

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter Solomon's Temple Church

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6 Holy Week Prayers *by Bob Hostetler*

How can we, in the midst of all we're going through, make "Holy Week" a little more holy?

Everyone knows that the Sunday before Easter is called "Palm Sunday," right? And the Friday before Easter is "Good Friday." Some even know that Thursday is called "Maundy Thursday" ("Maundy," derived from the Latin word for "command," refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you"). But many of us, even if we know such things, are more or less at a loss to know how to meaningfully mark such important days in the Christian year. How can we, in the midst of these difficult times, make "Holy Week" a little more holy? Is it possible? I think it is. I think the best way to do that is with prayer. So here are six Holy Week prayers, specific to each day, followed by a suggestion for further prayer and meditation:

Holy Tuesday

Lord Jesus, it was on a Tuesday that you spoke out against abuse of power, collaboration with oppressors, misuse of authority. So today we pray, comforter of the abused, strengthen those burdened by corrupted rule or injustice; rescue the overwhelmed; be present to those who call on your name, to those we name on our lips, and in the silence of our hearts, those whose concerns are known only to you; Amen.

Holy Wednesday

Lord Jesus, it was on this day that Judas Iscariot conspired to betray you. Remembering that, I pray the prayer of Augustine: "Lord Jesus, don't let me lie when I say that I love you...and protect me today, for I could betray you." Amen.

Maundy Thursday

Lord Jesus, I pray today with Peter, who recoiled when you stooped to wash his feet: "Lord, wash, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." And my heart. And my mind. And my life. Amen *(based on John 13:9)*.

Good Friday

Am I a stone, and not a sheep, That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross, To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss, And yet not weep? Not so those women loved Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee; Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly; Not so the thief was moved; Not so the Sun and Moon Which hid their faces in a starless sky, A horror of great darkness at broad noon-- I, only I. Yet give not o'er, But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock; Greater than Moses, turn and look once more And smite a rock. *(by Christina Rossetti, public domain)*

Silent Saturday

Lord Jesus, Jesus, I await you. Be risen anew in my heart as the light of Easter dawns tomorrow, Amen.

Easter

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You, Father, and Your Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ: Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus, You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love! *(Saint Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer)*

You may want to pray these to begin each day in this Holy Week. Or you may pray each prayer several times a day. However you utilize these prayers, I hope they will enrich your walk with God and make this Holy Week truly—well, holy.

What Is Holy Week? by Meg Bucher

Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus' sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. This is the basis of Christianity, His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at an intently close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. During this one week, many biblical prophecies were fulfilled. Jesus came to earth to save humanity by dying on the cross on Good Friday and resurrecting on Easter Sunday. By enduring and defeating death sacrificially for us, He swung open the gates of heaven making a way for our sin to be forgiven and usher us into the presence of God (Romans 5:8). *"It is during Holy Week that we see most profoundly how deep the Father's love is for us."* - David Mathis, *"Make the Most of Holy Week."*

Due to the sinful nature of humanity as a result of Adam and Eve's fall in the garden of Eden, it's impossible for us to be "good enough" to be in the presence of God and forgiven for our sins. Jesus died to make the way for salvation. The Old Testament Law offered many sacrifices to God, but Jesus was the perfect atoning sacrifice once and for all. He endured the cross out of His great love for us. Holy Week is a sacred opportunity to study the foundation of Christianity. Our God is not one of coincidence. Every step toward the cross was intentional, every lesson laced with His personal love for all of us.

Why Christians Should Observe Holy Week by Meg Bucher

Holy Week shouldn't be observed out of religious obligation but out of hearts seeking the opportunity to journey with Jesus in the closeness the events of this week bring to all who believe in the sacrificial salvation He died to give us. For those curious about Jesus, observing Holy Week is a good opportunity to ask questions and seek answers about who He is, what His sacrifice means, and how His gift affects humanity. When Christians observe Holy Week, we set ourselves apart for Him and dedicate our time to Him. Our observation gives Him the glory and honor that He deserves, for the gift of life we get to live.

