

December 2021

Temple News



Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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We pray for you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May our heavenly Father bless you with love, peace, and joy.

Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers

6 Christmas Bible Verses to Inspire Love and Peace *by Pablo Diaz*

Words that build our faith and help us to grasp God's love for the world. Reading the Nativity story and the many Bible verses about the coming of Christ fills our hearts with joy as we grasp God's love for the world. These verses expand our understanding of God and deepen our love of Christ.

The Gospel depicts the events, words and experiences of those connected to the birth of the newborn child and what His birth means to us. As we enjoy the season, let us pause to reflect on some of the Scriptures that point us to the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. In doing so, may we experience His presence and peace.

- 1) **God with Us (Isaiah 7:14)** "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel."
- 2) **Counselor for Us (Isaiah 9:6)** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
- 3) **Savior for Us (Luke 2:11)** "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."
- 4) **Peace for Us (Luke 2:14)** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."
- 5) **Forgiveness for Us (Matthew 1:21)** "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins."
- 6) **Joy for Us (Luke 2:9-10)** "Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!'"

These verses have a wonderful way of feeding our faith during the holiday season. We can write them in our journal or share them with family and friends on Christmas cards or social media. And by re-telling the Nativity story in church or during family gatherings, we can keep the Spirit of Christ on our minds and in our hearts.

Lord, help us reflect on Your love during this Christmas season and may we be filled with Your peace and joy.



December Kingdom Schedule

December Scriptures

12/5 Matthew 1:18-23
 12/12 Matthew 2:7-11
 12/19 John 1:9-14
 12/26 Revelation 19:11-16

Welcome Schedule

12/5 Elder Karen Lee
 12/12 Jai'Ciana Brock
 12/19 MIT Sylvia Gundy
 12/26 Min. Bertram Blackwell

Door Opener

MIT Kinston Shivers

Worship Leaders Schedule

12/5 Elder Wayne Hatton
 12/12 Sis. Turekia White
 12/19 Elder Sarah Hatton
 12/26 Min. Ernest Ruffin

Servant Leaders Schedule

12/5 Sis. Wendy Green
 12/12 Sis. Turekia White
 12/19 Bro. James Green, Sr.
 12/26 Sis. Lucy Watkins

Communion Bowls

Bro. James Green, Sr.
 Sis. Lucy Watkins



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.

CID sessions/Bible Study for the month of December

Teachers for the month:

Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas, Elder Karen Lee, and Sis. Wendy Johnson

12/7 Elder Margaret S. Thomas | Justice and Kindness | 2 Samuel 9:1-7, 9-12
 Sis. Wendy Johnson | Justice and Righteousness | Isaiah 9:2-7

12/14 Elder Karen Lee | Justice and Deliverance | Nahum 1:1-3, 6-8, 12-13, 15
 The Team | Justice, Vengeance, and Mercy | Genesis 4:1-15

12/21 No CID session or Bible Study

12/28 No CID session or Bible Study



Verse of the Month

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" *Jeremiah 29:11, ESV*

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.

December Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
12/1/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/2/21	6:00pm/6:30pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Christmas Choir rehearsal
12/5/21	3:00pm	Pastor Shivers will preach at Mt. Tabor C.O.G.I.C. for their church anniversary
12/6/21	6:30pm	Solomon's Council Zoom meeting
12/7/21	6:30pm	CID session on Zoom
12/8/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/9/21	5:30pm/6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal/Christmas Choir rehearsal
12/10/21	6:30pm	Seasoned Saints meeting on Zoom
12/10/21	7:30pm	Friday Night Zoom Hour of Power service. Messenger: Min. Bertram Blackwell
12/13/21	6:30pm	Solomon's Council Zoom meeting
12/14/21	6:30pm	CID session on Zoom
12/15/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/16/21	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
12/17/21	6:30pm	Friday Night Zoom Hour of Power service – Messenger: Min. Cynthia Edwards
12/19/21	TBA	Christmas Celebration on Facebook
12/21/21		No CID session/Bible Study
12/22/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/23/21		No Choir rehearsals
12/24/21	All Day	Christmas Eve
12/25/21	All Day	Christmas Day
12/28/21		No CID session/Bible Study
12/29/21	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/30/21		No Choir rehearsals
12/31/21	All Day/8:00pm	New Year's Eve/New Year's Eve service at the church

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.

