

Temple News

Happy New Year

January 2021



Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church
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New Year's Message from

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2021 Theme: 2021 "The Reboot" "To Refresh Every Believer's Operational Objectives and Techniques"
 "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord" Jeremiah 30:17a

Greetings to our Solomon's Temple Family. God has done it again. To Him be all the glory, honor, and praise! We have been blessed to cross over into another year 2021. 2020 had its challenges for us all, yet because of the Lord's great mercy we can celebrate with thanksgiving this gift of life in a brand new year.

The year 2020 has come to a close. It has been a year of heartbreak and exhaustion as well as a year of learning, growing, and reflecting. A new year of hope is before us. Although we are living in an unprecedented time when people all over the world feel forced to deal with an invisible threat—the Covid-19 virus raises many questions, such as, Why is this happening? Is God punishing humanity? What will the future hold? and How can I survive this?

As our Creator/God has shown us time and time again, He is in control of everything that happens on the earth. God is not deaf, blind, or dumb to the chaos and struggles that affect the world today. It is time for believers in Christ to stand on the promises recorded in the Holy Scriptures. God promised that "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5) and his Word will not return to him void. Therefore, believers can take comfort in knowing that although things are not back to "normal" as we have known them, this too shall pass. We may not have the answers to the questions, but we have been given the means of **trust** and **prayer** to sustain us as we wait with expectation for the move of God.

Just know that God has a purpose for everything he does. There is a lesson that believers in Christ can learn from the year 2020. So as we prepare ourselves for this new year of 2021, hold firm to your faith in God. As believers, we are to know what God has put inside us, appreciate what we have, and watch God transform our lives from the inside out. This 2021 year is filled with many opportunities and we must position ourselves to receive them. Therefore, seek the refreshing that comes from the Lord. He will give us peace, joy, and spiritual renewal as we stay focused on him. Now it is time for us to embark on this New Year with confidence that God is on our side. "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear" (Psalm 118:6).

Let us give new strength to every convert as we evaluate our performance and purpose to our intended achievement. Let's restart/ revive the system and start a new version of what it is to gain the Victory through Christ Jesus.

It is time to "**Reboot – To Refresh Every Believer's Operational Objectives and Techniques.**" We may not be able to hug and breathe in the same space right now as usual but rest assured that there is still work to be done that each of us can do right where we are. So get in action with us as we continue to minister to a wounded world as God ministers to us.

Happy New Year and we love you all. *Pastor K.D. and Co-Pastor E.R. Shivers*

As we say goodbye (good riddance?!) to 2020, it's time to turn the page, even a corner.

For many of us, 2020 has been a year like no other—so much has been disruptive, stressful, disturbing and even traumatic. It seems as though we've been through one disappointment, derailment and disaster after another. We never asked for such a stormy year, but we weathered it. Now we turn a page, a corner. We may even turn over a new leaf. So, what should we pray as we say goodbye—perhaps good riddance—to 2020? Here are four suggestions. You can fill in your own petitions and names to tailor these prayers to your life and needs.

1) Pray to Process the Past

For many of us, these past 12 months came at us so fast that we had no time to think or recover before the next crisis hit. So, it may be wise here, at year's end, to breathe a bit more deeply and think reflectively. A prayer such as the following may help:

God, clear my mind and help me to process all I've been through in 2020.

Give me wisdom. Enlighten me. Help me, especially, to see Your hand in _____.

What were the moments when I drew closer to You? When I strayed from You?

When I forgot that You were there, that You are always there? What did I learn? What do I still need to learn in order to move on from 2020?

2) Pray to Remember...and Forget

There are, of course, many things about this past year that we would like to forget. But let's not be too hasty. Perhaps a prayer like the following may help make peace with regrets and nurture hope for a fresh start:

God, this has been a year filled with loss and pain. Hold my hand as I grieve the losses and bear the pain, especially _____.