Before Holy Week, Jesus spent Friday, one week before His crucifixion, with Mary, Martha and Lazarus (John 12:1) and then observed the Sabbath on Saturday with His friends. He rested before He began His final steps to journey to the cross. Imagine the anticipation He felt, knowing in one week's time, everything would change. Our God is not a God of coincidence. The entire Bible tells the story of our Savior, and Holy Week is the centerpiece.

A Devotion for Holy Week by Erin Keeley Marshall

The hope of Easter brightens the darkness of Good Friday. *When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. Matthew 27:50–52 (NIV)*

How come this detail doesn't get more notice? Many people came back to life on the day Jesus died. That's a big deal! In all the Easter weeks I've spent in church, never once do I remember a single mention of the life that began at the moment of Jesus's death.

Each year when Good Friday arrives, the sky seems to hang lower, the atmosphere subdued by the weight of the universe and eternity and loss. We can't wait for Easter, when we can give a standing ovation for Jesus's victory. The hope of Easter brightens the darkness of Good Friday.

I've always thought Jesus's Father God waited until Easter to clarify His victory, but He did not! He began bringing His people back to life immediately. Eternal rebirth for humanity began immediately after Jesus paid the price for us.

Jesus won, a truth that unequivocally means *life*. Eternal life in all its healing, saving glory began on Good Friday.

Whatever the day looks like from your perspective, whatever season of happiness or sorrow you are in today, celebrate His gift of your life as you thank Jesus for dying to buy you back from death.

FAITH STEP: Spend a few minutes imagining the scene in Heaven's throne room after Jesus died as faithful followers were reborn. Thank Him for life.

March Kingdom Schedule ³

March Scriptures

3/7 Joel 2:12-14
3/14 Matthew 6:16-18
3/21 Philippians 3:10-14
3/28 Mark 1:11-15

Welcome Schedule

3/7 Min. Ernest Ruffin
3/14 Kristiana Smith
3/21 Bro. Ray Holmes
3/28 Sis. Cynthia Watson

Door Opener

MIT Kinston Shivers

Worship Leaders Schedule

3/7 Min. Cynthia Edwards
3/14 Sis. Kathy Greene
3/21 Min. Ernest Ruffin
3/28 MIT Kinston Shivers

Servant Leaders Schedule

3/7 Sis. Turekia White
3/14 Sis. Kathy Greene
3/21 Bro. Donald Watkins
3/28 Sis. Wendy Johnson

Communion Bowls

Bro. Donald Watkins
Sis. Wendy Johnson



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.

March 2021 CID and Bible Study Schedule

There will be No CID session or Bible Study for the month of March. However, if you would like to read the Sunday school lessons they are listed below:

3/2 Prophet of Deliverance | Deuteronomy 18:15-22
3/9 Prophet of Conquest | Joshua 5:13-15 and Joshua 6:1-5, 15-16, 20
3/16 Prophet of Wisdom | 2 Kings 22:14-20
3/23 Prophet of Courage | 1 Kings 18:5-18
3/30 The Suffering Servant | Isaiah 53:4-11a



ATTENTION SOLOMON'S TEMPLE DISCIPLES: If you have not gotten your contribution information and wish to have it for tax purposes, please contact Sis. Jackie Ruffin at 757-635-0543.

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.

March Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
3/1-6/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/2/21	6:30pm	Lent service on Facebook Live – Messenger: Elder Wayne Hatton
3/5/21	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the Conference Line
3/5/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Spiritual Reboot service on Zoom – Speaker: Sis. Kathy Greene
3/8-12/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/9/21	6:30pm	Lent service on Facebook Live – Messenger: Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers
3/11/21	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
3/12/21	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the Conference Line
3/12/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Spiritual Reboot service on Zoom – Speaker: Bro. Donald Watkins
3/14/21		Daylight Saving Time Begins
3/16/21	6:30pm	Lent service on Facebook Live – Messenger: Elder Karen Lee
3/17/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/18/21	6:30pm	Women’s Ministry meeting on Zoom
3/19/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Spiritual Reboot service on Zoom – Speaker: Sis. Wendy Green
3/23/21	6:30pm	Lent service on Facebook Live – Messenger: Elder Sarah Hatton
3/24/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/26/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Spiritual Reboot service on Facebook Live – Bridge Ministry in Charge
3/28/21	All Day	Palm Sunday
3/29-4/1/21	6:30pm	Holy Week Revival
3/31/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer

Solomon’s Temple 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.

