

#### Giving Others Hope and Encouragement by Katie Allen Berlandi

I could not help but think of Guideposts Outreach Ministries as Dr. Maya Angelou spoke, sang and read about the gift of hope.

Early this month, thanks to the incredible generosity of a dear friend, I attended a benefit for women and girls at which Maya Angelou was the keynote speaker.

I have read many of Dr. Angelou's <u>books</u> and poems and have heard her recite some of her work on television and radio, but I have never seen her live. Despite being in a wheelchair, she has a stirring presence, with striking features, beautiful hair and a wonderful, comfortable, expressive style of dress. Yet it is her voice—so unique, powerful and melodic—that elevates her presence to a level all her own.

Dr. Angelou spoke, sang and read to us about the gift of giving hope to others. She began her address by singing the words, "Be a rainbow in someone's cloud," a metaphor for the simple act of giving others hope and encouragement. I do not know if my Grandpa Peale and Dr. Angelou ever met, but I think if they sat down and talked, they would have discovered they had much in common.

Dr. Angelou was very open about her difficult and unsettling childhood. She and her brother moved around the country from one family home to another. She spoke of traumas she experienced, her lack of education. She felt that being poor, black and uneducated meant there was no hope that she would ever have the full life she longed for.

Then came a rainbow in her cloud: her paternal grandmother, who told young Maya that one day she would be a teacher to millions and would do so in many languages. Her grandmother's love and support and steadfast belief in her helped Maya persevere and overcome her feelings of inferiority.

Dr. Angelou used the gift from her grandmother to become one of our most respected and beloved writers, poets and performers. She has given hope and encouragement to millions. Her role as a teacher has taken on many forms, perhaps even beyond what her grandmother imagined.

As Dr. Angelou spoke, I could not help but think of Grandma and Grandpa Peale, of *Guideposts* magazine, with its true stories of inspiration, and of Guideposts <u>Outreach Ministries</u> and the lives they touch through uplifting publications (distributed free to places like military bases, hospitals and shelters), <u>Comfort Kits</u> for Kids and prayer. Talk about being a rainbow in someone's cloud! Every day thousands of people are given the gift of hope through Guideposts, the company and magazine founded by my grandparents so many years ago.

Dr. Angelou gave me much to think about. I came away from that lunch feeling fed in more ways than one. I'm taking up her challenge to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. You never know how many lives you might ultimately touch by feeding someone's mind and soul. Look at how far her grandmother's gift took Maya Angelou.

#### Clear Away Your Spiritual Clutter by Sharon Hinck

Every now and then, Jesus reminds me to bring my focus back to what is absolutely essential. "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 As recent empty nesters, my husband and I have begun thinking about downsizing. It's amazing how much we've accumulated over the years. Sweaters seem to reproduce in the back of the closet. Papers bulge in file folders. Bins of outgrown toys fill the basement. As we sort through things to donate or sell, we have an opportunity to think about which items are really precious or needed, and which things are simply clutter. One of the challenges of sorting out clutter, is that I rarely have to make a simple choice between something good and bad. Instead, there are lots of good things—just too many of them. Working at de-cluttering my home, I thought about the rooms of my heart. I've also picked up some spiritual clutter along my way. I've been excited by a particular trend in worship, or embraced a specific spiritual discipline, or grappled with differing theological understandings of certain questions. But every now and then, Jesus reminds me to bring my focus back to what is absolutely essential—the simple core truth of His death and resurrection. I heard a story once that a leader of the Christian faith, with a wealth of intellect and scholarship at their disposal, was asked to summarize his beliefs. He chose to describe the central truth of the Gospel free from embellishment, in the words of the children's song, "Jesus loves me, this I know." When I quiet all my opinions, knowledge, and experiences, and everything else falls away, I can focus on that simple core truth, and rejoice.

#### 3 Ways to Spend the Summer with God by Bob Hostetler

The season invites us to enjoy longer and warmer days with some quiet, some friends and always in His presence. An online friend of mine wrote a prayer years ago that contained the phrase, "Come summer with me, Lord." The phrase stuck with me. I think of it often, especially as summer arrives. It reflects the desire of my heart and suggests at least three ways I can "summer with God" in the weeks ahead.