Wipe from my memory the things that aren't worth carrying into 2021, especially _____. Help me to hold onto 2020's lessons, blessings and victories, especially _____.

3) Pray to Look Ahead in Newness, Hope, Faith and Love

Many of us saw our plans for the year demolished as 2020 got underway. But that doesn't mean we can't create new dreams for 2021:

God, I'm sure You understand my trepidation as I anticipate the New Year. So little in 2020 went according to plan. But those were my plans, I admit, and a new year unfolds before me. Let this New Year mark the beginning of newness of life for me and mine. Let this year dawn in hope and proceed in hope; let the "deferred" hope of 2020 blossom into fruitful fulfillment in 2021 (see Proverbs 13:12).

Give me hope especially for _____. Let this year deepen and strengthen my faith in You, especially as concerns _____. And let 2021 be a year in which Your love is shed abroad in my heart and the hearts of those around me, especially _____.

4) Pray to Begin Anew

And with new plans and dreams on the horizon, here's a prayer to open your heart to receiving God's love and guidance as you begin to put them in place:

God, let this New Year mark a new beginning for me and those I love. Grant us, and especially _____, a new sense of Your closeness and care. Give new strength and vitality, especially for _____. Send a new level of hopeful trust to me, a new sense of your closeness and care, especially when _____. Fill 2021 with new love, new joy and new peace; with new outpourings of patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness; with new infillings of gentleness and self-control (see Galatians 5:22). Let this coming year be ruled by whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and worthy of praise (see Philippians 4:8).

Let those prayers be only a starting point for the end of 2020 and the year to come. Pray that 365 days from now, you'll look back with praise and thanksgiving on all of the ways God answered, even beyond what you thought to ask (see Ephesians 3:20).

