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September 2022

3 Questions to Celebrate Labor Day with Purpose by Holly Lebowitz Rossi

Wise words from Martin Luther King Jr. resonate with today's pursuit of positive and meaningful work. "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

This quote from Martin Luther King Jr. strikes me as a rich source of reflection as we head into Labor Day weekend. Because between the barbecues and the last sips of summer, shouldn't we connect with the meaning and purpose we derive from the labors of our lives, orienting ourselves toward a positive relationship with the difference our work makes to ourselves, others and the world?

Dr. King's words bring up three questions I will be asking myself this weekend:

1. What Am I Doing to Uplift Humanity?

There's no disputing that Dr. King's life work made a positive impact on the world around him, and it is still resonating through the decades to connect with humanity's biggest challenges. You don't have to be a minister, an activist or a political figure to uplift your life and community, though. Your job, whatever it might be, makes the world a better place when you do it with mindful and positive energy.

2. How Do I Find Dignity in My Labor?

Dr. King was fond of the phrase "all labor has dignity." He used it when he addressed striking sanitation workers in Memphis just weeks before his assassination, reminding them that without someone to collect our garbage, our society would be ill and unsafe. If each and every job has inherent value, we can all take pride in the difference we are able to make. The dictionary definition of "dignity" is, "The state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect." Turn that idea onto your daily work and remember—you are worthy.

3. How Can I Best Pursue Excellence?

The author Hunter S. Thompson once said, "Anything worth doing is worth doing right." In other words, if you have taken on a job, it's important to accomplish it to a high standard for success. Whatever your work life is—whether it's a paid job or the labor of caring for a home or family—setting standards for yourself is key to gleaning purpose and meaning from everyday actions. Don't dial up the pressure, though—excellence is a journey, and the simple act of pursuing it betters our lives at every step along the way.

Happy Labor Day – Monday, September 5, 2022



Sunday, September 11, 2022 – Happy Leading Lady Day Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – Happy Birthday Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers We Love You and Pray God's Blessings On Your Life Solomon's Temple Church Family





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Pray and ask the Lord to also fill her with insights and revelation of Scripture so she may know and see her true worth and self in Christ, in Jesus name. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (Ephesians 1:18, KJV).

Pray and ask the Lord to anoint her with the Spirit of grace and supplication so she can stand as a solid prayer backup for her husband, in Jesus name. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications. (Zechariah 12:10a, KJV).

Pray and ask the Lord to surround her with like-minded godly and sincere women of faith who will be a source of help and inspiration to her at all times, in Jesus name. Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (1 Peter 3:6, KJV).

Solomon's Temple Leading Lady Day Service Celebrating Our Leading Lady Co-Pastor Edith Robinson Shivers Sunday, September 11, 2022 9:00am

2022 Theme: "Living Intentionally in Triumph for Jesus"

> Guest Speaker First Lady Connie B. Steele Pilgrim Baptist Church Roanoke, VA

Rev. Dr. Dwight O. Steele, Sr., Pastor

Come out and help us celebrate this awesome woman of God! Everyone is invited!

Solomon's Temple Church | 15088 Mt. Holly Creek Lane | Smithfield, VA 23430 | 757-357-9500 Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, *Pastor* | Elder Edith R. Shivers, *Co-Pastor*

September Kingdom Schedule

Worship Leaders Schedule

9/4Co-Pastor Edith Shivers9/11Sis. Kathy Greene

- 9/18 Min. Ernest Ruffin
- 9/25 MIT Kinston Shivers



Bro. Stanley Robinson

Servant Leaders Schedule

- 9/4 Sis. Shirley Haskins
- 9/11 Sis. Kathy Greene
- 9/18 Sis. Phyllis Duck
- 9/25 Bro. James Green Sr.

Communion

Sis. Turekia White



2022 Theme: Living Intentionally in Triumph for JESUS (LIIT) Colossians 1:9-14

Bible Study and CID sessions for the month of September 2022

9/6 No CID session or Bible Study The Call of Abraham | Genesis 12:1-5, 7 and 15:1-7 God Chooses the Younger Twin | Genesis 25:19b-34



- 9/13 Elder Karen Lee Bible Study Living Intentionally in Triumph for Jesus
- 9/20 Elder Sarah Hatton Bible Study Living Intentionally in Triumph for Jesus No CID session Jacob Called Israel Genesis 32:22-32 The Scepter Given to Judah Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:24-26 and 49:10-12
- 9/27 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas Bible Study Living Intentionally in Triumph for Jesus

"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.

