

Temple News

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Pastor K. D. & Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers

How a Mother's Love Is Like God's Love by Ty'Ann Brown

Well, we're coming up on Mother's Day. That's right. It's a time where we celebrate our mothers and our grandmothers, and we shower them with gifts and flowers and cards, all to demonstrate our love for them.

But of course, this can also be a painful time for those who have lost their mothers or those who long for a mother or those who even have a difficult relationship with their mother. In those cases, sometimes we choose to honor those who have been like a mother to us.

Why all the celebration? Well, a mother's love is strong. It's powerful, it is life-affirming. It's like no other love on the planet. In fact, a mother's love requires a lot of hard work and sacrifice from the time they carry the child through nine months of pregnancy all the way up into their adulthood. Actually, most people will say that it's one of the most hardest yet rewarding jobs that they've ever had in their life.

The Bible is full of stories of mothers who worked hard and sacrificed and love like no other. Take Mary, for an example. She stood by Jesus throughout his entire life, even up until his crucifixion. Now people scattered and betrayed him, but Mary stood by his side, even until the very bitter end. Now, Jesus recognizes this, and He rewards her by saying, "Son, behold thy mother." Jesus entrusts Mary into the care of John the Disciple. So even Jesus on his last days on the earth, He makes sure that his mother is taken care of.

But if you think about it, there's a love that's just as strong and powerful as a mother's love, and that's God's Love. Just like a mother, God is always there, no matter where we are, and what circumstances we find ourselves in. While we turn to our mothers with problems both big and small, from bruised knees to broken relationships, we too can turn to God with all of our problems and disappointments and frustrations. And God promises to be with us and to comfort us, for Isaiah 66:13 says, that "As one whom a mother comforts, so will I comfort you."

The fact is that God's love is greater than any mother's love. God offered a sacrifice that none of us can fully truly comprehend. He sacrificed His only Son, Jesus Christ, because He loved us so much. He proves that he will always put us first. As Tim Keller has said, He was forsaken so that we could know we would never be.

So celebrate your mothers and anyone who has ever nurtured you like a mother. And remember that through the good times and the bad that God loves you and nurtures you too. God bless you and keep the faith.



Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers



Just As You Are

by Paul Berchtold

When as a pastor's wife
There comes struggles in life,
When the goal seems so far ...

Then pay close attention,
This is God's intention,
He loves you as you are.

While others may expect
You always be perfect,
While staying at your post ...

Thank you for what you do,
Thank you for being you,
But thanks to God the most.



A Mother's Love by Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . .
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.



The Power of a Mother's Prayer by Pablo Diaz

Mothers are praying warriors. They know there isn't a problem, issue or situation that God can't handle. My mother embodied this spirit. She taught us the power of prayer. If we were sick, she prayed for our healing. If we had financial problems, she prayed for God's provision. When a decision had to be made, she prayed that God would guide our footsteps and help us not lean on our own understanding. As a child I often would find my mom on her knees asking God to bless her family, marriage and children. While doing household chores, she prayed silently as she washed dishes, mopped the floor or cooked. Early in my preaching ministry, my mom prayed, "Lord bless my son and give him the words that can lift up others." Today, she continues to pray for our family without missing a need. She knows the truth of James 5:16, that the fervent prayers of the righteous are powerful! Where would we be without our mothers' prayers? Mothers pray before their children are born, during their childhood years and continue praying until the Lord calls them home. I am convinced that no one knows more about the power of prayer than mothers. My mother's prayers shaped me in more ways than I will ever know. What prayer do you remember most from your mother? How did your mom's prayer impact your life? What is your prayer for your family? *Lord, thank you for praying mothers and their example of faith, love and hope. Bless them today and on their special day.*

Happy Mother's Day to our Church Mothers

Vernell Brown, Mary Diggs, Lonnie Batten, and Connie Payne



Solomon's Temple May 2021 Women's Month Celebration



Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers

Messengers

Sunday, May 2nd
Rev. Germaine Batten

Sunday, May 9th
Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers

Sunday, May 16th
Elder Carol Lyttle

Sunday, May 23rd
Pastor Antoinette Johnson

Services start at 9:00am
Shivers Funeral Chapel
12749 Courthouse Highway
Smithfield, VA 23430



Rev. Germaine Batten
Little Zion Baptist Church
Smithfield, VA



Elder Carol Lyttle
Olive Branch Baptist Church
Suffolk, VA



Pastor Antoinette Johnson
Kingdom Empowerment Temple
Newport, News, VA

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Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor

Elder E. R. Shivers, Co-Pastor

May Kingdom Schedule

May Scriptures

5/2 Matthew 5:13-16
 5/9 Proverbs 31:25-29
 5/16 2 Timothy 3:14-17
 5/23 Galatians 5:6-10
 5/30 1 Peter 3:13-16

