

# Temple News

## Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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## December 2019

### How to Cope with Sadness during the Holidays

by Pablo Diaz

No matter how blue you may feel, be on the lookout for small gifts of grace.

With the holidays coming up and the cold weather moving in, this time of the year can be difficult when it comes to emotional ups and downs. Maybe you have recently lost a loved one and will be spending the holidays alone; or you suffer from seasonal depression; or, after years of struggle, you are getting divorced. There are many reasons you may feel sad. But experiencing sadness is part of being human.

When we are sad, we tend to withdraw or, out of desperation, look for a quick fix for our sorrow. But there are no quick fixes for a broken heart. Look for the small things that come your way and bring you joy. Embrace them. Let them fill your heart, even if it's just a moment.

It might be the smile of a young child seeking your attention, your dog or cat snuggling up next to you or a friend who makes jokes because they want to see you laugh. These are gifts of grace that lift us up and offer hope. In these moments, we remember that the heart heals over time.

When going through dark times, strive for patience until the cloud is lifted. If you have lost a loved one, it's only natural to feel sorrow. There is nothing wrong with this. Eventually, you'll discover that although the person is no longer physically present, they remain an important part of your life.

Lastly, don't forget prayer. Share your sorrows and pain with God as He can heal all. No matter what is weighing you down, God is interested in your state of mind and emotions. It may feel like sadness will never go away. But joy will return. Until then, be kind and patient with yourself. Gift yourself the gift of self-compassion this season.

*The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
Psalm 34:17-18 NIV*

### Church Events

- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2020 accept /decline forms due
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Money and unsold tickets for dinner and play are to be turned in
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Solomon's Council will meet
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Temple Nation
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Solomon's Council will meet
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dinner & Play at the Williams Mission Center at Main St. Baptist Church
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – Family & Friends Fitness Sunday
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve/ New Year's Eve service





May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With Love, The Shivers Family





# December Kingdom Schedule <sup>3</sup>

## December Scriptures

12/1 Galatians 4:4-5  
12/8 Colossians 1:15-17  
12/15 Luke 2:17-20  
12/22 Isaiah 9:6-7  
12/29 1 Timothy 1:15-17

## Welcome Schedule

12/1 Min. Bertram Blackwell  
12/8 Jai'Aja Brock  
12/15 Sis. Desiree Brown  
12/22 Sis. Latoya Diggs  
12/29 Min. Cynthia Edwards

## Door Opener

Bro. Earl Moton



## Worship Leaders Schedule

12/1 Elder Karen Lee  
12/8 Bro. Donald Watkins  
12/15 Elder Margaret S.-Thomas  
12/22 Min. Cynthia Edwards  
12/29 Elder Sarah Hatton

## Servant Leaders Schedule

12/1 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
12/8 Bro. Donald Watkins  
12/15 Sis. Kathy Greene  
12/22 Sis. Lucy Watkins  
12/29 Bro. James Green Sr.

## Communion Bowls

Sis. Shirley Haskins  
Sis. Sylvia Gundy



## 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 Sis. Phyllis Duck.**



## December 2019 CID Teaching Schedule

Elder Wayne Hatton, Min. Bertram Blackwell,  
Bro. Donald Watkins, & Bro. James Green Sr.

12/3	Elder Wayne Hatton   David's Gratitude   1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 28-36 Youth Teacher: Asher Tribe
12/10	Min. Bertram Blackwell   David's House   1 Chronicles 17:1, 3, 4, 11-14 & 1 Chronicles 21:18, 21-17 Youth Teacher: Bridge Ministry
12/17	NO CID   Mary's Praise   Luke 1:39-56
12/24	NO CID   David's Prayer   1 Chronicles 17:16-27
12/31	NO CID   Solomon Summons the Ark   1 Kings 8:1-13



## Verse of the Month

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. (Zechariah 9:9)

## 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](mailto:stsecretary1@gmail.com) or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.

