

# Temple News



Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church  
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## March 2020

### 5 Things to Take Up This Lent by Patty Kirk

Thinking about God is what Lent's about. Lent doesn't always mean forbidding ourselves some pleasure. It can be an opportunity to seek the pleasure of God's presence.

#### 1. Get outdoors

One of the simplest and most immediate ways for me to get a sense of God's presence is to go outside and look for it. To remind myself of God's omnipresence, I plan outdoor time.

#### 2. Spend time with others

Another place where I'm sure to find God is in others, specifically those who are—or should be—the recipients of my generosity and compassion. The needy themselves, according to Jesus, are God. I don't have to go very far to find God in the needy. They're all around me.

#### 3. Pray for the little things

During Lent I pray more often. I also pray smaller, about the most minor details of my life: to-do lists, writing deadlines, lost keys.

#### 4. See the answers

Lent is a time to consciously acknowledge and appreciate life's daily miracles. The miracles of answered prayers.

#### 5. Turn worry into prayer

In the spirit of Lenten renewal, though, I weave my worrying into prayers. I call it "pray-worrying," the closest I've ever come to that mysterious faith achievement of "just giving it to Jesus."

During Lent and always, God is present. Nearby. Listening. Longing to respond. Prayer always draws us closer to God, and that is what Lent is all about—finding greater opportunities to bring the Divine into our daily lives.



### Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lenten service
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Hour of Power service
- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - Lenten service
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- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - Lenten service
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Men & Women's meetings
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Hour of Power service
- Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Elder Shivers preach at Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Lenten service
- Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - Hour of Power service
- Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> - Family & Friends Fitness Sunday
- Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - Lenten service

## Verse of the Month

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain to perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love – which is the definition of God. In pursuing that goal we find happiness. Pleasure is not the purpose of anything; pleasure is a by-product resulting from doing something that is good. One of the best ways to get happiness and pleasure out of life is to ask ourselves, 'How can I please God?' and, 'Why am I not better?' It is the pleasure-seeker who is bored, for all pleasures diminish with repetition." -- *Fulton J. Sheen*

"God wants us to have a strong mind, a strong heart, and a spirit that soars with so much strength that nothing in this world can weigh it down. These things can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting."

Matthew Kelly, *Resisting Happiness*

"There will never be a moment in your life when God is not paying attention to you." *The Daniel Plan*

## Scripture to Meditate on and Purpose of Lent

Joel 2:12-14 "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

## LENT

Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land. Lent starts on what's known as Ash Wednesday. This is when followers spread ashes on their forehead to signal their repentance to God. One of Lent's central components is fasting. Prayer is another common practice for those practicing Lent. This, along with fasting, helps Christians stay centered in Christ and God. Violet is the official color of Lent, as this represents mourning for Jesus dying on the cross while also celebrating his resurrection with the colors of royalty.

## Lent 2020

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### Friday Night Hour of Power Schedule

- February 28<sup>th</sup> Sis. Sylvia Gundy  
Sis. Kathy Greene
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Bro. Donald Watkins  
Sis. Lucy Watkins
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Bro. James Green Sr.  
Sis. Wendy Green
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Voices of the Kingdom
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Sis. Turekia White  
Sis. Wendy Johnson

### Tuesday Night Lenten Preaching Schedule

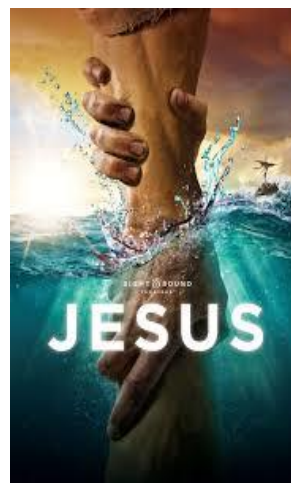
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Min. Cynthia Edwards
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Elder Margaret Shivers- Thomas
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Min. Ernest Ruffin
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Min. Bertram Blackwell
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Elder Edith Shivers

### Seasoned Saints Ministry is collecting snacks for Westside Elementary School. Acceptable Snacks are:

Applesauce Cups, Fruit Cups, Crackers (plain or cheese), Raisins, Tuna Packets, Chicken Packets, Fruit Snacks, Breakfast Bars, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Grits, Breakfast Bars, Popcorn, Pretzels, Cookies

Please do not bring any snacks that contain peanuts, (i.e. trail mix, peanut butter cups).

**Snack bags will be assembled on Friday, April 3 at 6pm before Hour of Power Service. Thank you! Elder Karen Lee, CP**



The Joseph Tribe will be attending the movie "*Jesus*" on April 11, 2020 at 12:55pm at the Cinemark City Center Newport News, VA. This production is presented by The Sight & Sound Theatre of Lancaster, PA. There are a few seats still available. All seating is \$16.00 and **money is due by March 15, 2020**. Please see Sis. Lucy Watkins.