March “Spiritual Support Care Team”

Co-Pastor Edith Shivers and Sis. Lucy Watkins

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.

March Care Team

Sis. Tami Drew, Sis. Desiree Brown, and Sis. Dana Cary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	2. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Lent service	3. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	4. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	5. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	6. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer
7.	8. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	9. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Lent service Ariana Parker Jerrica Taylor	10. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	11. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	12. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	13.
14. Daylight Saving Time Begins Ebony Clarke	15.	16. 6:30pm Lent service	17. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	18. 6:30pm Women's Ministry meeting Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd Jr.	19. 6:30pm Friday Night service	20. Wendy Green Craig Clarke
21.	22.	23. 6:30pm Lent service	24. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	25.	26. 6:30pm Friday Night Service Kayla Williams	27.
28. Palm Sunday	29. Holy Week Revival Happy Anniversary Samuel & Tami Drew	30. Holy Week Revival	31. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Holy Week Revival Angela Batten			

Verse of the Month

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13, English Standard Version)



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. Regina Green
 Sis. Deborah Williams
 Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

2021 Friday Night Spiritual Reboot Service Speakers and Worship Leaders

Mar. 5th Sis. Kathy Greene – Speaker
 Bro. Donald Watkins – Worship Leader

Mar. 12th Bro. Donald Watkins – Speaker
 Sis. Lucy Watkins – Worship Leader

Mar. 19th Sis. Wendy Green – Speaker
 Bro. James Green Sr. – Worship Leader

Mar. 26th Bridge Ministry

2021 Tuesday Night Lent Service Messengers

Mar. 2nd Elder Wayne Hatton
 Mar. 9th Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers
 Mar. 16th Elder Karen Lee
 Mar. 23rd Elder Sarah Hatton
 Mar. 30th Holy Week Revival



Birthdays for the Month of March 6 Happy Birthday

Arieana Parker	March 9 th
Jerrica Taylor	March 9 th
Ebony Clarke	March 14 th
Barbara Jones	March 18 th
Kevin Shepherd Jr.	March 18 th
Wendy Green	March 20 th
Craig Clarke	March 20 th
Kayla Williams	March 26 th
Angela Batten	March 31 st



Anniversary for the Month of March



Happy Anniversary

Samuel & Tami Drew
March 29th



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

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 (12749 Courthouse Highway). If you would like to be a blessing to Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers, their cash apps: Pastor Shivers - **\$FUNERALS1** Co-Pastor Shivers - **\$ESFIRSTLADY**

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) 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.

Reboot Your Life With God

Friday, March 19, 2021 RED NOSE DAY
Red Nose Day is a campaign with the mission to end child poverty by funding programs that keep children safe, healthy, and educated.

Women’s Ministry meeting Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30pm on ZOOM. Below is the dish and recipe for the cooking portion of the meeting.

One Pan Salmon & Veggies Meal

Ingredients

- Salmon (or fish of your choice)
- Asparagus or Bag of Frozen Veggies (Broccoli- type mix or your choice)
- 1 Yellow squash
- 1 Stick of Butter/Margarine
- Olive oil
- 1 Lemon (or juice)
- 1 TBSP Minced garlic
- Honey or brown sugar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic, Italian seasoning, or creole seasoning)

Items Needed

- One sheet pan
- Aluminum foil (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat Oven to 400 degrees
2. Make sure fish is free of scales
3. Line pan with foil (optional)
4. Drizzle pan with olive oil
5. Season the bottom of the fish first with salt and pepper
6. Melt the stick of butter, add 2 TBSP of honey or brown sugar, 1 TBSP of minced garlic, 1 TBSP of Italian seasonings
7. Pour the mixture over the salmon and veggies
8. Sprinkle with additional seasonings of your choice options include salt, pepper, creole seasoning, or Old Bay
9. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 400 degrees
10. Remove from oven, let rest for 5 mins before plating

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT) “Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”

Our eating choices are about temple care. In the Old Testament, God gave explicit instructions for the masterful construction and occupancy of the temple. No cost was too great, no detail too small. Now, the Holy Spirit resides in us and we are that temple. When choosing how to eat better, consider the One who resides within you. Then, pray for the strength to honor those convictions.