# December schedule of events

Date	Time	Event
12/1/19		First Sunday of Advent
12/1/19		2020 Accept/Decline forms are due
12/1/19		Money and unsold tickets for Dinner & Play are to be turned in to tribe leaders
12/1/19	After service	Youth praise dance ministry bake sale to raise money for new uniforms
12/3/19	6:30pm	CID Session
12/3/19	7:15pm	Representative from the Smithfield Police Department will share important information on safety awareness
12/4/19	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer; call the conference line to join in
12/4/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/5/19	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
12/7/19	9:00am-12:00pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/7/19	9:30am	Solomon's Council will meet
12/8/19	During service	Temple Nation
12/9/19	6:30pm	Solomon's Council will meet
12/10/19	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Bible Study
12/11/19	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer; call the conference line to join in
12/11/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/14/19	9:00am-12:00pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/15/19	3:00pm-5:00pm	Dinner & Play at Williams Mission Center at Main Street Baptist Church
12/16/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/17/19		No CID session or Bible Study
12/18/19	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer; call the conference line to join in
12/18/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/23/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/24/19		No CID session or Bible Study
12/24/19	All Day	Christmas Eve
12/25/19	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer; call the conference line to join in
12/25/19	All Day	Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus!
12/26/19		No choir rehearsals
12/29/19	9:00am	Family & Friends Fitness Sunday
12/30/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Women & Youth praise dance practice
12/31/19		No CID session or Bible Study
12/31/19	7:00pm	New Year's Eve feast/service

## 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.

### December Care Team

Sis. Shenille Davis, Sis. Darnelle Jefferson & Sis. Alice Day

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

# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1. 2020 Accept/decline forms due Money due for play Youth bake sale First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Representative from Smithfield Police Dept. will discuss safety tips</p>	<p>4. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>	<p>5. 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal</p>	<p>6.</p>	<p>7. 9:00am-12:00pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice 9:30am Solomon's Council will meet</p>
<p>8. Temple Nation Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9. 6:30pm Solomon's Council will meet Quenten Turner</p>	<p>10. 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Bible Study Kinnesia Burrell</p>	<p>11. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>	<p>12.</p>	<p>13.</p>	<p>14. 9:00am-12:00pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>
<p>15. 3:00pm-5:00pm Dinner and Play at Williams Mission Ctr. Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>16. 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>	<p>17. No CID/Bible Study</p>	<p>18. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>	<p>19.</p>	<p>20. Dana Cary</p>	<p>21. Happy Anniversary Sherman &amp; Shirley Haskins</p>
<p>22. First Day of Winter Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23. 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice</p>	<p>24. No CID/Bible Study Christmas Eve Mor'Neera Johnson Christian Turner</p>	<p>25. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Merry Christmas Happy Birthday Jesus</p>	<p>26. No choir rehearsals Melvin Turner</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28.</p>
<p>29. 9:00am Family &amp; Friends Fitness Sunday</p>	<p>30. 7:00pm-8:30pm Women &amp; Youth praise dance practice Travis TJ Holloway Jordan Elliott</p>	<p>31. No CID/Bible Study 7:00pm New Year's Eve feast/service</p>				

## Advent Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

**Advent** is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). **Advent** means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of **Advent** to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.



# December Birthdays

## Happy Birthday

Quenten Turner	December 9 <sup>th</sup>
Kimesia Burrell	December 10 <sup>th</sup>
Dana Cary	December 20 <sup>th</sup>
Christian Turner	December 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mor'Netra Johnson	December 24 <sup>th</sup>
Melvin Turner Sr.	December 26 <sup>th</sup>
Jordan Elliott	December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Travis "TJ" Holloway Jr.	December 30 <sup>th</sup>



# Prayer List

Pastor K. D. Shivers  
 Leading Lady E. R. Shivers  
 Sis. Angela Batten  
 Sis. Vernell Brown  
 Sis. Mary Diggs  
 Sis. Lonnie Batten  
 Sis. Connie Payne  
 Sis. Vernell Wrenn  
 Sis. Ruby Clarke  
 Sis. Florence Turner  
 Sis. Tami Drew  
 Bro. James Green Sr.  
 Sis. Marion Smith  
 Sis. Mary Cornick  
 Sis. Kenya Hargrove  
 Sis. Sheila Gatewood  
 Bro. Carl Duck  
 Sis. Mattie Turner  
 Sis. Desiree Brown  
 Sis. Phyllis Wiggins  
 Sis. Barbara Jones  
 Bro. Corey Brown  
 Sis. Tamara Brown  
 Bro. Stanley Robinson  
 Sis. Dorothy Robinson  
 Bereaved Families



# December Anniversaries

## Happy Anniversary

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Sherman & Shirley Haskins



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



May you experience the most joyful times with your near and dear ones on this Christmas and New Year.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

# Bereavement Ministry

The purpose of the Bereavement Ministry is to provide comfort and support to disciples of Solomon's Temple during time of loss of a loved one, and to show love to our disciples and assure them that they are not alone during this difficult time in their lives. We have "Spiritual Support Care Teams" to help you in this.