Solomon's Temple 2021 Officers List

LEVITES	NEW DISCIPLES MINISTRY	HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	BUILDING COMMITTEE
Co-Pastor Edith Shivers – CP	Elder Sarah Hatton – CP	Shirley Haskins – CP	Pastor Shivers
Elder Sarah Hatton – ACP	Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP	Joe Batten – ACP	Min. Bertram Blackwell – CP
Elder Karen Lee	Phyllis Duck – ACP	BRIDGE MINISTRY	Elder Edith Shivers
Elder Margaret S. Thomas	CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Pastor Shivers – Advisor	Elder Wayne Hatton
Elder Wayne Hatton	Elder Margaret S. Thomas	Kinston Shivers – CP	Ray Holmes
Min. Bertram Blackwell	Cynthia Watson – Asst.	Kevin Shepherd Jr. – ACP	Lena Holmes
Min. Cynthia Edwards	EDUCATION MINISTRY	HEALTH CARE MINISTRY	Earl Moton
Min. Ernest Ruffin	Min. Cynthia Edwards – CP	Wendy Johnson – CP	Barry Nichols
MIT Sylvia Gundy	Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP	Mor'Netra Johnson – ACP	Donald Watkins
MIT Kinston Shivers	BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Faye Thompson – ACP	Lucy Watkins
SERVANT LEADERS	Co-Pastor Edith Shivers - Advisor	OUTREACH MINISTRY	Trustees
Donald Watkins – CP	Min. Bertram Blackwell – CP	Kathy Greene – CP	SOLOMON'S COUNCIL
Lucy Watkins – ACP	Donald Watkins – ACP	Turekia White – ACP	Pastor Shivers
Wendy Johnson – ACP	TRUSTEE MINISTRY	Shenille Davis – ACP	Elder Margaret Thomas -admin
Phyllis Duck	Ray Holmes – CP	Tami Drew – ACP	Tanisha White – Finance
Wendy Green	Lena Holmes – ACP	Joyce Greene – ACP	Elder Karen Lee – Finance
James Green Sr.	Earl Moton – ACP	MEDIA MINISTRY	Theodore Gundy – Treasurer
Turekia White	Theodore Gundy	Stanley Robinson – CP	Co-Pastor Edith Shivers – Levite
Shirley Haskins	Linda Jordan	Jessica Smith – ACP	Donald Watkins – Servant Leader
Kathy Greene	Marcus Smith	Kevin Shepherd Jr. – ACP	Ray Holmes – Trustee
ARMOUR-BEARER	Barry Nichols	Kenya Hargrove – ACP	Min. Bertram Blackwell – Lay
Terry Rawls – CP	Cynthia Watson	GREETER MINISTRY	Turekia White – Lay
Elder Karen Lee – ACP	Willie Turner Jr.	Co-Pastor Edith Shivers – Advisor	Kathy Greene – Lay
Phyllis Duck	Florence Turner	Linda Jordan – CP	
SECURITY	Desiree Brown	Min. Cynthia Edwards – ACP	FEBRUARY
Terry Rawls – Advisor	Willie Turner Sr. – Emeritus	Elder Wayne Hatton – ACP	Valentine Celebration
Sheila Brown – CP	PRAISE DANCE MINISTRY	MUSIC MINISTRY	MARCH
Willie Turner Jr. – ACP	Arieana Parker – CP women/youth	Min. Bertram Blackwell <small>Min. of Music</small>	Holy Week Revival
Alice Day – ACP	Shenille Davis – ACP	Kinston Shivers – Asst.	MAY
FINANCE SECRETARY	MEN'S MINISTRY	Jessica Smith – Directress	Women's Day
Tanisha White	Elder Wayne Hatton - Advisor	Elder Wayne Hatton – CP men	Ministry Day
Elder Karen Lee – Asst.	James Green Sr. – CP	INTECESSORY PRAYER MIN.	JUNE
Tamara Brown – Asst.	Min. Ernest Ruffin – ACP	Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers- Advisors	Youth Day
Jackie Ruffin – Asst.	Terry Rawls – ACP	Elder Margaret Thomas – CP	Men's Day
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WOMEN'S MINISTRY	Min. Cynthia Edwards – ACP	JULY
Jessica Smith	Co-Pastor Edith Shivers – CP	USHER MINISTRY	Family & Friends Day
Hope Parker	YOUTH MINISTRY	Ella Ford – CP	SEPTEMBER
Joyce Greene	Wendy Green – CP	Alice Day – ACP	Leading Lady Day
Mattie Turner	James Green Sr. – ACP	Barbara Jones – ACP	OCTOBER
Trustees	Tamara Brown – ACP	YOUTH USHERS	Pastor & Church Anniversary
TREASURER	Cynthia Watson – ACP	Hope Parker – CP	NOVEMBER
Ray Holmes – CP	SEASONED SAINTS	Mattie Turner – ACP	Fall Harvest Revival
Theodore Gundy – ACP	Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers–Advisors	Arieana Parker – ACP	DECEMBER
	Elder Karen Lee – CP		Christmas Celebration
	Linda Jordan – ACP		New Year's Eve Service

January Kingdom Schedule

January Scriptures

- 1/3 Isaiah 40:30-31
 1/10 Ephesians 4:22-24
 1/17 Psalm 31:23-24
 1/24 Lamentations 3:22-23
 1/31 Psalm 33:1-4

Welcome Schedule

- 1/3 Elder Wayne Hatton
 1/10 Seniah Cypress
 1/17 Sis. Angela Batten
 1/24 Bro. Earl Moton
 1/31 Sis. Turekia White

Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Worship Leaders Schedule

- 1/3 Elder Margaret S. Thomas
 1/10 Bro. Donald Watkins
 1/17 Min. Cynthia Edwards
 1/24 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers
 1/31 Min. Bertram Blackwell

Servant Leaders Schedule

- 1/3 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 1/10 Bro. Donald Watkins
 1/17 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 1/24 Sis. Turekia White
 1/31 Sis. Kathy Greene

Communion Bowls

Sis. Wendy Johnson
 Sis. Turekia White



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.