#### 1. Change Your Pace

So, if you summer with God, look for those opportunities to change your pace and invite God into it. Take a walk, for instance, instead of reflexively driving somewhere nearby. Take a break. Whether it's a beach vacation or a weekend away—or just a quick picnic in the park—find a time and place for some "down time" in which to send up a few prayers.

#### 2. Taste and See God's Goodness

The psalmist David sang, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8, NIV). The tastes of the season can help us to summer with God. Pour a tall glass of iced tea and summer with God as you sip. Slice a melon and pray for God to produce similarly rich fruit in your life. Invite friends to a cookout and pause a few times to mark the goodness of God in the gifts of food and friendship.

#### 3. Soak in the Sunshine

One of summer's delights is the sunshine and shade that makes the outdoors so, well, "outdoorsy." You may need to be more intentional to soak up the sun, but try finding a way to enact the words of Scripture: "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (Psalm 113:3, NIV).

#### Why Summer Is the Most Positive Season by: Holly Lebowitz Rossi

We can all embrace joy of the world blooming into its fullest glory. Let these three remarkable writers take you through an ideal summer day. "It was a splendid summer morning and it seemed as if nothing could go wrong," wrote the novelist John Cheever. "Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language," the 19th century American author Henry James once said. "The summer night is like the perfection of thought," the American poet Wallace Stevens adds. What is it about summertime—and by that I mean literally summer time, mornings, afternoons and nights—that so captures the imagination with the anticipation of fun, beauty and reflection? Summer taps us on the shoulders and asks us to look up at star-filled skies, to look down at colorful growing things, and to look around at the people we love to spend time with. Because summer is the most naturally abundant time of year, and because it invites us to slow down and take in every lush moment, I consider it to be the year's most positive season. Most of us don't exactly live lives of leisure, but some form of summer vacation is usually in the cards, or at least some quiet weekend days around outdoor tables or in backyard hammocks. Whether you travel to exotic mountains, oceans or lakes, or stick closer to home, the natural world seems to be at full fruition at this time of year. Farms are laden with produce, flowers grace neighborhood gardens and parks, turtles and frogs appear in ponds and rivers. And we tend to have more time to notice them. When we do, we too are in full bloom, reveling in the present moment because, having been through enough winters, we know how precious summer's warm ease really is. So each splendid summer morning, beautiful summer afternoon and thoughtful summer night, let the rich positivity of the season come over us like a cool, breezy blanket. The winter will return, as it must, but today we are here together, at summer's lush peak.



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July 23, 2021

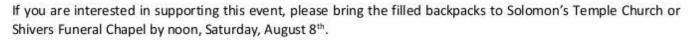
Greeting in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I am writing in hopes that you will consider supporting our <u>Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway</u>! We have a goal to fill <u>100 New Backpacks</u> to be donated to elementary, middle, and high school students for this upcoming school year.

We are asking that all participants donate new backpacks filled with school supplies as per grade shown on the reversed page. If you cannot purchase **B**ackpacks and/or **S**upplies, we would like for you to please consider a monetary donation. You can Cash-App us at \$STChurch00 with your donation, or you can mail your check payable to Solomon's Temple at one of the addresses listed below.

During this Olympic season, we will be identifying your donation as Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

- A Gold Medal would be a donation of 15 or more fully packed backpacks.
- A Silver Medal would be a donation of 10-14 fully packed backpacks.
- A Bronze Medal would be a donation of 1-9 fully packed backpacks.



Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. You can call our church office at (757) 357-9500 or email us at <a href="https://www.steertary1@gmail.com">steertary1@gmail.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Pastor K.D. and Co-Pastor Edith Shivers

\*Please note that your gifts are fully tax-deductible.



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#### New this year for Elementary: EACH STUDENT NEEDS TO BRING TWO PLASTIC SHOEBOX-SIZED CONTAINER TO KEEP ALL SUPPLIES IN. THESE WILL REMAIN IN THE CLASSROOM AND ITEMS WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH OTHER STUDENTS.