## December Bereavement Team

Sis. Lucy Watkins & Sis. Edith Shivers

He give us *comfort* in all our troubles. Then we can *comfort* other people who have the same troubles. We give the same kind of *comfort God* gives us." **2 Corinthians 1:4**



You are cordially invited to the:

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Tree Memorial Ceremony*  
**Theme: An Ornament of Love**

When: Saturday, December 7, 2019

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

Time: 5:00pm

*Light refreshments will be served.*



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







**7<sup>7</sup> New Year's  
Eve Feast  
PM**

**31 DEC  
2019**

*New Year's Eve*

**SERVICE**

**Solomon's Temple**

**"IT'S GONNA BE BIG -**

**20 20 VISION"**

**(1 Corinthians 2:9)**

**Wear a Motivational T-Shirt  
and Your Sunshades**

**THERE WILL BE FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP RAFFLES AND FUN!**



**PASTOR  
REV. DR. K. D. SHIVERS  
LEADING LADY  
ELDER E.R. SHIVERS**

**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE  
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**2019 Theme: "ETA" – Empowered To Achieve Psalm 1:1-3**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Material success may result in the accumulation of possessions: but only spiritual success will enable you to enjoy them. *Nido R Qubein*

**Congratulations To.....**

- Jay'ion Pierce
- Jai'Ciana Brock
- Jai'Aja Brock
- Jha'Siah Brown
- Jayla Gray
- Kameron Robertson
- Nikia Robertson



For Making Honor Roll This Semester

**JOB WELL DONE!**

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE PRESENTS

# DINNER AND A PLAY

## "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner"

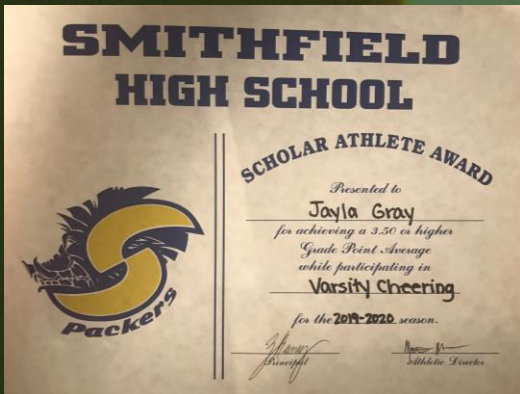
**LOCATION:**  
SAMUEL WILLIAMS MISSION CENTER  
Main Street Baptist Church  
512 Main Street Baptist Church Smithfield, Va.

**SUNDAY**  
**DEC 15**  
3PM - 5PM

**TICKETS**  
\$25 per person  
\$10 ages 12-6  
5 and Under Free

**FEATURING:**  
The 5 Blind Boyz (on tour)  
Come Join The Fun  
Food and Refreshments Provided  
Live Music

Solomon's Temple 15088 Mt. Holly Creek Lane, Smithfield, Va. 23430 (757) 357-9500  
Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers – Pastor Elder E. R. Shivers – Leading Lady



“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.”  
*Ruth Carter Stapleton*

FOOD LION

### Outstanding Performance Award

presented to:

## Marcus Gundy

In recognition and appreciation for your outstanding performance in your role. You demonstrate our "Count on me" behaviors in a great way!

**Thank You!!**

Leader Name/Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# CONGRATULATIONS

Jayla Gray received the scholar athlete award at the fall awards ceremony at Smithfield High School.

Marcus Gundy was at work at Food Lion in Petersburg and a lady came through his line for checkout and could not find her wallet. Marcus paid for her groceries and he was recognized and praised on Facebook for his kindness.