January 2021 CID Lessons

Teachers for the month of January: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas, Elder Karen Lee, MIT Sylvia Gundy and Sis. Wendy Johnson

- 1/5/21 No CID | Called to Follow | Luke 5:1-11
 1/12/21 No CID | Called in Authority | Mark 2:1-12
 1/19/21 Sis. Wendy Johnson | Called for the World's Belief
 John 17:14-24
 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas | Called to Prophecy
 Luke 2:36-38; Acts 2:16-21 and Acts 21:8-9
 1/26/21 Pastor K. D. Shivers | Bible Study



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

Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate him or her 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), promotions or special occasions. We also want to know about students 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.

January Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
1/1/21	All Day	Happy New Year
1/5/21		No CID session
1/6/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
1/7/21	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
1/12/21		No CID session
1/13/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
1/14/21	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
1/19/21	6:30pm	CID session resumes
1/20/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
1/21/21	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
1/22/21	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service
1/26/21	6:30pm	Bible Study
1/27/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
1/28/21	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal

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.

January "Spiritual Support Care Team"

Min. Bertram Blackwell & MIT Sylvia Gundy

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**

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.

January Care Team

Sis. Kathy Greene, Sis. Turekia White & Sis. Tanisha White

January 2021 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday before 1st Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team

Thursday before 3rd Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team



Thursday before 2nd Sunday

6:00pm – Sons of Solomon

Thursday before 4th Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3.	4. Kenya Hargrove	5. No CID session Corey Brown	6. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	7. Sons of Solomon rehearsal Christopher Harper	8. Florence Turner	9. Vernell Brown
10. Joe Batten Donald Watkins Happy Anniversary Morse & Wendy Johnson	11.	12. No CID session	13. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Jessica Smith	14. Youth Choir rehearsal	15. Connie Payne	16.
17. Tamara Brown	18.	19. 6:30pm CID session	20. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	21. Praise Team rehearsal Ernest Ruffin Zhamir Wells	22. 7:00pm Hour of Power service	23.
24.	25.	26. 6:30pm CID session	27. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Seniah Cypress	28. Praise Team rehearsal	29. Aalanti Brown	30.
31.						

Verse of the Month

And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great. Job 8:7 (ESV)



Anniversary for the Month of January



Happy Anniversary
Morse & Wendy Johnson
January 10th



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

Thoughts to Ponder

“The project you are most resisting carries your greatest growth.”— Robin Sharma

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”— Henry David Thoreau

“Opportunities don’t happen, you create them.”
— Chris Grosser

“The freedom to do your best means nothing unless you are willing to do your best.”— Colin Powell

“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.”— Paulo Coelho

“When the awareness of what is achievable brushes your life, your journey has begun.” – Lorii Myers

“To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to.” – Khalil Gibran

I am renewed, in mind. I am restored, in body. I am refreshed, in spirit. – Malaandmantra (JPC)

Attention Solomon’s Temple Disciples

Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021 through Saturday April 3, 2021. Let’s prepare ourselves for the season as we devote ourselves to Christ. “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” (Joel 2:12, New International Version)

Attention Solomon’s Temple Disciples

Just a reminder that you can give financially in support of the ministry in the following ways: Our Church website www.solomonstemplechurch.net accepts **Checks** and **Credit Cards**; or Cash App **\$STCHURCH00**; or 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 (Pastor Shivers’ cash app: **\$FUNERALS1**; Co-Pastor Shivers’ cash app: **\$ESFIRSTLADY**)

Birthdays for the Month of January Happy Birthday

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Kenya Hargrove	Jan. 4 th
Corey Brown	Jan. 5 th
Christopher Harper	Jan. 7 th
Florence Turner	Jan. 8 th
Vernell Brown	Jan. 9 th
Joe Batten	Jan. 10 th
Donald Watkins	Jan. 10 th
Jessica Smith	Jan. 13 th
Connie Payne	Jan. 15 th
Tamara Brown	Jan. 17 th
Ernest Ruffin	Jan. 21 st
Zhamir Wells	Jan. 21 st
Seniah Cypress	Jan. 27 th
Aalani Brown	Jan. 29 th