Quote to Ponder

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." — A.W. Tozer

September Schedule of Events⁴

Date	Time	Event			
9/1/22	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal			
9/5/22	All Day	Happy Labor Day			
9/6/22		No CID session or Bible Study			
9/6/22	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Women's praise dance practice			
9/7/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer			
9/8/22	6:30pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal			
9/10/22	9:00am – 11:00am	Women's praise dance practice			
9/11/22	9:00am	Leading Lady Day			
9/11/22	All Day	Happy Grandparents Day			
9/13/22	5:30pm/6:30pm	Cookout at the Church; Bible Study resumes – Teacher: Elder Karen Lee			
9/14/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer			
9/15/22	6:30pm	Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal			
9/18/22	9:00am	Baptism			
9/20/22	6:30pm	Bible Study at the church – Teacher: Elder Sarah Hatton			
9/21/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer			
9/21/22	6:00pm	Women's Ministry meeting			
9/21/22	7:00pm	Men's Ministry meeting			
9/22/22	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal			
9/26/22	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Youth praise dance practice			
9/26/22	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Women's praise dance practice			
9/27/22	6:30pm	Bible Study at the church – Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas			
9/28/22	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer			
9/28/22	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Youth praise dance practice			
9/28/22	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Women's praise dance practice			
9/29/22	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal			

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**.

Happy Grandparents Day – Sunday, September 11, 2022 Children are the rainbow of life. Grandchildren are the pot of GOLD. Godly Grandparents by Margaret Cagle



We call them Gramps; we call them Nanny. We call them Grandpa; we call them Granny. We select an affectionate title or name, But they are our grandparents just the same. Godly grandparents are blessings so dear. Along life's path, they bring us cheer. They can give advice that's useful and wise. They can lift our spirits as high as the skies. They think of their grandchildren everyday, And for each one, they may fervently pray. In God's Word, many truths they may glean. Their Godly lives are wholesome and clean. For Christian grandparents, thank God above, For they care for your souls with a Godly love. Show them you love them and treat them right. Hug and kiss them and make their day bright.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. 6:30pm Mass Choir rehearsal Happy Anniversary Wille & Florence Turner	2. Hope Parker	.
4	5. Happy Labor Day Sarah Gatewood Nikia Robertson	6. 7pm-8:30pm Women Praise Dance practice No CID/Bible Study Phyllis Wiggins	7. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	8. 6:30pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	9. Melachi Goodman	10. 9:00am – 11:00am Women's Praise Dance practice Ruby Clarke Shirley Haskins
11. 9:00am Leading Lady Day	12.	13. 5:30pm Cookout 6:30pm Bible Study	14. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	15. 6:30pm Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal	16. Happy Anniversary Wayne & Sarah Hatton	17.
Grandparents Day		Co-Pastor Edith Shivers		Willie Turner Sr.		
18. Baptism Katrina Suiter Nathan Williams	19. Ray Holmes Alonzo Taylor Jr.	20. 6:30pm Bible Study Karen Lee	21. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Women's Ministry meeting 7:00pm Men's Ministry meeting	22. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal	23. Marcus Gundy	24. Bryce Williams
25.	26. 6pm-7pm Youth Praise Dance practice 7pm-8:30pm Women Praise Dance practice	27. 6:30pm Bible Study Margaret S. Thomas	28. 6:00am Intercessony Prayer 6pm-7pm Youth Praise Dance practice 7pm-8:30pm Women Praise Dance practice	29. 6:30pm Mass Choir rehearsal	30. Tara Clarke	

Verse of the Month

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28, NIV.

Prayer List

Pastor K. D. & Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers Bro. Joe & Sis. Lonnie Batten Sis. Vernell Brown Sis. Mary Diggs Sis. Connie Payne Sis. Ruby Clarke Bro. Charles Turner Bro. Junious Little Bro. Willie & Sis. Florence Turner Sis. Angela Batten Sis. Phyllis Wiggins Bro. Stanley & Sis. Dorothy Robinson Bereaved Families Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

September Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary



Willie & Florence Turner September 1st

Wayne & Sarah Hatton September 16th



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

Upcoming Church Events

October 2022

October 2nd Pastor Shivers preach at Olive Branch Baptist Church October 16th Pastor & Church Anniversary

November 2022

November 13 th	Pastor Shivers preach at Union Baptist Church
November 20 th – 22 nd	Fall Harvest Revival
November 24 th	Thanksgiving Day
November 27 th	First Sunday of Advent
December 2022	
December 4 th	2023 Accept/Decline forms
	due
December 5 th /12 th	Solomon's Council meet
December 24 th	Christmas Eve
December 25 th	Christmas Day
December 31 st	New Year's Eve/New Year's
	Eve service

September Birthdays – Happy Birthday 6

Hope Parker Sarah Gatewood Nikia Robertson Phyllis Wiggins Melachi Goodman Ruby Clarke Shirley Haskins Co-Pastor Edith Shivers Willie Turner Sr. Katrina Suiter Nathan Williams Ray Holmes Alonzo Taylor Jr. Karen Lee Marcus Gundy Bryce Williams Margaret Shivers-Thomas	Sept. 2 nd Sept. 5 th Sept. 5 th Sept. 6 th Sept. 10 th Sept. 10 th Sept. 13 th Sept. 13 th Sept. 18 th Sept. 18 th Sept. 19 th Sept. 20 th Sept. 23 rd Sept. 27 th
Tara Clarke	Sept. 30 th

