

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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How to Find Your Sweet Spot in Life by Rachel Linden

Discovering that unique gift can help you get back on track.

Sweet spots are different for everyone—starting an ethically conscious business, raising funds by doing something you love to help a cause close to your heart—each one is valuable, each one is a gift to the world.

Some know early where our *sweet spot is in life*, but for most it's a process of trial and error and gradual discovery. It took me most of my thirties to finally home in on mine—writing fiction and working in international aid. I worked for seven years with a faith-based organization in central Europe, then started writing novels that celebrate the things I love most—travel, food, strong women overcoming big challenges with hope and courage and social justice issues related to women. It took years for me to figure out how to blend the two elements of writing and international work successfully; years of saying no to the “shoulds” and yes to what I truly loved. I had some detours along the way. But when I finally found my sweet spot, I experienced deep joy and satisfaction. Getting to do the things I love feels like getting to eat cake all day!

If you're confident that you know what your sweet spot is in life, and you're living in it now, then fantastic! If you're not entirely sure, here are a few ideas to get you started.

1. Get rid of the “shoulds” in your life

Stop worrying that what you love isn't good enough or thinking that it can't help someone. Any gift, skill or passion can be used in some way to make your community and the world a better place.

2. Make a list of the things you love

Are you passionate about cutting hair, backpacking, making a great batch of kombucha or practicing yoga? If you love it, write it down. If you're stuck on discerning what you really love, think of the things you played pretend about as a child. I told adventure stories. Then, as soon as I could write, I created little books bound in cardboard from cereal boxes. As I matured, my core interests essentially stayed the same. What do you naturally gravitate toward now? What are the things you would do for free, or just for the sheer joy of them? Those are most likely part of your sweet spot in life.

3. Now start brainstorming

Search online to see who else loves the things you love and what they're doing to help the world. What clubs, organizations or movements need your skills? How about friends, neighbors and religious organizations in your community? Want to travel further and donate your unique skills in other parts of the world? I guarantee there is someone who needs just what you have to offer! Band together with others, help each other brainstorm and discover.

It is not an easy task. Finding your sweet spot is often a long process, peppered with detours and disappointments, but it is so worthwhile in the end. When each of us finds our unique sweet spot in life, our whole selves, our communities and the entire world, are better for it.

6 Ways to Show Love to Those You Can't See Because of Social Distancing *by Alikay Wood*

If you are separated from those you love, follow these practical tips to stay connected.

The recent COVID-19 outbreak has required many people to maintain distance from loved ones who may be more at risk of infection. Although these actions are taken out of love, it's difficult to be separated from those we care about during such trying times. But face-to-face time isn't the only way to show you care. Here are a few ways to show love while social distancing:

1. Send email updates

Of course, calling and Face-Timing are great ways to stay in touch, but don't forget the power of a written update. Your loved ones will appreciate a message letting them know how you are doing and that you are thinking of them, and the best part is, they can go back and read it any time they're feeling lonely.

2. Leave groceries

Save your loved ones a trip to the grocery store by picking up food and supplies for them. Dropping groceries on the porch gives you an opportunity to wave through the window and leave them a handwritten note.

3. Set up technology for better communication

Services like Zoom, FaceTime and Skype allow for group video calls, and Netflix has even added a service allowing people to group call while watching a movie together. Ask your loved one if there's a service they prefer, and being able to video chat will make the distance seem less severe.

4. Start a daily prayer time

With many people staying home, there's never been a better time to establish a family devotional or prayer time. Set up a daily video call or decide as a family on a time every morning when you will join together for prayer. Even if you aren't speaking, knowing that you are all joined together in prayer will make you feel more connected.

5. Attend virtual church together

Many churches are now livestreaming their services online. If your family is missing worshipping together, choose a church and watch the livestream together. It will give you something to discuss, and a common experience to share even while far apart.

6. Start a book club

Another great way to bring everyone together is to start a virtual book club. Get a group of friends or family together and pick a book you're all interested in reading. You can then text, email and video chat to update each other on your progress and your feelings about the book.

There's no doubt that social distancing is difficult and can be lonely, but with a little intention and effort, you can show love to everyone in your circle.

How a Band-Aid is a reminder of Jesus' Love *by Cynthia Ruchti* 2

Have you lost sight of the abundant ways He provides for your needs?

My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (CEB)

Jesus completely provides for our needs. All of them. I stumbled over a reminder of that when rushing across campus during a conference. The terrain made the trek a challenge for my heart, lungs, legs, and the blister forming on my toe. As I pulled my wheeled briefcase to the workshop I was about to teach, I said aloud, "Jesus, I could really use a Band-Aid."