#### Kindergarten

Bookbag (without wheels) Pencil box (5 x 8), not zippered/not metal 3 boxes of 24-count crayons

- 6 large glue sticks
- 1 bottle of liquid glue
- 1 pack of markers
- 1 large block eraser
- 1 pair children's scissors (blunt tip)
- 1 regular-size box of tissues
- 2 2-pocket plastic folders (with brads)
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc-style freezer bags
- 1 pack of dry erase markers (low-odor preferred)
- 1 composition notebook (primary with no spirals)

#### 1 pack of colored pencils

Personal water bottle --- Water fountains will be turned off and hottle

#### filling station(s) available.

#### Second Grade

- 5 composition books (black/white)
- 3 plastic folders w/ 2 pockets and prongs
- 1 package wide loose-leaf paper
- 48 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 2 boxes of 24-count crayons
- 1 ruler with inches/centimeters (not millimeters)
- 1 pair of child-safe scissors
- 2 large soft erasers or 1 pack of cap erasers
- 16 glue sticks
- 1 boxes of tissues
- Ziploc-style bags (gallon) girls
- Ziploc-style bags (sandwich boys
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 pencil box 5 x 8
- 1 4-pack of dry erase markers
- 1 pack index cards

Personal water bottle --- Water fountains will be turned off and bottle filling station(s) available.

#### Fourth Grade

· 24 pre-sharpened pencils · 1 poly folders w/prongs · 3 composition notebooks · 3 1-inch binders · 1 student agenda (available at WSES PTA School Store for \$5) • 1 pair of scissors • 12 glue sticks • 1 box of 24 crayons 1 box of 12 colored pencils • 2 highlighters • 4 Expo dry erase markers · 2 packs notebook paper · 1 pair ear buds 1 pencil box • 2 boxes of tissues • 1 container of disinfecting wipes • 1 bottle of hand sanitizer \*Please note that your child's teacher may ask for a few additional supplies specific to their classroom. This is a general list for all 4th grade classes.

#### Fifth Grade

 3 plastic/poly folders with pockets (red, yellow, blue) Ticonderoga pencils • 1 2-inch binder

- 1 package of dividers (for binders) 1 pair of scissors 12 Elmer's glue sticks • 1 box 24 Crayola crayons OR 1 box 12 Crayola colored pencils • 1 box cap erasers OR 1 package handheld erasers · 2 Sharpie highlighters 4 Expo dry erase markers • 2 packs wide-ruled
- notebook paper . 1 box zip-top bags (boys-quart; girlsgallon) • 1 pair ear buds • 1 pencil box/pouch
- 2 boxes of tissues 1 container of disinfecting wipes 1 medium/large bottle of hand sanitizer
- 5 spiral notebooks
   2 packs ruled index cards
- 1 student agenda (available at WSES PTA School Store for \$5)

#### First Grade

- 1 pair of child-safe scissors
- 4 dry-erase markers 1 half-inch vinyl binder
- 1 plastic pocket folder 1 box #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of 24-count crayons
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 hard-covered composition book
- 1 primary journal
- 2 box of tissues
- 2 block erasers
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 1 package of 3x5 white index cards
- Personal water bottle Water fountains will be turned off and hottle
- filling station(s) available.

#### Third Grade

- 1 pencil pouch (sturdy, zippered, 3-holed)
- 1 pack of wide ruled loose-leaf paper
- 3 plastic folders with pockets and brads
- 4 black dry erase markers (wide tip)
- 1 pair of child-safe scissors
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 6 composition notebooks
- 48 #2 pencils (yellow)
- 2 pack of colored pencils
- 4 highlighters (yellow)
- 1 box of crayons (24 or less)
- 25 glue sticks
- 1 pack of construction paper (any color)
- 2 block erasers
- 1 1-inch binder (any color)
- 10 dividers for binder

#### Personal water bottle — Water fountains will be turned off and bottle filling station(s) available. K-3 Optional Teacher Wish List

Ziploc-style bags (gallon, sandwich, and snack sizes) Additional highlighters (yellow preferred) Additional composition books Crayola markers & Colored pencils

Sixth Grade 2-2" three-ring binders 2-packs of tab dividers 1-pack of colored printer paper or cardstock 2-composition notebooks 1-pack of index cards Agenda/Weekly Planner Dry Erase Markers

#### Seventh Grade

4-3-ring binders for each subject (2-3 inch) 2-packs of tab dividers Pencils/Pens 1-plastic 3 prong pocket folder 3x5 Index cards Composition/journal notebook for English Spiral notebook for Math Loose leaf paper Highlighters Dry Erase Markers

