

Temple News

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The Courage to "Just Believe" by Dianne Neal Matthews

When your circumstances seem hopeless, trust Jesus is at work in your life.

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." Mark 5:35-36 (NIV)

Jairus must have been on an emotional roller coaster. Relief flooded his heart when Jesus agreed to go to his house and heal his dying daughter. But then Jesus stopped to have a conversation with a woman in the crowd. Jairus was forced to wait, knowing that each minute's delay put his little girl in greater danger. Then, just as Jesus finished his business with the woman, messengers brought the news Jairus dreaded to hear. His daughter had died.

I can only imagine how the devoted father's heart clenched in his chest when he saw the men approaching. Did he have time to think, *Too late! It was all for nothing?* Jesus turned to Jairus as though He hadn't heard what the men said. "Don't be afraid. Just believe." Soon, Jairus saw his longing fulfilled. He got his daughter back.

It's exciting to read the gospel accounts of Jesus restoring life to people who had died. But today He still works as the Life-giver in the lives of believers. He raises dead hopes, resurrects old dreams, and brings life to relationships that seem to have died. He wants to breathe new life into us in all sorts of ways. But He wants us to understand that miracles are tied to faith.

Our circumstances may seem hopeless. Other people may tell us that it's no use. That person will never come to faith. That relationship will never work. You'll never pull it off. "Why bother the Teacher anymore?" Jesus says otherwise. He asks us to ignore what seems obvious and to trust Him to work in our life. Against all odds, He asks us to just believe.

Faith step: Do you have a situation in your life that makes you feel all hope is lost? Ask Jesus to give you the courage to "just believe."

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy" Norman Vincent Peale

Believe in Yourself

The strongest factor for success is self-esteem: Believing you can do it, believing you deserve it and believing you'll get it. www.LearningStationMusic.com

Sometimes we have to face our own sorrow and suffering for greater truth to be revealed.

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” That’s the haunting African-American spiritual we sing at Holy Week, asking ourselves: Were we there? Did we stick with Jesus to the bitter end? Did we really take it in? There’s no telling what any of us would do, but fear might have easily overwhelmed me. Like Peter, I could have denied Him three times. I could have pretended I didn’t even know Jesus. “Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble...” go the lyrics. It does make me tremble. Even if I had heard—like the disciples—of the promise of Resurrection. It must have been hard to believe Jesus’ return was possible after witnessing the gruesome torture of death on the cross. Sometimes I’d prefer to skip it. Skip the Good Friday service, skip Maundy Thursday. Forget it all till Easter. Then I remind myself of something our pastor once said. She observed that at the Resurrection, Jesus showed Himself first to those who stuck with Him at the last. “There were also many women there, looking on from afar...” goes the Gospel of Matthew, “among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph...” Only a couple verses later we read that “toward dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher.” They were there. To discover the empty tomb. They rush to tell the disciples, but even before they reach them, Jesus appears to the two women. They were there at the worst. They are here now to experience the amazing, stunning good news first hand. Sometimes we have to stick through the bad times, face our own sorrow and suffering without running away, to have the greater truth revealed. Stick with Good Friday. Easter is right around the corner.

Ask Jesus to Open Your Spiritual Eyes by Dianne Neal Matthews

Grow closer to God and gain a clearer understanding of circumstances in your life. “*One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!*” John 9:25 (HCSB)

As my husband and I started out on our two-day drive to visit Redwood National Park in California, I pulled out my e-book reader. *Buying this was a smart move*, I told myself. I turned the reader on and went straight to the current page in the novel I’d checked out from the library. The page looked so dim that I couldn’t read the words. I checked the brightness level but it was already at 100%. Going to “Settings”, I searched for something else to adjust. “I have no idea what’s wrong with this, but I won’t be able to use it,” I complained to my husband. Then I took off my sunglasses and glanced down. The screen was perfectly bright and readable. Jesus gave sight to many blind people during His ministry on earth. Some had been born blind; others had lost their sight. On more than one occasion He called the Pharisees and religious leaders “blind” because they refused to see spiritual truth. They were more concerned about their lists of rules and manmade traditions, and their positions of power. They couldn’t see their Messiah when He stood right in front of them. On the day of His resurrection, Jesus walked beside two of His followers who were confused by His death—and even more perplexed by reports of the empty tomb. Jesus discussed Old Testament prophecies until their spiritual eyes were opened and they understood that these events had been part of God’s plan. Jesus still wants to open people’s eyes to spiritual truth today. When I pray about a Bible passage that I don’t understand, He often gives me understanding. He gives me clearer vision to see the people around me and their needs. Sometimes He helps me see circumstances in my life from His perspective. Once I take off the dark glasses of my human thinking, everything seems brighter and clearer.