On the sidewalk not three feet in front of me lay a pink Band-Aid. "Wow. That was quick. But I should have been a little more specific, I suppose." The Band-Aid—used—was stuck to the concrete. I told my class the story as an example both of divine provision and the need to be specific when we pray. From the back of the room, attendees flung Band-Aids my way like paper airplanes. I wound up with more than enough to last the week. Jesus had provided in a way that gave me a story to tell and more than a handful of people to thank.

As the conference drew to a close, I hiked up the last hill to my room to pack. Guess what I found plastered to the asphalt? Yet another used Band-Aid. I pictured Jesus winking at me. I could have chosen half a dozen routes to get back to my room. But that route held the reminder that He meets all of my needs in abundance. The joy of that reminder will "stick" with me for a long time. And I'm a little more careful about how I word my prayers too.

Faith Step: *Have you lost sight of the abundant ways Jesus provides for your needs? Stick a Band-Aid as a bookmark in your Bible, perhaps at this verse. You never know when it'll come in handy.*

The more you believe and trust God,
the more limitless your possibilities become
for your family, your career – for your life!
Rick Warren

August Kingdom Schedule ³

August Scriptures

8/2 1 John 1:5-9
8/9 James 1:16-18
8/16 Psalm 119:105-109
8/23 John 8:12-16
8/30 1 Peter 2:9-12

Welcome Schedule

8/2 Sis. Wendy Green
8/9 Christian Turner
8/16 Sis. Tanisha White
8/23 Sis. Vernessa Black
8/30 Sis. Alice Day

Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Worship Leaders Schedule

8/2 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
8/9 Sis. Wendy Green
8/16 Young Adult
8/23 Elder Sarah Hatton
8/30 Min. Bertram Blackwell



Servant Leaders Schedule

8/2 Sis. Turekia White
8/9 Sis. Wendy Green
8/16 Sis. Kathy Greene
8/23 Sis. Lucy Watkins
8/30 Sis. Phyllis Duck

Communion Bowls

Sis. Lucy Watkins
Sis. Phyllis Duck



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 with 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 New Disciple Orientation sessions 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.

August 2020 CID Lessons

There will be NO CID sessions for the month of August.

8/4 Hearing and Doing | James 1:19-27
8/11 Living Faith | James 2:14-26
8/18 Taming the Tongue | James 3:1-12
8/25 Two Kinds of Wisdom | James 3:13-18 & James 5:7-12



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

Sometimes you will never know the VALUE of a moment, until it becomes a MEMORY!! Dr. Seuss

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 the church administrator at stsecretary1@gmail.com.

August Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
8/4/20		No CID session
8/5/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/11/20		No CID session
8/12/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/18/20		No CID session
8/19/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/20/20	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers preach at Healing Chapel Baptist Church, 2375 Godwin Blvd., Suffolk, VA for Revival service. Choir & ushers are asked to serve.
8/25/20		No CID session
8/26/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer



Pastor K. D. & Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers and the Solomon's Temple Church Family

Sunday, **October 18, 2020** is Solomon's Temple Pastor and Church Anniversary. In observance of the anniversary, an Anniversary Banquet will be held on **October 18, 2020 at 3:00pm at the Williams Mission Center (Main Street Baptist Church) 517 Main Street, Smithfield, VA 23430. The cost is \$40.00 per person, attire is formal and colors are purple and gold.** Let's get ready to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

We also solicit your help in purchasing an ad for our 20th year Anniversary Booklet. The prices are:

Full Page - \$100.00

Half Page - \$50.00

Quarter Page - \$25.00

Patrons - \$10.00

Attention

Solomon's Temple Disciples
Just a reminder that you can give financially in support of the ministry in the following ways:

Pay Pal on our church website www.solomonstemplechurch.net

Cash App \$STCHURCH00

Bring your offering to the chapel

We want you to know that we love you and appreciate all that you do. God bless you all. Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers

Calmed by His Love

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

—Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

What is causing you unrest today? Inadequacy? Lack of strength? Poor finances? God wants you to know that He is with you. He sees your circumstances, your concerns, your worries. And He wants you to know that He's the mighty one who will save you. He is rejoicing over you with gladness, exulting over you with loud singing. Why? Because He loves you. And He wants to wrap you in His love that's like a thick comforter on a cold winter evening. He wants us to rest in His love. For only His love can calm the fear that hinders you from doing what He's tasked you to do. God's love sent His Son to die for you, that you might receive everything you need pertaining to life and godliness. His love enables you to keep on going even when you're ready to give up. His love allows you to rest, to gain strength, to be still in the midst of the storm that is raging all around you. The waters will not rise enough to drown you, nor will the raging fire consume you.

Father, I thank You for the gift of Your love. It calms me, it soothes me, it gives me peace in the middle of the storm. Please fill me with Your love and peace today.