#### **Eighth Grade**

4-2" three ring binders for each subject 1-1" binder 6 -packs of loose leaf paper 4-packs of index cards(3x5) 5-packs of tab dividers 1-large 3 ring binder 1-marble notebook Graph paper Five-star heavy duty folder Highlighters Ruler

#### High School Supplies

12 - #2 Pencils 2 - Glue Sticks 1 - Bottle of White Glue 1 - Pink Eraser 1 - White Eraser 1 - Pkg. Washable Felt Markers 1 - Pair of Scissors 1 - Pencil Case 10 - Pocket Folders 2 - Pkg. Lined Notebook Paper 1 - Pkg. Plain Copy Paper 10 - Blue Pens 3 - Red Pens 1 - Ruler 1 - Pkg. Pencil Crayons 2 - 1" Binders 8 - Subject Dividers 1 - Scientific Calculator 1 - Geometry Set 1 - Pocket Dictionary 1 - Thesaurus 1 - Pencil Sharpener 3 - Highlighter Pens 1 - Agenda Book/Student Planner 1 - Stapler 1 - Staple Remover

- 1 Bottle Correction Fluid
- 3 Mechanical Pencils
- 1 Pkg Pencil Leads



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> generous or poor by being greedy. 25 Generosity will be rewarded: Give a cup of water, and you will receive a cup of water in return. Proverbs 11:24-25 (CEV) 24 Sometimes you can become rich by being



# Date/Time/ Locations:

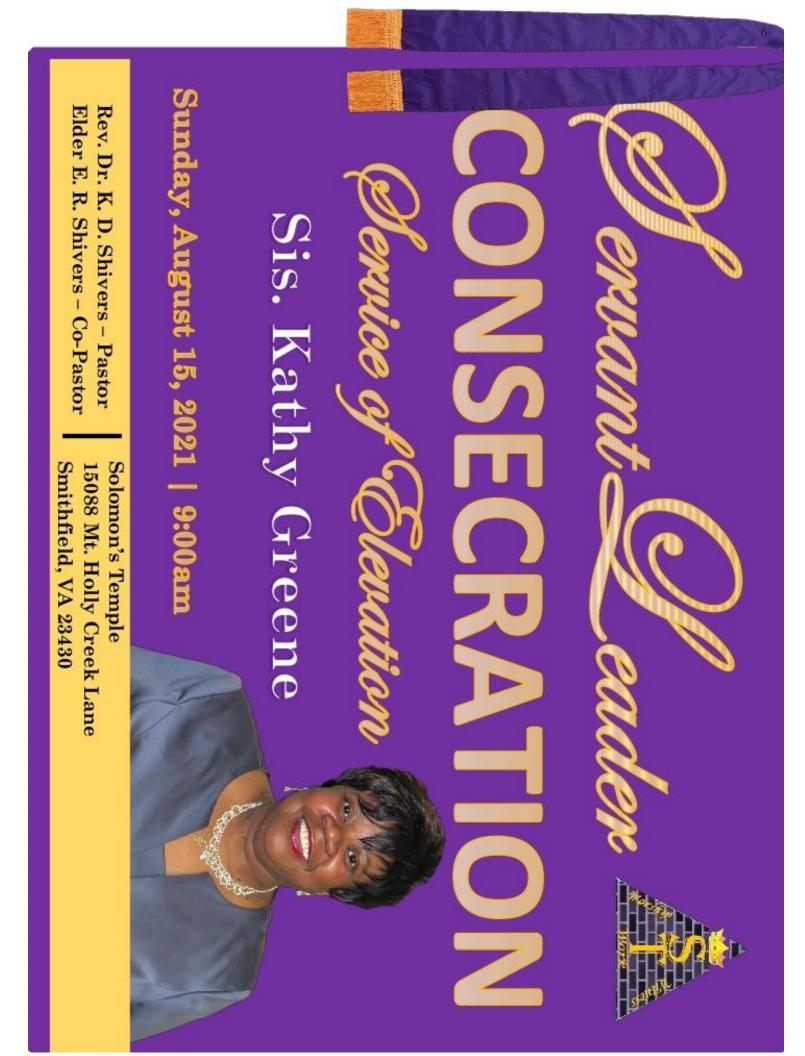
Bradford Mews Apartment, Jersey Park Apartment Saturday, August 21, 2021 @11:00am-12:00pm **Cedar Street Apartment** 