Faith step: In what ways do you need Jesus to open your spiritual eyes today? Tell Him you want to see more clearly.



Death—the Bridge to Life by Elizabeth Peale Allen

The Light of the world drives away the darkness and sadness we associate with death. His light is life, eternal life, and no one within that radiance need fear anything. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale once said: “Darkness is powerless before the onslaught of light. And so it is with death. We have allowed ourselves to think of it as a dark door, when actually it is a rainbow bridge spanning the gulf between two worlds.” Death is a fact of life. It is wise to accept it and plan for its consequences. The grief it causes is entirely natural. But remember: Death does *not* have the last word. The risen Son of God gets the final say, and he is all about light and life!

April Kingdom Schedule



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

April Scriptures

4/4 John 12:12-16
4/11 Matthew 28:5-7
4/18 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
4/25 Romans 6:8-11

Welcome Schedule

4/4 Sis. Lucy Watkins
4/11 Jordan Elliott
4/18 Sis. Shenille Davis
4/25 Bro. Stanley Robinson

Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

Worship Leaders Schedule

4/4 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers
4/11 Sis. Turekia White
4/18 Min. Bertram Blackwell
4/25 Elder Margaret S. Thomas

Servant Leaders Schedule

4/4 Sis. Wendy Johnson
4/11 Sis. Turekia White
4/18 Sis. Lucy Watkins
4/25 Bro. Donald Watkins

Communion Bowls

Sis. Lucy Watkins
Bro. Donald Watkins



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.

April 2021 CID and Bible Study Schedule

CID Teachers: Co-Pastor Edith Shivers, Min. Cynthia Edwards
Sis. Lucy Watkins and Sis. Shirley Haskins



4/6 No CID

4/13 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers | The Faith-In-Action Preacher | Ezra 10:1-12
Min. Cynthia Edwards | The Restoring Builder | Nehemiah 2:11-20

4/20 Bible Study | Pastor K. D. Shivers

4/27 Sis. Lucy Watkins | The Nation's Plea | Lamentations 5:1-22
Sis. Shirley Haskins | Speaking Truth to Power | 1 Kings 22:15-23, 26-28

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.

April Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
4/1/21	7:00pm	Holy Week Revival – Maundy Thursday – Facebook Live, Pastor Jason Taylor – Guest Evangelist
4/2/21	All Day	Good Friday
4/4/21	All Day	Easter Sunday
4/4/21	9:00am	Park-n-Praise service at Shivers Funeral Chapel
4/4/21	After service	Solomon’s Temple Youth Easter Walk Along
4/6/21		No CID/Bible Study
4/7/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/11/21	10:30am	Pastor Shivers preach at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ivor for Revival service
4/13/21	6:30pm	CID session on Zoom
4/14/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/15/21	6:30pm	Women’s Ministry meeting
4/20/21	6:30pm	Bible Study on Zoom
4/21/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/23/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power on Zoom – Messenger: Min. Ernest Ruffin
4/25/21	TBA	Co-Pastor Shivers preach for East End Baptist Church Virtual Women’s Day service – Facebook Live
4/25/21	2:00pm	Pastor Shivers preach at Union Baptist Church, Virginia Beach for Deacon Ordination – Dinner served after service
4/27/21	6:30pm	CID session on Zoom
4/28/21	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.

April “Spiritual Support Care Team”

Min. Bertram Blackwell and 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.

April Care Team

Sis. Angela Batten, MIT Kinston Shivers and Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4. Park-n-Praise service Youth Easter Walk Along Easter Sunday	5.	6. No CID/Bible Study	7. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Regina Green	8. Sierra Johnson	9.	10. Denise Brown
11. 10:30am Pastor Shivers preach at Ebenezer Baptist Happy Anniversary Shagan & Sarah Gatewood	12.	13. 6:30pm CID session	14. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	15. 6:30pm Women's Ministry meeting	16. Allan Clark	17. Alexis Smith Marlon Smith
18. Frances Wells- Robertson Darnelle Jefferson	19.	20. 6:30pm Bible Study Brandon Newsome Imani Gray-Davis	21. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	22.	23. 6:30pm Friday Night Hour of Power service Alice Day	24.
25. Co-Pastor preach at East End Baptist 2:00pm Pastor Shivers preach at Union Baptist	26. Lena Holmes	27. 6:30pm CID session	28. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	29.	30.	