Welcome Schedule

5/2 Sis. Phyllis Duck
 5/9 Sis. Joyce Greene
 5/16 Sis. Linda Jordan
 5/23 Sis. Wanda Clarke
 5/30 Sis. Dana Cary

Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes

Worship Leaders Schedule

5/2 Elder Karen Lee
 5/9 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 5/16 Min. Cynthia Edwards
 5/23 MIT Sylvia Gundy
 5/30 Elder Sarah Hatton

Servant Leaders Schedule

5/2 Sis. Kathy Greene
 5/9 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 5/16 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 5/23 Bro. Donald Watkins
 5/30 Sis. Turekia White

Communion Bowls

Bro. Donald Watkins
 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.

May 2021 CID Session and Bible Study Schedule

5/4 Bible Study | Pastor K. D. Shivers
 5/11 Offering Hope to the Future | Isaiah 29:13-24 | Sis. Phyllis Duck
 Preaching Doom | Jeremiah 38:14-23 | Elder Sarah Hatton
 5/18 Bible Study | Pastor K. D. Shivers
 5/25 Sis. Wendy Green & Min. Ernest Ruffin
 Preaching to the Exiles | Ezekiel 18:1-9, 30-32
 Preaching to Enemies | Jonah 3:1-10



Monday, May 31, 2021



Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

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.

May Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
5/2/21	9:00am	Women's Service – Messenger: Rev. Germaine Batten
5/4/21	6:30pm	Bible Study
5/5/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/9/21	All Day	Happy Mother's Day
5/9/21	9:00am	Women's Service – Messenger: Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers
5/11/21	6:30pm	CID session
5/12/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/16/21	9:00am	Women's Service – Messenger: Elder Carol Lyttle
5/18/21	6:30pm	Bible Study
5/19/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/21/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power Service – Messenger: Min. Cynthia Edwards
5/23/21	All Day	Pentecost Sunday
5/23/21	9:00am	Women's Service – Messenger: Pastor Antoinette Johnson
5/25/21	6:30pm	CID session
5/26/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/27/21	6:30pm	Levite Ministry Zoom meeting
5/27/21	7:30pm	Assembly of Servants Zoom meeting
5/31/21	All Day	Happy Memorial Day

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.

May "Spiritual Support Care Team"

Bro. Donald Watkins and 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**

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.

May Care Team

Sis. Faye Thompson, Sis. Hope Parker and Sis. Arieana Parker

Verse of the Month

"And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." (Isaiah 58:11, ESV)

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Sylvia Gundy
2. Women's Service Charles Turner Terry Rawls Castachia Turner	3.	4. 6:30pm Bible Study	5. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	6. Phyllis Duck	7.	8.
9. Women's Service Mother's Day	10.	11. 6:30pm CID session	12. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	13.	14. Grayland Robinson Dorothy Robinson	15.
16. Women's Service	17.	18. 6:30pm Bible Study	19. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	20. De' Ahza Drewry	21. 6:30pm Friday Night Hour of Power service	22.
23. 9:00am Women's service Pentecost Sunday	24.	25. 6:30pm CID session	26. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	27. 6:30pm Levites meet 7:30pm Assembly of Servants meet	28.	29.
30.	31. Memorial Day			Stanley Robinson		

"No language can express the power and beauty and heroism of a mother's love." — *Edwin Chapin*



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!!

There's A Blessing in Giving

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." *Luke 6:38, NIV*

May Birthdays - Happy Birthday

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Sylvia Gundy
 Terry Rawls
 Charles Turner
 Castachia Turner
 Phyllis Duck
 Grayland Robinson
 Dorothy Robinson
 De'Ahzha Drewry
 Stanley Robinson



May 1st
 May 2nd
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 May 6th
 May 14th
 May 14th
 May 20th
 May 27th

May Anniversary - Happy Anniversary

James and Wendy Green

May 1st



Robert and Dana Cary

May 14th



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

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts." - *Washington Irving*

Attention Solomon's Temple Disciples

Just a reminder that you can give financially in support of the ministry in the following ways:

Ways to Give

- 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**

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.

Youth in Action

Happy Resurrection Sunday and congrats to these youth who have participated during the pandemic whether singing in the choir or on Zoom for Black History Month. Way to Go! Jayvion (not pictured)



CONGRATULATIONS

Seniah made the honor roll this nine weeks.



Beep Beep...Bought myself a little gift. Living the bike life. Keep calm and ride on.



Upcoming Events

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(Some dates/events are subject to change)

June 2021

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

July 2021

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

September 2021

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

October 2021

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

November 2021

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

December 2021

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



Sunday
May 23, 2021

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).