# BACK TO SCHOOL

ALL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, STAFF, FACULTY AND AUTHORIZED AGENTS



Solomon's Temple would like to acknowledge YOU during our Please REGISTER by Calling (757) 357-9500 or Registration Ends 12pm, Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Service on Sunday, August 22, 2021 STSecretary1@gmail.com



## **August Kingdom Schedule**

#### August Scriptures

8/1 1 John 1: 5-9
8/8 James 1:16-18
8/15 Psalm 119:105-109
8/22 John 8:12-16
8/29 1 Peter 2:9-12

#### Welcome Schedule

8/1 Sis. Wendy Green
8/8 Sis. Sheila Brown
8/15 Sis. Tanisha White
8/22 Sis. Vernessa Black
8/29 Sis. Alice Day

#### Door Opener

Bro. Ray Holmes

#### Worship Leaders Schedule

- 8/1 Elder Karen Lee
- 8/8 Sis. Wendy Green
- 8/15 Min. Cynthia Edwards
- 8/22 MIT Sylvia Gundy
- 8/29 Min. Ernest Ruffin

#### **Servant Leaders Schedule**

8/1 Sis. Phyllis Duck

- 8/8 Sis. Wendy Green
- 8/15 Sis. Lucy Watkins
- 8/22 Bro. Donald Watkins
- 8/29 Sis. Wendy Johnson

#### **Communion Bowls**

Bro. Donald Watkins Sis. Wendy Johnson



#### CID Lessons for the month of August

No CID or Bible Study for the month of August. However, the lessons are listed below to read/study at your convenience.

- 8/3 A Necessary Faith Hebrews 11:1-8, 13-16
- 8/10 A Patient, Persevering Faith Hebrews 10:23-36
- 8/17 A Conquering Faith 1 John 4:2-3, 13-17 & 1 John 5:4-5
- 8/24 An Eternal Hope 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 & 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- 8/31 Praise with Music Exodus 15:11-21





#### 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.

#### **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 <u>stsecretary1@gmail.com</u>.

### **August Schedule of Events**

Date	Time	Event
8/2/21	7:00pm	Servant Leaders conference call meeting
8/3/21		No CID/Bible Study
8/4/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/5/21	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
8/8/21		Bring packed book bags to the church/chapel for the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway
8/10/21		No CID/Bible Study
8/11/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/12/21	6:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
8/15/21	9:00am	Consecration service for Servant Leader Kathy Greene
8/17/21		No CID/Bible Study
8/18/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/19/21	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
8/22/21	9:00am	Acknowledging all school administration, staff, faculty, and authorized agents
8/24/21		No CID/Bible Study
8/25/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/26/21	6:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
8/31/21		No CID/Bible Study

#### 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 <u>"Care Teams"</u> 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

#### 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.

#### 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** 

#### Verse of the Month

"And he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Luke 22:46, ESV)

	Þ	August		NO		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	<b>2.</b> 7:00pm Servant Leaders conference call meeting	<b>3.</b> No CID/Bible Study	<b>4.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Sarah Hatton Hilja Diggs-Cypress Korl Smith	<b>5.</b> 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal Davion Archer Jala Johnson	ē	<b>7.</b> Happy Anniversary Vincent & Barbara Jones
8. Bring packed backpacks to church or chapel	<u>9</u>	<b>10.</b> No CID/Bible Study	<b>11.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Carl Duck Tami Drew	<b>12.</b> 6:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal Donald Wells	<b>13.</b> Kamryn Smith	14.
<b>15.</b> 9:00am Consecration service for Sis. Kathy Greene Lenore Williams	<b>16.</b> Stacy Turner	<b>17.</b> No CID/Bible Study Shenille Davis	<b>18.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Sheila Brown	<b>19.</b> 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	<b>20.</b> Kingsley Shivers	21.
<b>22.</b> 9:00am service Acknowledging all school administration, staff, faculty and authorized agents Theodore Gundy	23.	<b>24.</b> No CID/Bible Study	<b>25.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Prayer	<b>26.</b> 6:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	27.	<b>28.</b> Bertram Blackwell
29.	<b>30.</b> Happy Anniversary Bertram & Toni Blackwell Barry & Elaine Nichols	<b>31.</b> No CID/Bible Study Happy Anniversary Willie & Stacy Turner				

Appreciation and love makes people feel more important than almost anything else you can give them.