Verse of the Month

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9, ESV)



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. Stanley Robinson
 Sis. Dorothy Robinson
 Bro. Charles Turner
 Sis. Shirley Haskins
 Bro. Junious Little
 Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson
 Sis. Regina Green
 Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

Be Resurrected! by Norman Vincent Peale

Do you want to live, really live, not simply exist, from one day to the next? Do you want to awaken to each day with joyful anticipation for what the day will bring? Then believe that life begins and continues through Jesus Christ. From him comes the amazing teaching, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Easter is Jesus' great example of life-giving power, usually associated with eternity. But eternal life isn't only off in the future; it is now. You can be resurrected now. You don't have to wait until you die. You can be resurrected from other forms of death; indeed many of us are dead while we are alive. What is life, actually? Life is when you are sensitive and caring. It is when you're full of joy, when you're vital, when you're effervescent, when you are excited with the possibilities of a new day. If that doesn't characterize you, maybe you need to be resurrected. "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it" (John 5:21). Ask Jesus to infuse you with new life. Ask him to re-create you even as the earth is re-created by the spring. He has the power to do it!



"Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; he came into this world to make dead people live" ~ Lee Strobel

April Birthdays - Happy Birthday 6

James Green Jr.	April 2 nd
Regina Green	April 7 th
Sierra Johnson	April 8 th
Denise Brown	April 10 th
Allan Clark	April 16 th
Alexis Smith	April 17 th
Marion Smith	April 17 th
Frances Wells-Robertson	April 18 th
Darnelle Jefferson	April 18 th
Brandon Newsome	April 20 th
Imani Gray-Davis	April 20 th
Alice Day	April 23 rd
Lena Holmes	April 26 th



April Anniversary - Happy Anniversary

Shagan & Sarah Gatewood

April 11th



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**

Cash App **\$STCHURCH00**

Bring your offering to the chapel: 12749 Courthouse Hwy. Smithfield, VA 23430

If you would like to be a blessing to Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers, their cash apps:

Pastor Shivers - **\$FUNERALS1**

Co-Pastor Shivers - **\$ESFIRSTLADY**

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV).

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.

Upcoming Events

(Some dates/events are subject to change)

May 2021

May 9 th	Mother's Day
May 23 rd	Pentecost Sunday
May 31 st	Memorial Day

June 2021

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

July 2021

July 4 th	Independence Day
July 25 th	Family & Friends Day

September 2021

Sept. 6 th	Labor Day
Sept. 12 th	Grandparents Day
Sept. 12 th	Leading Lady Day

October 2021

Oct. 10 th	Clergy Appreciation Day
Oct. 17 th	Pastor & Church Anniversary

November 2021

Nov. 7 th	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 11 th	Veterans Day
Nov. 22 nd – 24 th	Fall Harvest Revival
Nov. 25 th	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28 th	First Sunday of Advent

December 2021

Dec. 19 th	Christmas Celebration
Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day
Dec. 31 st	New Year's Eve/Celebration



“We must be willing to let go of the life we **PLANNED** so as to have the life that is waiting for us” *Joseph Campbell*

“You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens” *Mandy Hale*

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans” *Proverbs 16:3, NIV*

“If I cannot do great things, I can do **SMALL** things in a great way” *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Women's Ministry meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:30pm on ZOOM. Below is the dish and recipe for the cooking portion of the meeting.

