

Pentecost-The Church's Birthday by Rick Hamlin

Because of the Spirit, because of Jesus, because of His love, we're here.

It happened to me years ago, in Europe on a Sunday in May, and a French friend said to me in French, "Bonne Pentecôte" which means "Happy Pentecost." I wished her the same but observed to myself: Does anyone ever wish anybody else "Happy Pentecost" back in the States?

Nope. It's never happened to me. Not yet. And it's too bad because <u>Pentecost</u> (Sunday, May 20th) is a major holiday, a big feast day, an occasion to observe with much celebration. Think of it as the church's birthday. Imagine a cake at your church with nearly 2000 candles on it and sugared writing, "Happy Pentecost!"

Jesus didn't leave behind him a massive organization. He didn't create a lengthy constitution with a long list of rules. He didn't build a magnificent building. He didn't even leave behind a book (that would have to be created by others). What He gave His followers were stories that they shared endlessly, sayings that they mulled over (and we continue to contemplate), the practice of breaking bread and drinking wine in community and the vivid—and sometimes painful—memories of His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

He kept promising that in his absence He'd send them the Holy Spirit to guide them. I don't doubt they must have been mystified by that. What was this Spirit He promised? How would they know when it arrived? And how would it help them? They found out on Pentecost. Christ had died and risen and come back on earth before leaving for good. Now that he was gone they were scared. What were they going to do? How were they going to put the life-changing love they'd gotten from Jesus to work? How was it going to happen?

According to the book of Acts, they were gathered together in Jerusalem, when a sound from heaven like a fierce wind filled the house and "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). This gift of "tongues" was a means of communication. They could suddenly speak to their fellow Jews in Jerusalem who had come from every different nation. They could be understood. They had power that they didn't know they had, and they could spread the good word that they had heard.

Because of them, the good news spread to a few hundred and then thousands and over the years to millions and now billions. This was the beginning of the church. This is why that day, Pentecost, has been celebrated over the centuries and is celebrated today. It's the birthday of the church, the place where you worship whether it's a magnificent cathedral, a school auditorium, a gathering of believers on a sandy beach or in a friend's living room. "Happy Pentecost!" we can say to one another. "Happy Birthday, church!" Because of the Spirit, because of Jesus, because of His love, we're here.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018







Leading Lady Edith R. Shivers

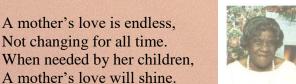
A True Angel by: George W. Zellars

A mother is special, she's more than a friend. Whenever you need her, she'll give you a hand. She'll lead you and guide you in all that you do. Try all that she can just to see you get through. Good times and bad times, she's there for it all. Say head up, be proud, and always stand tall. She'll love you through quarrels and even big fights, or heart to heart chats on cold lonely nights. My mother's the greatest that I've ever known, I think God made my mother like He'd make his own. A praiser, a helper, an encourager too, nothing in this world that she wouldn't do. To help us succeed she does all that she can, raised a young boy now into a man. I want to say thank you for all that you do, please always know mom, that I love you.



A Mother's Love

There's no love like a mother's Her heart is filled with care. With Christ as her example, Her Savior's love she'll share.



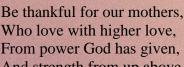


God bless these special mothers, God bless them everyone. For all their tears and heartaches, And special work they've done.





When days on earth are over, A mother's love lives on. Through many generations, God's blessings on each one.























In Memory of

Ida Shivers, Doris Seaborne, Lula Scott, Lois Jones, Arlene Langhorne, Bettie Goodwin, Evelyn Wilkerson, Tammy Rawls, Jacqueline Williams, Evelyn Moton, Vernette Raines, Joyce Turner, Ramona Seaborne, Jeanette Finney, Rhonda Ralph, Thomasine Garner, Shirley Ballard