# 40 Lent Scriptures

## TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD

- Day 1 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
- Day 2 "And he is the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15
- Day 3 "Come, all you who are thirsty." Is. 55:1
- Day 4 "And from them will flow streams of living waters." John 7:38
- Day 5 "He is the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15
- Day 6 "My ways are not your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8
- Day 7 "There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12
- Day 8 "Arise and shine for your light has come." Isaiah 60:1
- Day 9 "And the people living in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew 4:16
- Day 10 "No servant is greater than His master." Matthew 10:24
- Day 11 "That he lays down his life for his friends." John 15:13
- Day 12 "In you, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28
- Day 13 "I have set before you an open door which no man can shut." Rev 3:8
- Day 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6
- Day 15 "In the beginning, God created." Genesis 1:1
- Day 16 "I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb." Rev 7:9
- Day 17 "Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5
- Day 18 "There is no language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3
- Day 19 "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10
- Day 20 "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14
- Day 21 "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14
- Day 22 "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- Day 23 "I am the beginning and the end." Rev 21:6
- Day 24 "According to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:11
- Day 25 "I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more." Rev 1:18
- Day 26 "I hold the keys to death and Hell." Rev 1:18
- Day 27 "There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:18
- Day 28 "And we have put our trust in His love." 1 John 4:16
- Day 29 "And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24
- Day 30 "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you." Psalm 31:19
- Day 31 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:3
- Day 32 "All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me." Luke 9:23
- Day 33 "In your light, we see light." Psalm 36:9
- Day 34 "But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14
- Day 35 "There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Day 36 "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Day 37 "If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart." Jeremiah 29:13
- Day 38 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8
- Day 39 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
- Day 40 "When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46

# March Kingdom Schedule

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## March Scriptures

3/1 Joel 2:12-14  
3/8 Matthew 6:16-18  
3/15 Philippians 3:10-14  
3/22 Mark 1:11-15  
3/29 Isaiah 58:6-9

## Welcome Schedule

3/1 Min. Ernest Ruffin  
3/8 Kristiana Smith  
3/15 Bro. Ray Holmes  
3/22 Sis. Cynthia Watson  
3/29 Bro. Barry Nichols

## Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

## Worship Leaders Schedule

3/1 Elder Edith Shivers  
3/8 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
3/15 Bro. Kinston Shivers  
3/22 Elder Sarah Hatton  
3/29 Elder Wayne Hatton

## Servant Leaders Schedule

3/1 Bro. Donald Watkins  
3/8 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
3/15 Sis. Turekia White  
3/22 Sis. Kathy Greene  
3/29 Sis. Wendy Green

## Communion Bowls

Sis. Kathy Greene  
Sis. Wendy Green



# 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.**

## March 2020 CID Teaching Schedule

Elder Margaret S. Thomas, Elder Karen Lee, Sis. Sylvia Gundy, Sis. Wendy Johnson

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Elder Karen Lee | A Prayer for Justice | Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-14  
Youth Teachers: Levi Tribe

March 10<sup>th</sup> Sis. Sylvia Gundy | Consequences for Injustice | Habakkuk 2:6-14  
Youth Teachers: Bridge Ministry

March 17<sup>th</sup> Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas | An Argument Against Corruption  
Micah 3:1-3, 9-12; 6:6-8  
Youth Teachers: Levi Tribe

March 24<sup>th</sup> Team A | Need for Just Leaders | Malachi 2:1-9; 3:5-6  
Youth Teachers: Bridge Ministry

March 31<sup>st</sup> Sis. Wendy Johnson | A Just Servant | Isaiah 42:1-9  
Youth Teachers: Levi Tribe



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

# March schedule of events



Date	Time	Event
3/3/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Lenten service - Messenger: Min. Cynthia Edwards
3/4/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/5/20	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
3/6/20	7:00pm	Friday night Hour of Power service/Speakers: Donald and Lucy Watkins
3/8/20		Disciples are asked to dress in blue in observance of Colon Cancer Awareness
3/8/20	During service	Baby Dedication – Kingsley Damir Shivers son of Kinston Shivers & Miyah Lane
3/8/20	After service	Youth Ministry will meet with the youth and their parents
3/10/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Lenten service - Messenger: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
3/11/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/13/20	7:00pm	Friday night Hour of Power service/Speakers: James and Wendy Green
3/14/20	9:00am/10:00am	Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal/Youth Choir rehearsal
3/15/20	11:00am	Elder Shivers preach at Union Bethel AME Church – Women’s Day
3/16/20	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise dance practice
3/17/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Lenten service - Messenger: Min. Ernest Ruffin
3/18/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/19/20	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
3/20/20	6:00pm	Men & Women Ministry meetings
3/20/20	7:00pm	Friday night Hour of Power service
3/21/20	9:00am-11:00am	Praise dance practice
3/22/20	After service	Levi Tribe will meet
3/23/20	7:00pm	Elder Shivers preach at Pentecostal Holiness Church for Spring Revival; Praise Team asked to serve
3/24/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Lenten service - Messenger: Min. Bertram Blackwell
3/25/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/27/20	7:00pm	Friday night Hour of Power service/Speakers: Sis. Turekia White & Sis. Wendy Johnson
3/28/20	9:00am-11:00am	Praise dance practice
3/29/20	9:00am	Family and Friends Fitness Sunday
3/30/20	7:00pm-8:30pm	Praise dance practice
3/31/20	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID session/Lenten service – Messenger: Elder Edith Shivers