Prayer List



Pastor K. D. Shivers
Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
Sis. Angela Batten
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
Sis. Shirley Haskins
Mr. Corey Brown
Bro. Junious Little
Sis. Deborah Williams
Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

**May You Have A Year That
Is Filled With Love, Laughter,
Brightness, And Hope.
Wishing You A Happy New Year.**



**Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 20, 2021**



Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King, both a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist, had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. Among many efforts, King headed the SCLC. Through his activism, he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and continues to be remembered as one of the most lauded African-American leaders in history, often referenced by his 1963 speech, "**I Have a Dream.**"

Famous Quotes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude.

Only in the darkness can you see the stars.

"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed."

**Health Care Ministry Announcement
January is:
Cervical Health Awareness Month**

What is Cervical Health Awareness Month?

The United States Congress designated January as **Cervical Health Awareness Month**. More than 13,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer each year, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening. During January, NCCC (National Cervical Cancer Coalition) and its many local chapters across the country highlight issues related to cervical cancer, HPV disease and the importance of early detection. While NCCC chapters host events throughout the year, January is a month with a special focus as chapters celebrate Cervical Health Awareness Month and work to spread the word in their communities.

Vaccination

HPV vaccines can help prevent infection from both high risk HPV types that can lead to cervical cancer and low risk types that cause genital warts. The CDC recommends all boys and girls get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12 as the vaccine produces a stronger immune response when taken during the preteen years. For this reason, up until age 14, only two doses are the vaccine are required. The vaccine is available for all males and females through age 45 but, for those 15 and older, a full three-dose series is needed.

Testing

A Pap test can find cell changes to the cervix caused by HPV. HPV tests find the virus and help healthcare providers know which women are at highest risk for cervical cancer. Pap and HPV tests (either alone or in combination) are recommended for women over 30: each woman should ask her health care provider how often she should be screened and which tests are right for her. The HPV vaccine is now approved for males and females through age 45.



2021

Thank you Lord for this past year and may your blessings and grace be upon us in this coming year. May our travels bring us closer to you, our weakness make us stronger in our faith, and may we rejoice in things, knowing you are in control.

In this New Year, may you have
 A deep understanding of your true value and worth,
 An absolute faith in your unlimited potential,
 Peace of mind in the midst of uncertainty,
 The confidence to let go when you need to,
 Acceptance to replace your resistance,
 Gratitude to open your heart,
 The strength to meet your challenges,
 Great love to replace your fear,
 Forgiveness and compassion for those who offend you,
 Clear sight to see your best and true path,
 Hope to dispel obscurity,
 The conviction to make your dreams come true,
 Meaningful and rewarding synchronicities,
 Dear friends who truly know and love you,
 A childlike trust in the benevolence of the universe,
 The humility to remain teachable,
 The wisdom to fully embrace your life exactly as it is,
 The understanding that every soul has its own course to follow,
 The discernment to recognize your own unique inner voice of truth,
 And the courage to learn to be still.

Happy New Year



Samiyah Shivers received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Old Dominion University on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Best wishes Samiyah on your future endeavors.

Congratulations!

Your life is your story and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential. *Kerry Washington*

“Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered. Empower yourselves with a good education, then get out there and use that education to build a country worthy of your boundless promise. Lead by example with hope, never fear.”
First Lady Michelle Obama

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can **know who you are**, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it. *Maya Angelou*

“Every woman’s success should be an inspiration to another. We’re strongest when we cheer each other on.”
Serena Williams

Happy Retirement



Sis. Phyllis Duck retired on September 16, 2020 after 43 years of service with Smithfield Packing Company. Best wishes Sis. Phyllis as you embark on this next chapter in your life.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13)