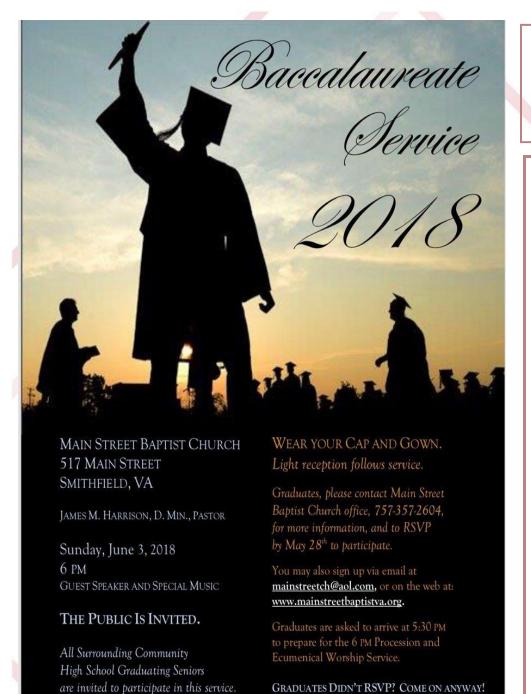
Happy Mother's Day to our Church Mothers Lonnie Batten, Vernell Brown, Mary Diggs, Connie Payne













Monday, May 28, 2018 Memorial Day

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, will be held on May 28, 2018. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day – Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, whereas Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Verse of the Month

Proverbs 31:30 (NIV)
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Church Events

May 5th
Education Ministry will meet

May 6th Women's Day

May 6th

Elder Shivers preach at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church

May 13th Mother's Day

May 13th Temple Nation

May 17th
Men & Women's meetings

May 20th Ministry Day

May 20th
Elder Shivers preach at
Sandy Mt. Baptist Church

May 20th Pentecost Sunday

May 21st Advisory Council will meet

> May 28th Memorial Day



SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 In observance of Pentecost Sunday, Everyone is asked to dress in white.

May Kingdom Schedule

May Scriptures Worship Leaders Schedule

5/6 Proverbs 31:25-27/Ephesians 2:8-105/6 Sis. Shenille Davis & Sis. Tanisha White

5/13 Proverbs 31:28-31 5/13 Sis. Wendy Green 5/20 Luke 1:46-49 5/20 Elder Sarah Hatton

5/27 Psalm 28:6-8 5/27 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

Welcome Schedule

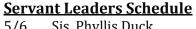
5/6 Sis. Cynthia Watson

5/13 Jayla Gray

5/20 Sis. Desiree Brown5/27 Sis. Kathy Greene

Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes



5/6 Sis. Phyllis Duck
5/13 Sis. Wendy Green
5/20 Sis. Sylvia Gundy
5/27 Bro. Donald Watkins

Communion Bowls

Sis. Phyllis Duck Sis. Lucy Watkins





May 2018 CID Teaching Schedule





Educational Partners for the month of May are: Elder Sarah Hatton, Min. Ernest Ruffin, Sis. Phyllis Duck, Sis. Wendy Green & Sis. Wendy Johnson

May 1st Giving from a Generous Heart | Exodus 35:20-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Teacher: Elder Sarah Hatton

May 8th Bringing First Fruits | Leviticus 2:14; Leviticus 23:9-14, 22

Teacher: Min. Ernest Ruffin

May 15th Remembering with Joy | Leviticus 25:1-12

Teacher: Sis. Wendy Green

May 22nd Rejoicing in Restoration | Psalm 34:1-10; Hebrews 2:17, 18

Teacher: Sis. Phyllis Duck

Teacher: Sis. Wendy Johnson

May Youth Teaching Schedule

Asher Tribe in charge

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

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.