Upcoming Events

(Some dates are subject to change)

April 2021

- April 1st Maundy Thursday
- April 2nd Good Friday
- April 4th Easter Sunday
- April 25th Pastor Shivers preach at Union Baptist Church, VA Beach
- April 25th Co-Pastor Shivers preach at East End Baptist Church

May 2021

- May 9th Mother’s Day/Women’s Day
- May 16th Ministry Day
- May 23rd Pentecost Sunday
- May 31st Memorial Day

June 2021

- June 13th Youth Day
- June 15th Graduates Speak-Out
- June 20th Father’s Day/Men’s Day

July 2021

- July 25th Family & Friends Day

September 2021

- Sept. 7th Labor Day
- Sept. 12th Grandparents Day
- Sept. 12th Leading Lady Day

October 2021

- Oct. 11th Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct. 17th Pastor & Church Anniversary

November 2021

- Nov. 11th Veterans Day
- Nov. 22nd – Fall Harvest Revival
- Nov. 24th- Nov. 25th Thanksgiving Day

December 2021

- Dec. 20th Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day
- Dec. 31st New Year’s Eve/Celebration

Congratulations!



In this New Year 2021, let us keep in mind the object of our faith. It is now time for Disciples of Christ to “REBOOT.” “REBOOT: Refreshing Every Believer’s Operational Objectives and Techniques”

Solomon’s Temple Mission Statement:

Promoting Wisdom, Worship and Work for a greater Church, Community and Country.

The purpose of the Solomon’s Temple Ministry is to be a connecting force for people to discover God through His Word so they in turn may discover their purpose in His Kingdom. We envision this ministry as a vibrant, growing, healthy and welcoming congregation of people who love to worship God together.

- I. **Our Wisdom** – We believe as stated in II Timothy 3:16-17 that the scriptures are inspired and preserved by God for the inspiration and instruction of God’s created people, so they may know God and engage in God’s work. Our Christian Education ministry is a multi-faceted effort focusing on providing instruction for effective discipleship.
- II. **Our Worship** – Our Sunday worship service is reflective of a unique blend of non-denominational, contemporary and traditional services. These services offer a presence where the Spirit of God powerfully ministers to people to draw closer to God. The church is known for its practical and God-centered biblical preaching, its uplifting singing and music, along with an atmosphere of penetrating healing, deliverance, love, peace, and harmony among church disciples.
- III. **Our Work** – To lead God’s people without any man-made limitations to the highest achievable heights possible. The basic tenants of our ministry plans are:
 - a. To conduct Kingdom work without duplicating any one specific denomination, which means that we are “independently connected to God,” free to believe as His word leads us and not as traditionally handed down.
 - b. To educate people into true discipleship.
 - c. To encourage, participate in, and implement diverse methods for church growth and recruiting others into discipleship.

Rediscovering Our Priorities – Pastor K. D. Shivers
“The Incredible Power of Kingdom Authority”

The greatest secret to living effectively on earth is understanding the principle and power of priorities. Our life is the sum total of all the decisions we make every day. How we use our time everyday eventually defines our lives. Our priorities determine the quality of life we live and dictate all of our actions and behavior. It is essential that we understand and identify our priorities. Life’s greatest challenge is in knowing what to do. The greatest mistake in life is to be busy but not effective, *successful in the wrong assignment*. Success is measured by the effective use of one’s time.



Thought to Ponder
 “We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden.” Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Black History Month

“Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals” (Unknown).