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule for March 2020

### Thursday before 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

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

### Saturday before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

9:00am Young Adult Praise Team  
10:00am Youth Choir



### Thursday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

7:00pm Sons of Solomon

### Thursday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time Begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour. (SPRING FORWARD)**



# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1.</b> 9:00am Family & Friends Fitness Sunday Happy Anniversary Samuel & Tami Drew	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b> 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lenten service	<b>4.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	<b>5.</b> 7:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	<b>6.</b> 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service	<b>7.</b>
<b>8.</b> Baby Dedication Youth Ministry meet Daylight saving Time begins Disciples dress in Blue	<b>9.</b> Ariana Parker Jerrica Taylor	<b>10.</b> 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lenten service	<b>11.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	<b>12.</b>	<b>13.</b> 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service	<b>14.</b> 9:00am Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal 10:00am Youth Choir rehearsal Ebony Clarke
<b>15.</b> 11:00am Elder Shivers preach at Union Bethel AME Church	<b>16.</b> 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise dance practice	<b>17.</b> 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lenten service	<b>18.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd Jr.	<b>19.</b> 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Joyful Voices	<b>20.</b> 6:00pm Men & Women meetings 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service Wendy Green Craig Clarke	<b>21.</b> 9:00am-11:00am Praise dance practice
<b>22.</b> Levi Tribe will meet after service	<b>23.</b> 7:00pm Elder Shivers preach at Pentecostal Holiness Church	<b>24.</b> 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lenten service	<b>25.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	<b>26.</b> Kayla Williams	<b>27.</b> 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Power service	<b>28.</b> 9:00am-11:00am Praise dance practice
<b>29.</b>	<b>30.</b> 7:00pm-8:30pm Praise dance practice	<b>31.</b> 6:30pm CID session 7:15pm Lenten service Angela Batten				

“Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God” (*Psalms 42:11*). Doubt Kills More Dreams than Failure Ever Will - *Suzy Kassem*

## March Birthdays

### *Happy Birthday*

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



March 9<sup>th</sup>  
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## Prayer List

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



Sis. Vernell Brown  
 Sis. Vernell Wrenn  
 Sis. Mary Diggs  
 Sis. Lonnie Batten  
 Sis. Connie Payne  
 Sis. Marion Smith  
 Sis. Ruby Clarke  
 Sis. Florence Turner  
 Sis. Sheila Gatewood  
 Sis. Mary Cornick  
 Bro. Carl Duck  
 Sis. Phyllis Duck  
 Bro. Stanley Robinson  
 Sis. Dorothy Robinson  
 Bro. Charles Turner  
 Bro. Theodore Gundy  
 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
 Bereaved Families



## March Anniversary



### **Happy Anniversary**

**Samuel & Tami Drew – March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Kingsley Damir Shivers**

Christian Dedication



Sunday March 8, 2020 9AM  
 at Solomon's Temple  
 15088 Mt. Holly Creek Ln.  
 Smithfield, VA



### **2020 April – June Key Holders Schedule**

**April** - Bro. Ray Holmes

**May** - Bro. Earl Moton

**June** - Bro. Kinston Shivers

### April 2020 Welcome Schedule

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Lucy Watkins
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Elliott
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Shenille Davis
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Stanley Robinson

### **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.

#### March Care Team

Sis. Tami Drew, Sis. Vernessa Black & Sis. Desiree Brown

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

### 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.

#### February Bereavement Team

Elder Edith Shivers & Sis. Lucy Watkins

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**



Pre-Super Bowl Service, Saturday Feb. 1, 2020  
Message from Pastor Kelvin E. Turner "In It to Win It"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Young Adult Explosion Night
- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Holy Week Revival
- Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> Carrying of the Cross
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor Shivers preach at Mt. Sinai
- Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Ministry Sing-Out

### MAY

- May 9<sup>th</sup> Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Ministry Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Intercessory Prayer fellowship luncheon
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Consecration service
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Family & Friends Fitness Sunday

### JUNE

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Men's Ministry Fish Fry
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Day
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Young Adult Conference
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Church Mega Conference
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Family & Friends Day
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice

### JULY

- July 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Dance practice

### AUGUST

- August 10<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 12<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Pastor Shivers preach at Emmanuel Baptist Church for Revival service
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 26<sup>th</sup> Praise Dance practice
- August 30<sup>th</sup> Family & Friends Fitness Sunday
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Praise Dance practice