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.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
5/1/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
5/2/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise Dance practice
5/3/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
5/5/18	9:00am-10:00am	Praise Dance practice
5/5/18	10:00am	Education Ministry will meet
5/6/18	9:00am	Women's Day – Evangelist: Rev. Valencia Austin, Morning Star Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA
5/6/18	11:00am	Elder Shivers preach at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 5230 Old Stage Highway Smithfield, VA; Women's Day service
5/7/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
5/8/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
5/10/18	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
5/13/18	All Day	Happy Mother's Day
5/13/18	During service	Temple Nation
5/14/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
5/15/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
5/16/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
5/17/18	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
5/17/18	6:30pm	Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry will meet
5/20/18	All Day	Pentecost Sunday
5/20/18	9:00am	Ministry Day – Evangelist: Elder Carolyn Ricks, Church of Destiny, Newport News
5/20/18	2:00pm	Elder Shivers preach at Sandy Mt. Baptist Church, Women's Day service
5/21/18	6:30pm	Advisory Council will meet
5/21/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
5/22/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
5/24/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
5/27/18	After service	Levi Ministry will meet at McDonald's
5/28/18	All Day	Memorial Day
5/29/18	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
5/30/18	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
5/31/18	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal Schedule for May 2018

Thursday before 1st Sunday

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

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 Mass Choir

Stanley Robinson McDonalds Ministry will meet at After service Levi De'Ahzha Williams Pentecost Sunday at Sandy Mt. Baptist Elder Shivers preach 9:00am Ministry Day Mother's Day Temple Nation 13. Phyllis Duck Gravel Hill Shivers preach at First 9:00am Women Day 11:00am Elder Sunday Memorial Day 28. Youth praise dance Council will meet 6:30pm Advisory Youth praise dance practice Youth praise dance 7:00pm-8:30pm 7:00pm-8:30pm Grayland Robinson 7:00pm-8:30pm practice practice Dorothy Robinson Monday 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm CID session 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study 7:15pm Bible Study ∞ 7:15pm Bible Study 6:30pm CID session Sylvia Gundy James & Wendy Green Happy Anniversary 15. Tuesday Youth praise dance 7:00pm-8:30pm 23 Youth praise dance 7:00pm-8:30pm 9. 7:00pm-8:30pm practice practice Terry Rawls 16. Charles Turner Castachia Turner Praise dance practice Wednesday rehearsal rehearsal 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Mass Choir 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Joyful Voices rehearsal 7:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal rehearsal Women meetings 6:30pm Men and Solomon rehearsal 7:00pm Sons of 10. rehearsal Thursday 4 25 11. 18. Friday 9:00am-10:00am Praise 26 19. 12 Ministry will meet dance practice 10:00am Education Saturday

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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)

May Birthdays Happy Birthday

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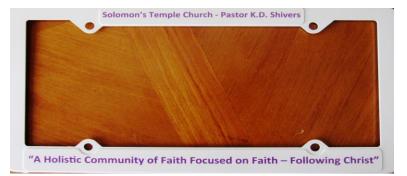
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May 1st May 2nd May 2nd May 2nd May 6th May 14th May 14th May 20th

May 27th

Attention Solomon's Temple Disciples

Solomon's Temple License Plate Frames are available. Don't forget to get yours. Cost - \$5.00 each. There are also scripture license plate frames available as well for family and friends.



What Would Jesus Do?

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard, when suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After several hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.

Words become actions | actions become habits | habits become character | character becomes destiny - THINK GOOD THOUGHTS

Prayer List

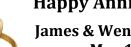
Sis. Vernell Brown Sis. Mary Diggs Sis. Lonnie Batten Sis. Connie Payne Sis. Vernell Wrenn Sis. Ruby Clarke Sis. Mary Cornick Sis. Florence Turner Sis. Sonjia Moore Sis. Tami Drew Bro. James Green Sr. Sis. Tamara Brown Sis. Marion Smith Bro. Stanley Robinson Bro. Grayland Robinson



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

Bereaved Families

May Anniversary





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



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

Sis. Faye Thompson Sis. Shenille Davis Sis. Kathy Greene

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

Solomon's Temple Women's Day May 6, 2018 9:00am

Kingdom Women Stepping Up for Greater Work
Titus 2:7-8





Leading Lady Edith R. Shivers

Guest Evangelist Rev. Valencia Austin

Morning Star Baptist Church Virginia Beach, VA

> Solomon's Temple 12749 Courthouse Highway Smithfield, VA 23430 Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor Elder E. R. Shivers, Leading Lady

For more information call 757-357-9500



Solomon's Temple 2018 College Graduates Congratulations on your Outstanding Achievement



De'Ahzha Williams will graduate from Radford University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication, concentration: Public Relations and a minor in Women's Studies on May 5, 2018. De'Ahzha is the daughter of Katrina Suiter and granddaughter of Bro. Earl Moton and the late Evelyn Moton.