December Spiritual Support Care Team

Sis. Lucy Watkins and Co-Pastor Edith Shivers

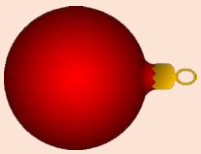
He gives us **comfort** in all our troubles. Then we can **comfort** other people who have the same troubles.
We give the same kind of **comfort God** gives us." **2 Corinthians 1:4**

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry is in Full Effect!

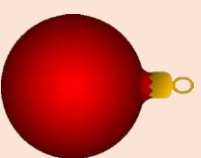
Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, in-outpatient surgeries and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death). We have "**Care Teams**" for each month that is willing and ready to contact you. We love our church family and we believe love is not what it says – it's what it does.

December Care Team

Sis. Wanda Clarke, Sis. Ebony Clarke and Sis. Darnelle Jefferson



December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	2. 6:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal 6:30pm Christmas Choir rehearsal	3.	4.
5. 2022 Accept/decline forms due 3:00pm Pastor Shivers preach at Mt. Tabor COGIC	6. 6:30pm Solomon's Council will meet	7. 6:30pm CID session	8. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	9. 5:30pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal 6:00pm Christmas Choir rehearsal	10. 6:30pm Seasoned Saints Zoom meeting 7:30pm Friday Night Hour of Power service on Zoom	11.
12.	13. 6:30pm Solomon's Council will meet	14. 6:30pm CID session	15. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	16. 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	17. 6:30pm Friday Night Hour of Power service on Zoom	18.
19. Christmas Celebration on Facebook	20.	21. No CID/Bible Study	22. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	23. No Choir rehearsal	24. Christmas Eve	25. Christmas Day
26.	27.	28. No CID/Bible Study	29. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	30. No Choir rehearsal	31. 8:00pm New Year's Eve service New Year's Eve	

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

December Birthdays – Happy Birthday

Quenten Turner	December 9 th
Kimesia Burrell	December 10 th
Dana Cary	December 20 th
Christian Turner	December 24 th
Mor’Netra Johnson	December 24 th
Melvin Turner, Sr.	December 26 th
Jordan Elliott	December 30 th
Travis “TJ” Holloway Jr.	December 30 th



The Meaning of Christmas *by Peola Hicks*

I have learned that I can give something that money can't buy: Praying for others is a gift.

My favorite Christmas carol is “Joy to the World.” I love its inviting lyrics: “Joy to the world/The Lord is come/Let Earth receive her king/Let every heart prepare him room...”

It clearly declares that Christ Jesus has come to bring us joy. In order to receive the joy, we all must open our hearts and make room for him. This is a very busy season, and we sometimes clutter our hearts with so many other things that the joy of his coming—the essence of Christmas—is lost.

Christmas is joyful because it is a time of hope. The king of glory has come to lighten our load. He has come to give us peace and find a place in our hearts. Sometimes we wonder why we continue the same traditions, the same songs, year after year. I believe each year is a reminder of how Jesus wants to live in our hearts and fill us with joy. He has come, and now the opportunity exists for everyone to receive him. When we have the joy of the Lord there is no doubt that he will make a road in the wilderness and give us light for our darkness.

Each year I ask myself how I can make more room for him. Since the day after Thanksgiving, I have been bombarded with savings coupons and people asking me, “Are you ready for Christmas?” I hesitate before I answer the question, because I know the real question is, “Have you completed your shopping?” Buying gifts for others has become synonymous with the meaning of Christmas. I love giving and receiving gifts, but it is secondary. It is a byproduct of Christmas. I want my motive for giving to be because my heart has expanded to love not only my family, but also those I have never met. I have learned that I can give something that money can't buy. Praying for others is a gift.

I pray that we will continue singing Christmas carols that remind us of joy that has come and can exist in spite of circumstances. Merry Christmas and let's look forward to a blessed New Year.



December Anniversary Happy Anniversary

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Sherman & Shirley Haskins
December 21st



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



Prayer List

Pastor K. D. Shivers
Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
Sis. Lonnie Batten
Bro. Joe Batten
Sis. Vernell Brown
Sis. Mary Diggs
Sis. Connie Payne
Sis. Ruby Clarke
Bro. Charles Turner
Bro. Junious Little
Sis. Florence Turner
Bro. Willie Turner Sr.
Sis. Frances Wells-Robertson
Sis. Angela Batten
Sis. Phyllis Wiggins
Sis. Sheila Brown
Sis. Shirley Haskins
Bro. Stanley Robinson
Sis. Dorothy Robinson
Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!



Mark Your Calendar



Solomon's Temple Church Bridge and Youth Ministries present: A Virtual Merry Christmas Sunday, December 19, 2021. Service will be on Solomon's Temple Facebook page. There will be a play, praise dance, scripture reading, Christmas Choir in concert and an inspirational Christmas message from Pastor K. D. Shivers.

Twelve Days of Christmas – Keith “Wonderboy” Johnson

Alright everybody, come on, let's celebrate Jesus!

On the first day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

He gave me the victory

On the second day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Two shoutin' shoes and He gave me the victory

On the third day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the fourth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the fifth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the sixth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the seventh day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the eighth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Eight angels watching; Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the ninth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Nine wise deacons; Eight angels watching; Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the tenth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Ten voices harmonizing; Nine wise deacons; Eight angels watching; Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the eleventh day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Eleven willing workers; Ten voices harmonizing; Nine wise deacons; Eight angels watching; Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory

On the twelfth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me

Twelve months to lift Him; Eleven willing workers; Ten voices harmonizing; Nine wise deacons; Eight angels watching; Seven days of praying; Six musicians playing; Five songs to sing; Four mighty missionaries; Three prayin' preachers; Two shoutin' shoes; And He gave me the victory



Why Is Jesus the Reason for the Season?

There's a lot of conversation and, honestly, a bit of controversy about Christmas and its celebration being on December 25. Why? Some say Christmas was created to counter a pagan holiday and worldly approach and not necessarily a celebration on the day of Jesus' actual birth. Regardless of how many celebrations there are, one truth remains. None except Christmas offer true hope. Only the birth of Jesus gives us that.

God sent us His son, through the virgin birth of Mary, to offer salvation for the world. The Christmas season is meant to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but the gift of His life, death, and resurrection. Christ, the hope of the world, loves you and me. He's available when we simply call on His name. He forgives our sins and assures us of a future in heaven. He comforts and brings hope. Why not celebrate Him and His birth and make Jesus the reason for the season?



Thoughts to Ponder

“I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” – *Luke 2:10 & 11*

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” – *Isaiah 9:6*

“If you desire to find the true spirit of Christmas and partake of the sweetness of it, let me make this suggestion to you. During the hurry of the festive occasion of this Christmas season, find time to turn your heart to God” – *Howard W. Hunter*

“Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last minute rush” – *Mother Teresa*

“The true celebration of Christmas is when we ponder afresh the grace of God who became human, entered history through a virgin’s womb, and brought redemption to the world” – *David Jeremiah*

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart” – *Helen Keller*

“God sent a star to light the night for the Way, the Truth, the Life – His Son. He sent the Light of Life to prove His heart so we would invite His Son into our own. God has given us all the light we’ll ever need to find peace on earth, good will to men” – *Pamela F. Dowd*

“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most”
Ruth Carter Stapleton



Attention Solomon’s Temple Disciples

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

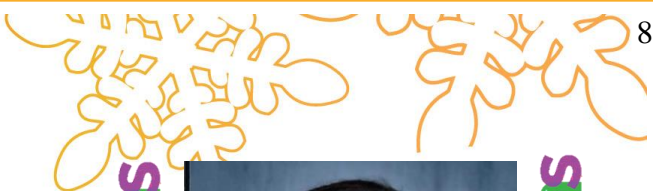
Church website www.solomonstemplechurch.net accepts **Checks** and **Credit Cards**

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 are:

Pastor Shivers - **\$FUNERALS1**

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



Congratulations Seniah for making the AB Honor Roll. We are so proud of you.

If You Look for Me at Christmas, you won’t need a special star ~ I’m no longer just in Bethlehem, I’m right there where you are. You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations ~ You’ll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do, And listen to your heart, you’ll find I’m waiting there for you. You’re the one I want to be with, you’re the reason that I came, And you’ll find Me in the stillness as I’m whispering your name. Love Jesus



2021 Friday Night **Zoom** Hour of Power Services
Friday, December 10th at 7:30pm
Messenger: Minister Bertram Blackwell
Friday, December 17th at 6:30pm
Messenger: Minister Cynthia Edwards

