p>Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve</p> <p>Dec. 31st
New Year’s Eve service</p> |
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VERSE OF THE MONTH

Colossians 3:15
Let the peace of God
rule in your
hearts.....and be
thankful.