Elder Karen Lee will graduate from Norfolk State University with a **Bachelor of Science degree** in Interdisciplinary Studies on May 5, 2018.

Congratulations !



Elder Edith Shivers will graduate from Regent University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Ministry on May 12, 2018.

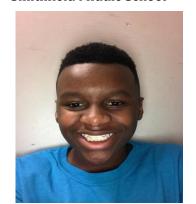


Congratulations to the following Youth disciples who made the Honor Roll

Honor Roll List

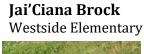






Kameron Robertson

Smithfield Middle School





Iai'Aia Brock Westside Elementary





Congratulations to Mor'Netra Johnson Mor'Netra was chosen as a nursing student to further her education in nursing. She will be attending Riverside Health Careers. Mor'Netra will be studying to obtain her RN.

Education Quotes

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Nelson Mandela

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Solomon's Temple Ministry Day



Elder Carolyn Ricks | Church of Destiny | Newport News, VA

Sunday, May 20, 2018

9:00am

Theme: The Year of Elevation (1st Peter 5:6)



For more information call 757-357-9500



We will also observe

Tentecost

Sunday

Everyone is asked to dress in white.

Solomon's Temple 12749 Courthouse Highway

Smithfield, VA 23430

Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor

Elder E. R. Shivers, Leading Lady

Health Awareness from Solomon's Temple Health Care Ministry May is American Stroke Month

If you're like most Americans, you don't know the signs of stroke. "Anyone can have a stroke and everyone should be ready," said Jeffrey L. Saver, M.D., professor of Neurology and director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at University of California Los Angeles and American Stroke Association spokesperson. "Learning how to spot a stroke is just as important as teaching your family CPR or what to do in the event of a fire. With stroke — just like a cardiac arrest or a fire — seconds count," he said. **F.A.S.T. is:**

- **F Face Drooping**: Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.
- **A Arm Weakness**: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S Speech Difficulty**: Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like, "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- **T Time to call 9-1-1**: If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

Additional stroke signs include: sudden severe headache with no known cause; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; or sudden confusion or trouble understanding. Teaching people how to recognize a stroke and respond quickly is a primary goal of the American Stroke Association's Together to End Stroke initiative sponsored nationally by Medtronic. StrokeAssociation.org.

Good Healthy Eating Habits (Family & Friends Fitness Sunday 4/29/18)

With the majority of people having such busy lives, it is so easy to make bad choices for eating on the go. We have all heard the saying "you are what you eat", so here are five (5) small things you can do to stay healthy or start to be healthier.....

- 1. Eat breakfast. This reduces hunger throughout the day.
- 2. Drink plenty of water. Water keeps your body functioning. Majority of the time when you think you are hungry your body is actually needing water.
- 3. Eat small and often. When you go longer than three (3) hours without eating your stress hormone rises. This signals your body to store fat.
- 4. Stick to the same menu. Predictable foods. Then you will know what you are consuming.
- 5. Don't deprive yourself...eat your favorite foods and savor those moments every once and awhile. Don't try to eliminate them. Then you will crave and overindulge when you do try and enjoy them. Remember those foods will always be there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

Education Ministry will meet June 2nd June 3rd Pastor Shivers preach at St. Paul United Church of Christ June 10th Youth Day June 15th - 16th Youth Ministry Sleepover June 17th Father's Day June 22nd Men's Ministry service June 23rd Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast June 24th Men's Day July

July 4th 4th of July/Independence Day

July 8thTemple NationJuly 21stBikers for ChristJuly 22ndFamily and Friends Day

Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. Psalm 149:3