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Derica White
2.	3.	4. No CID session	5. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	6.	7. Happy Anniversary Vincent & Barbara Jones	8. Mary Cornick
		Sarah Hatton Hilja Cypress Kori Smith	Jala Johnson Davion Archer			
9.	10.	11. No CID session	12. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	13. Shakina Bond Kamryn Smith	14. Courtland Shivers Dorian Epps II	15. Lenore Williams
		Tami Drew Carl Duck Kayla Battle	Donald Wells			
16.	17.	18. No CID session	19. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	20. 7:00pm Pastor Shivers preach at Healing Chapel Baptist Church Shagan B. Gatewood Kingsley Shivers	21.	22. Theodore Gundy
Stacy Turner	Shenille Davis	Sheila Brown				
23.	24.	25. No CID session	26. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	27.	28.	29. Alma Gayton
Aiyanna Chapman Jasmine Parker					Bertram Blackwell	
30. Deborah Williams Happy Anniversary Bert & Toni Blackwell Barry & Elaine Nichols	31. Happy Anniversary Willie & Stacy Turner		Lekesha Moton			

Verse of the Month

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17, KJV).

August Birthdays - *Happy Birthday*

Derica White	August 1 st
Sarah Hatton	August 4 th
Hilja Cypress	August 4 th
Kori Smith	August 4 th
Jala Johnson	August 5 th
Davion Archer	August 5 th
Mary Cornick	August 8 th
Tami Drew	August 11 th
Carl Duck	August 11 th
Kayla Battle	August 11 th
Donald Wells	August 12 th
Shakina Bond	August 13 th
Kamryn Smith	August 13 th
Courtland Shivers	August 14 th
Dorian Epps II	August 14 th
Lenore Williams	August 15 th
Stacy Turner	August 16 th
Shenille Davis	August 17 th
Sheila Brown	August 18 th
Shagan B. Gatewood	August 20 th
Kingsley Shivers	August 20 th
Theodore Gundy	August 22 nd
Aiyanna Chapman	August 23 rd
Jasmine Parker	August 23 rd
Lekesha Moton	August 26 th
Bertram Blackwell	August 28 th
Alma Gayton	August 29 th
Deborah Williams	August 30 th



August Anniversary - *Happy Anniversary*



Vincent & Barbara Jones
August 7 th
Bertram & Toni Blackwell
August 30 th
Barry & Elaine Nichols
August 30 th
Willie & Stacy Turner
August 31 st



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

Prayer List



Pastor K. D. Shivers
 Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
 Sis. Vernell Brown
 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. Isaiah Haskins
 Sis. Shirley Haskins
 Bereaved Families



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" available to assist you.

August "Spiritual Support Care Team"

Bro. Donald Watkins & Sis. Kathy Greene

He gives 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

September 2020 Welcome Schedule

9/6	Sis. Wendy Johnson
9/13	Kianna Hill
9/20	Sis. Barbara Jones
9/27	Sis. Dorothy 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.

August Care Team

Sis. Lisa Thompson, Sis. Kenya Hargrove & Sis. Turekia White



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Look where He's brought us from!! To God be the Glory for the GREAT things He has done!!

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9, KJV).

In the Grace of God's Light by *Norman Vincent Peale*

The power of God's love can lead you to success.

Read: *God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*
1 John 1:5

Reflect: Whenever I take up a task that is going to require my best effort for success, I remember a story about the famous lace shops in Bruges, Belgium. Certain rooms are reserved for making the finest, most delicate designs. Each room is dark except for a beam of light from a tiny overhead window that falls directly onto the pattern of lace being spun. The choicest lace is wrought when the worker himself is in the dark and only his pattern is in the light. Being merely human, I often struggle in confusion when I try to accomplish difficult tasks by myself. But if I expose them to God's power by asking His help and blessing every step of the way, success often comes. Perhaps I'm a little like those lace-spinners in Bruges—spinning in darkness, but capable of my best work in the radiance of God's perfect light.

Pray: *Lord, allow me to see darkness as the good thing it can be. Let me stay in the darkness if it means a more beautiful result for your glory.*

Do: Think of some other beautiful things accomplished in the dark: a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, the Cross.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 7th – Labor Day

September 13th – Leading Lady Day

September 13th – Grandparents Day

September 23rd – Pastor Shivers preach at Higher Calling Ministries

September 29th – Pastor Shivers preach at New Bethany Christian Church

OCTOBER

October 18th – Pastor & Church Anniversary

October 18th – Anniversary Banquet

NOVEMBER

November 1st – Pastor Shivers preach at Shiloh Baptist Church

November 3rd – Election Day

November 22nd – 24th – Fall Harvest Revival

November 25th – Annual Community Thanksgiving service

November 26th – Thanksgiving Day

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent