

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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March 2022

4 New Ways to Give Up Something for Lent by Bob Hostetler

We often give up a food or some pleasure. But there are other ways to prayerfully observe this time before Easter. You won't find Lent mentioned in the Bible. The Christian observance of a period of repentance and self-denial leading up to Easter seems to have originated, however, at least as early as the 2nd century when the Greek cleric Irenaeus wrote about a pre-Easter fast that dated back to "our forefathers," the apostles.

But the spirit of Lent can be found throughout Scripture and may suggest ways to enrich your observance in new ways. Here are four things you might give up, as an act of prayer during this special season.

1) Plans

When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to tell her that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God, she already had other plans. She was engaged. She probably expected to lead a quiet, provincial life as the wife of a village artisan. But those plans changed soon after the angel said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28, ESV).

Amazingly, Mary replied to the angel's announcement with, "let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38, ESV). It's unlikely she knew any but the tiniest piece of how her plans—her life—would change, but she surrendered and took up God's plans instead. Are there plans you can prayerfully surrender into God's hands this Lenten season?

2) Expectations

Mary and Martha had to have known what had to be done when the Teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, visited in their home. As the women of the house, they would've been expected to prepare a meal—or several—for everyone in the Teacher's orbit. But Mary chose what was "better," according to Jesus (see Luke 10:42). She let go of others' expectations—even those of her sister—and focused on Jesus. Are there some expectations you can prayerfully let go of this Lenten season?

3) Possessions

When Jesus dined as the guest of Zacchaeus, the tax collector responded gratefully, "Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus replied, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:8-9, NIV). What better sign of repentance and salvation to make this Lent than to give generously to someone in need?

4) Bias

The culturally acceptable route for Jesus and His followers to take from Judea to Galilee would have been to cross the Jordan River in order to avoid going through Samaria. But Jesus not only took the Samaritan route, He also stopped at a well in Sychar and spoke to a Samaritan woman. With His actions that day, He rejected numerous religious and cultural prejudices—and brought salvation to many in that area (see John 4:1-42). Are there biases you can prayerfully lay down or somehow reject this Lenten season?

Whatever else you may do to observe Lent, why not try something new?

Men's Ministry Events

Month of March 2022

Men come together to pray every Monday evening during the month of March on the conference line. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Pastor/ All Men (**LENTEN MEDITATION**)

Objective: Men will come together daily or weekly during the evening to pray.



Month of April 2022

Church Spring Cleaning. Saturday, April 9th. R. Holmes / J. Britt / K. Shivers

Objective: To gather all Solomon's Temple men, their sons, and their grandsons to assist in the outside cleaning of our Church. To beautify the building using teamwork while fellowshiping. A small lunch will be provided. **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

Carrying of the Cross. Saturday, April 16th. D. Watkins / W. Hatton

Objective: To allow ALL viewing individuals to see and then reminisce on what Jesus did for them. The focus is the **Cross**. To have men carry the cross down Church Street and back. Women to sing. Van to follow for those unable to make the walk. Will need police escort.

Easter Sunday. Sunday, April 17th. He Rose!!

Month of May 2022

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. W. Hatton / S. Robinson

Objective: To ensure that our women are not overlooked on Mother's Day.



Month of June 2022

Father's Day is Sunday June 19th. Men's Day is Sunday, June 26th. K. Shivers / E. Ruffin / T. Rawls

Objective: To prepare and possibly have Men's Day service.

NOTE: This year our Men Ministers will be Messengers.

Month of July 2022

Men's Outing. Date to Be Determined. M. Green / T. Gundy / J. Britt / T. Rawls

Objective: Men to fellowship in fun activities.



"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." – *Nora Roberts*

Women's Ministry Events

Month of March 2022

Women's Ministry speak-out on the topic:

"A woman or woman of the Bible that influenced me."

Speakers: Sis. Lucy Watkins, MIT Sylvia Gundy
Sis. Kenya Hargrove and Sis. Shenille Davis



Month of April 2022

Sunday, April 3rd

Women are asked wear something white

Sunday, April 10th (Palm Sunday)

Women are asked to wear something pink

Sunday, April 17th (Easter Sunday)

Women are asked to wear pastel colors

Sunday, April 24th

Women are asked to wear something light blue



"The ministry of Christianity is the ministry of the Spirit. It is the Spirit of God that inhabits the words, that speaks to the spirit of another and reveals Christ in and through him." *John G. Lake*

JOY APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Apostle Brenda Parrish

THE RELAUNCH OF THE Women Of Virtue Ministry

12TH MARCH @ 3:00 PM WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Rev. Carmen Scoggins Elder Ira Pinkney

Evangelist Rita Britt Elder Edith Shivers

1330 HOLLAND RD. SUFFOLK, VA. 23434

March Kingdom Schedule

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Worship Leaders Schedule

3/6 Elder Sarah Hatton
3/13 Bro. Donald Watkins
3/20 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers
3/27 Min. Cynthia Edwards



Door Opener

MIT Kinston Shivers

Servant Leaders Schedule

3/6 Sis. Wendy Johnson
3/13 Bro. Donald Watkins
3/20 Sis. Shirley Haskins
3/27 Sis. Kathy Greene

Communion

Sis. Lucy Watkins



CID sessions for the month of March 2022

There will be No CID sessions or Bible Study for the Month

3/1 No CID | Ash Wednesday service
3/8 No CID | Freed from Captivity | Ezra 1:1-8, 11 and Ezra 2:64-70
3/15 No CID | Free to Worship | Ezra 6:1-12
3/22 No CID | Free to Celebrate | Ezra 6:13-22
3/29 No CID | Free Because of the Lord | Deuteronomy 8:1-11



“A Christian leader is one who knows the way, shows the way, and goes the way.”

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.



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
3/1/22		No CID session or Bible Study
3/2-5/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/2/22	7:00pm	Emmanuel Baptist Church will join us for Ash Wednesday service at the church
3/3/22	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
3/4/22	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the conference line
3/4/22	6:30pm	Friday Night Lenten service on Zoom – Speaker: Bro. James Green, Sr.
3/7-12/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/8/22	6:30pm	Lenten service on Facebook – Messenger: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
3/10/22	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
3/11/22	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the conference line
3/11/22	6:30pm	Friday Night Lenten service on Zoom – Speaker: Sis. Lucy Watkins
3/12/22	3:00pm	Co-Pastor Shivers will preach at Joy Apostolic Ministries, 1330 Holland Rd., Suffolk, VA 23434
3/13/22	After service	Sis. Wendy Green asks disciples to remain after service for a brief church meeting
3/14-19/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/14/22	6:30pm	Women's Ministry meeting
3/15/22	6:30pm	Lenten service on Facebook – Messenger: Min. Cynthia Edwards
3/17/22	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
3/18/22	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the conference line
3/18/22	6:30pm	Friday Night Lenten service on Zoom – Speaker: Sis. Phyllis Duck
3/21-26/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/22/22	6:30pm	Lenten service on Facebook – Messenger: Elder Wayne Hatton
3/24/22	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
3/25/22	12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer on the conference line
3/25/22	6:30pm	Friday Night Lenten service on Zoom – Speaker: Sis. Shirley Haskins
3/29/22	6:30pm	Lenten service on Facebook – Messenger: Min. Ernest Ruffin
3/30/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/31/22	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal

Attention Ministry Contact Persons

2022 Ministry Agendas are due Sunday, March 13th. Please give your agendas to Elder Thomas on or before this date. Thank You.





Lent – 40 Days of Renewal



The Significance of Lent

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

 <h1>March 2022</h1> 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. No CID/Bible Study	2. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Ash Wednesday service	3. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	4. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night Lenten service	5. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Jennifer Britt
6.	7. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	8. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Lenten service	9. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Ariana Parker Jerrica Taylor	10. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	11. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night Lenten service	12. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 3:00pm Co-Pastor Shivers will preach at Joy Apostolic Ministries
13. 2022 Ministry Agenda due Sis. Wendy Green will meet with disciples after service	14. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Women's Ministry meeting Ebony Clarke	15. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Lenten service	16. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	17. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	18. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night Lenten service Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd, Jr.	19. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer
20. Wendy Green Craig Clarke	21. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	22. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Lenten service	23. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	24. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	25. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day Prayer 6:30pm Friday Night Lenten service	26. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Kayla Williams
27.	28.	29. 6:30pm Lenten service Happy Anniversary Samuel & Tami Drew	30. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	31. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal Angela Batten		

Verse of the Month

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Ephesians 2:10.

March Birthdays – Happy Birthday

Jennifer Britt	March 5 th
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



March Anniversary - 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.

2022 Servant Leaders Friday Night Lenten Schedule

Friday, March 4 th	Bro. James Green, Sr. – Speaker Sis. Wendy Green – Worship Leader
Friday, March 11 th	Sis. Lucy Watkins – Speaker Bro. Donald Watkins – Worship Leader
Friday, March 18 th	Sis. Phyllis Duck – Speaker Sis. Turekia White – Worship Leader
Friday, March 25 th	Sis. Shirley Haskins – Speaker Sis. Wendy Johnson – Worship Leader
Friday, April 1 st	Sis. Wendy Green – Speaker Sis. Kathy Greene – Worship Leader

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. Shirley Haskins
Bro. Stanley Robinson
Sis. Dorothy Robinson
Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

2022 Levite Lenten Schedule

Messengers for the Lenten services are as follows:

Tuesday, March 8 th	Elder Margaret S. Thomas
Tuesday, March 15 th	Min. Cynthia Edwards
Tuesday, March 22 nd	Elder Wayne Hatton
Tuesday, March 29 th	Min. Ernest Ruffin
Tuesday, April 5 th	Elder Sarah Hatton
Tuesday, April 12 th	Holy Week Revival



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 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.

March Care Team

Sis. Tanisha White, Sis. Desiree Brown, and Sis. Dana Cary

CONGRATULATIONS!

Solomon's Temple Youth
Seniah Cypress



Congratulations to Seniah for making the Principal's List.

Kristiana Smith



Congratulations to Kristiana for making the Honor Roll for the 2nd nine-weeks.

Kamryn Smith



Kamryn is doing well in all categories of academics and social interaction. Picture of Kamryn at school.

Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace. ~ Confucius

Health Care Ministry – Health Awareness March Is:

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is recognized and celebrated each year during the month of March. In 1987, President Ronald Reagan recognized Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to “increase public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans who face developmental disabilities and to provide the opportunities they need in order to live productive lives and to achieve their full potential.” According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, developmental disabilities are defined as impairments in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas, which include Autism spectrum disorders, Cerebral Palsy, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, intellectual or learning disabilities, hearing loss, vision impairment, and other developmental delays.

Recent estimates from the CDC show that in the United States, one in six children between the ages of three and seventeen have one or more developmental disabilities. Many private and public organizations, such as the CDC, work to better understand developmental disabilities by studying how common developmental disabilities are, who is more likely to have them and whether there are changes in the disability over time. Along with that, identifying the factors that put children at risk for developmental disabilities, studying the possible cause, and lastly, improving identification of developmental delays early on so children and families can get the support and services they need.

Ways in which National Disabilities Development Awareness Month can be celebrated and promoted is by wearing the official ribbon or clothing with the colors yellow and blue, writing about the cause in the local newspaper, talking about it on a radio news station, planning a training session to educate others about appropriate ways to interact with people with disabilities, start a discussion group to have open communication with the community and family members, participate in an annual walk, volunteer with organizations such as People First or Best Buddies, and lastly, talking about it amongst different groups of people whether it's your family, friends, colleagues, or community to encourage acceptance among people with disabilities.

Upcoming Pastoral Celebrations

Pastoral Installation & 1st Anniversary Celebration

PASTOR AND PEOPLE: CELEBRATING OUR DIVINE UNION
"Oh, How good and how pleasant it is when God's people live and work together in unity." Psalm 133:1

Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church proudly invites you to join us for the installation and 1st anniversary of our new pastor,

Reverend Aleisha A. Langhorne

SATURDAY
MARCH 12, 2022
INSTALLATION SERVICE*
2:00 PM

*COVID protocols will be in place. In person service subject to change.

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THROUGH TESTS, TRIALS AND TRIUMPH
WE CELEBRATE GOD
in honoring

James Mitchell Harrison

FORTY YEARS MINISTERING TO PEOPLE, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY THROUGH PASTORSHIP AND WORSHIP

Saturday, May 21, 2022
Half Past Five

The Smithfield Center
220 North Church Street
Smithfield, Virginia

After Five Altire Requested

\$85.00 per person – \$650 for Reserved Tables of Eight
Secure tickets or reserve tables by April 15, 2022
Through the Church Office – 757-357-2604

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517 MAIN STREET
SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA



Living an Intentional Life: 7 Powerful Steps to Make It Happen *By Julie Hage / Goals, Happiness*

- 1. Define your beliefs and evaluate everything** Ask yourself, is it where you want to be? Is it something you like? Are you here because you wanted to be, or because someone else wanted you to be here?
- 2. Don't give up on your interests** Isn't there something you like to do? Perhaps there is something, but you've pushed it aside for years because you've listened to others or not yet built up your own confidence. Start listening to your own voice.
- 3. Start over if necessary** There can be times when after much contemplation, you come to terms with the fact that you have been in the wrong place, doing the wrong job, pursuing the wrong goals. At that point, there is only one solution left for you... start from scratch.
- 4. Plan with intention** Once you know where you want to go, it's time to figure out how to get there. Plan your days ahead. One thing to remember... don't get so involved in planning that you never start doing anything.
- 5. Journal** Part of being intentional is keeping in touch with your thoughts and feelings about your actions and what's going on around you. Make a written or video journal for yourself specifically for a goal you want to achieve. Write down your goals, and set targets for how and when you're going to reach them.
- 6. Take little steps every day** Every step that you take today and tomorrow (and the next day, and the next...) counts and contributes to the result. Don't perceive it as a short term objective, but adapt to it as a part of your lifestyle. Start small, grow steadily until you can finally see the change.
- 7. Be patient** Don't allow yourself to fall into the trap of thinking, "What's the use? I can't see the difference. Nothing ever changes. I give up, this isn't for me." This is the worst thing you can do to yourself. You have to be patient. Keep moving and making progress. Things take time to change — maybe even months or years. Wait. Stay determined, and don't give up.