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#### **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 Bro. Stanley Robinson Sis. Dorothy Robinson Bro. Charles Turner Sis. Shirley Haskins Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson **Bereaved Families** 



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

#### 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 <u>www.solomonstemplechurch.net</u> accepts <u>Checks and Credit Cards</u>
- Cash App <u>\$STCHURCH00</u>
- 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 - <u>\$FUNERALS1</u>

Co-Pastor Shivers - <u>\$ESFIRSTLADY</u>

Congratulations Seniah for being a part of the Emerging Leaders group. We are so proud of you. Love you. Mom and Dad



#### August Birthdays – Happy Birthday 10

#### August Anniversary - Happy Anniversary



August 7<sup>th</sup> Vincent & Barbara Jones

August 30<sup>th</sup> Bertram & Toni Blackwell

August 30<sup>th</sup> Barry & Elaine Nichols

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Willie & Stacy Turner



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

New and Revised New Disciples Orientation Sessions & Teachers Schedule

**Session I: Introduction to Christ and Spiritual Transitions** Teachers: SL Lucy Watkins, SL Turekia White, Min. Cynthia Edwards, Elder Edith Shivers

Session II: Christian Growth Teachers: SL Donald Watkins, SL Shirley Haskins, Elder Sarah Hatton, MIT Sylvia Gundy

Session III: Kingdom Work Teachers: SL Wendy Johnson, SL Kathy Greene, Elder Karen Lee, Min. Bertram Blackwell

Session IV: Biblical Foundation for Evangelism Teachers: SL Phyllis Duck, Min. Ernest Ruffin, Elder Wayne Hatton

Session V: Stewardship (Tithes=Treasures) Teachers: SL Wendy Green, SL Michael Green, Elder Margaret Thomas, MIT Kinston Shivers

All sessions will be held on Tuesdays @ 6:00pm on the conference line until further notice. Asking the Ministers-In-Training to listen in on all sessions.

#### **Upcoming Events**

(Some dates/events are subject to change)

#### September 2021

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Leading Lady Day
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Honoring S. T. Seniors
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Co-Pastor Shivers' Birthday
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shivers preach at New
	Bethany Church – Fall Revival
October 2021	
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Clergy Appreciation Day
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor & Church Anniversary
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shivers preach at
	Triumph-In Victory Church
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Couples Rap Session
November 2021	
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Election Day
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Harvest Revival
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Advent
December 2021	
Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Celebration
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day

#### Remember that God provides us with good Gifts

New Year's Eve/Celebration

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

#### National Immunization Awareness Month11by Marketing Teamwww.fnu.edu

National Immunization Month is in August. It is also the beginning of back-to-school preparations, and a good time to make sure your children are properly vaccinated before they head back to school. Shots, or vaccines, help prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. Vaccines are not just for kids – adults need to get vaccinated to stay protected from serious illnesses too, especially, the flu, measles, and pneumonia.

The Centers for Disease Control says National Immunization Month was founded by the National Public Health Information Coalition "to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages." There is no one preventive health measure more important than immunization. As the World Health Organization (WHO) notes, the international medical community has endorsed the use of vaccines and immunization to prevent and control a number of infectious diseases, as well as chronic diseases caused by "infectious agents." Vaccinating your child can avoid suffering and death associated with afflictions like diarrhea, measles, pneumonia, polio and whooping cough.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says vaccines are 99% effective. Every vaccine goes through a series of tests before being approved to ensure safety. Vaccines are necessary to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Some diseases that many had thought eradicated have reappeared, as polio did in Venezuela in 2018. Vaccines are studied intensively by the FDA, the CDC and many other organizations that vigilantly in keep watch over existing vaccines for possible complications.

**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.

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty. ~ Author Unknown

Thought to Ponder: The measure of our poverty or of our wealth is the love we give and the love we receive.

To fear is to expect punishment. To love is to know we are immersed not in darkness, but in light. Mother Teresa