Apple Cheesecake Tacos

Ingredients:

- 2 8inch tortillas
- can of apple pie filling (diced small)
- Philadelphia cheesecake no bake filling
- 2 oz container of Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal
- 3 tbsb butter (melted)
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Items Needed for prep:

- 12 count muffin pan
- A round cookie cutter or drinking glass
- food processor (optional)
- quart size ziploc bags or
- piping bag for cheesecake filling (optional)
- scissors

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°
 2. Crush Cinnamon Toast Crunch in a food processor or by hand in a ziploc bag
 3. Place cinnamon and crushed cereal in a shallow plate and mix. Set aside
 4. Using a round cookie cutter or glass cut the circles out of each tortilla.
 5. Dip each circle in melted butter then coat both sides in the cereal mixture.
 6. Turn a muffin pan upside down and place each tortilla circle between the cups to form a taco shape.
 7. Bake for 10 minutes.
 8. Allow them to cool on muffin pan
 9. While they are cooling transfer the cheesecake filling to a piping bag or ziploc bag. If you use a ziploc bag cut a small whole at the bottom left or right corner. Slowly pipe the mixture into each shell.
 10. Top with diced apples and chill in the freezer for about 5-10 minutes.
- Enjoy!!

A moderated discussion with Spike Lee and Terence Blanchard.

Discussion Moderators:

Daphne C. Watkins, *University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Director, Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Center, Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research, the University of Michigan.* **Robin Means Coleman**, *Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Chief Diversity Officer, Northwestern University.* We are grateful that the Social Justice Changemaker Lecture series is sponsored by Neil and Annmarie Hawkins, the family of SSW alumna Rachel Hawkins. This will be a university-wide event that will celebrate our School's 100 years of dedication to social justice and social change. This event is part of the School of Social Work's Centennial Year celebrations. **M** University of Michigan



The first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism Society in April 1970. The aim of this month is educate the public about autism. Autism is a complex mental condition and developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates and interacts with other people. Autism can be present from birth or form during early childhood (typically within the first three years). Autism is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known cause. People with autism are classed as having Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the terms autism and ASD are often used interchangeably. A wide spectrum disorder, people with autism have set of symptoms unique to themselves; no two people are the same. Whilst no two people with autism will have the same set of symptoms, there are common characteristics found in those with this complex disability. Briefly, these characteristics include:

Social Skills ♦ people with autism have problems interacting with others; autistic children do not have adequate playing and talking skills. Mild symptoms on one end of the spectrum may be displayed through clumsy behavior, being out of sync with those around them and inappropriate or offensive comments being made. At the other end of the spectrum an autistic person may not be interested in others.

Empathy ♦ empathy is the ability to recognize and understand the feelings of another person. People with autism find it harder to show empathy to others although they can be taught to acknowledge the others feelings.

Physical Contact ♦ in some cases, autistic people do not like physical contact such as hugs, tickling or physical play with others.

Sudden Changes to their Environment ♦ a sudden change in the surrounding environment may affect a person with autism. This could be a loud noise, a change in intensity of lighting or even a change in smell.

Speech ♦ speech can be affected in people with autism. 'Echolalia' is a typical speech symptom in which the person repeats words and phrases that they hear. The speech tone of an autistic person may be monotonous. Where symptoms are more extreme the person may not speak.

Changes to Behavior and Routine ♦ people with autism often display repetitive behavior in which they repeat the same action many times over. For example, a person with autism may repeatedly pace around a room in a certain direction. Any change to their behavior or routine can be unsettling for them. This could be a reordering of daily activities such as when a person brushes their teeth, takes a shower and has breakfast when they get up in the morning.

Other characteristics of autism include an unpredictable learning rate, obsessions and physical tics.

In the United States, autism affects 1 in every 110 children. National Autism Awareness Month aims to make the public more aware about this widespread disability and the issues which arise in the autism community. As about 1 in 150 people in America have autism, the chances are that you know someone with this disability. A better informed public will be more empathetic and supportive towards people with autism.

Thoughts to Ponder

Our mental health seriously affects our physical health. So there should be no stigma around mental health, none at all ~ *Michelle Obama*

The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of the world but those who fight and win battles that others do not know anything about ~ *Jonathan Harnisch*

It's okay to not be perfect. It's okay to make mistakes. It's okay to do something that you hadn't done, because if we don't do those things, we never grow ~ *Dawn Stanyon*

Some of the greatest battles will be fought within the silent chamber of your own soul ~ *Ezra Taft Benson*

Healing isn't about changing who you are. It's about changing your relationship to who you are. A fundamental part of that is honoring how you feel ~ *Suzanne Heyn*

It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences ~ *HealthyPlace.com*

Do not bring people into your life that weigh you down. And trust your instincts. Good relationships feel good. They feel right. They don't hurt ~ *Michelle Obama*

Sometimes our own needs and desires must be expressed, even at the expense of shattering the image others have created for us ~ *Sean Wolfe*