Servant Leaders Invitation to Discipleship 2022 Monthly Schedule

September Sis. W. Johnson, Sis. K. Greene, Sis. L. Watkins October Sis. W. Green, Bro. M. Green, Bro. D. Watkins November Sis. S. Haskins, Sis. T. White, Sis. P. Duck December Sis. W. Johnson, Sis. K. Greene, Sis. L. Watkins

You Are Who You Are For A Reason By Russell Kelfer You are who you are for a reason. You're part of an intricate plan. You're a precious and perfect unique design, Called "God's special woman or man." You look like you look for a reason. Our God made no mistake. He knit you together within the womb. You're just what He wanted to make! The parents you had were the ones He chose. And no matter how you may feel. They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind. And they bear the Master's seal. No, that trauma you faced was not easy; And God wept that it hurt you so. But it was allowed to shape your heart. So that into His likeness you'd grow. You are who you are for a reason. You've been formed by the Master's rod. You are who you are Beloved. Because there is a GOD.

"When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devils shouts for joy." **Corrie Ten Boom**

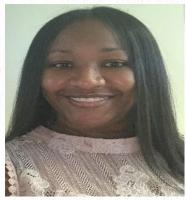


FREE Community Workshop "GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"

Mon., Sept. 19th & Mon., Sept. 26th, 2022 6:30pm-8:00pm **IN-PERSON & ZOOM** Shivers Funeral Chapel, 12749 Courthouse Hwy., Smithfield, VA 23430



Daphne Reid Mon., Sept. 19th 6:30pm-7:00pm Isle Wight Department of Social Services Benefit Programs Supervisor



JaQuisha Ford Mon., Sept. 26th 6:30pm-7:00pm Independent Insurance Broker



Gayla Black Guishard Mon., Sept. 19th 7:00pm-7:30pm Hospice



Francine Holloman Mon., Sept. 26th 7:00-7:30pm Branch Manager at Bayport Credit Union Securing your bank Account



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Rev. Wendell Waller Mon., Sept. 19th 7:30pm-8:00pm Attorney/Legal Counsel Wills, POA, Executor



Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers Mon., Sept 26th 7:30pm-8:00pm Preneed Funeral Arrangements

K. D. & EDITH SHIVERS are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: "GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"

ZOOM INFORMATION:

Time: Sept. 19, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada); Every week on Mon, until Sept. 26, 2022, 2 occurrence(s):Sept. 19, 2022 06:30 PM; Sept. 26, 2022 06:30 PM Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81402445910?pwd=aXZqeEh5S0FjYlkvN0hvTGkxRkFuUT09 Meeting ID: 814 0244 5910 Passcode: 679242 One tap mobile +13017158592, 81402445910#,,,,*679242# US (Washington DC) +13092053325, 81402445910#,,,,*679242# US Dial by your location Meeting ID: 814 0244 5910 Passcode: 679242 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcUDtaiLoj

Sponsored by Shivers Funeral Chapel Rev. K. D. and Lady Edith Shivers, owners

Refreshments will be provided!!!

Miracles By Russell Kelfer

Our God is a God of miracles. Miracles large and small. Some seem insignificant. Yet these are the best of all. He can part the sea for you. And make it dry instead. And He who wept at Lazarus' grave. Can surely raise the dead. But those are not the miracles. That change our lives each day. Those miracles are those that God. Let happen "by the way." The little things: the answered prayers. The check the mailman brings. The times we pray for comfort and Just then the doorbell rings. These, too, are miracles from God. Through which He says to you. "There's nothing I don't care about. And nothing I can't do."



Bro. *Jerry Rawls* officially retired August 1, 2022 after 37 years and 8 months of service with Dominion Energy. Best wishes as he embarks on this next stage in his life.

Emergency Telephone Numbers (These are more effective than 911)

When -----

You are sad, phone You have sinned, phone You are facing danger, phone People have failed you, phone It feels as though God is far from you, phone Your faith needs stimulation, phone You are alone and scared, phone You are worried, phone You are hurt and critical, phone You wonder about Christianity, phone You feel like an outcast, phone You are seeking peace, phone It feels as if the world is bigger than God, phone You need Christ like insurance, phone You are leaving home for a trip, phone You are praying for yourself, phone You require courage for a task, phone You are depressive, phone Your bank account is empty, phone You lose faith in mankind, phone It looks like people are unfriendly, phone You are losing hope, phone

John 14 Psalm 51 Psalm 91 Psalm 27 Psalm 139 Hebrews 11 Psalm 23 Matthew 8:19-34 1 Corinthians 13 2 Corinthians 5:15-18 Romans 8:31-39 Matthew 11:25-30 Psalm 90 Romans 8:1-30 Psalm 121 Psalm 87 Joshua 1 Psalm 27 Psalm 37 1 Corinthians 13 John 15 Psalm 126



Health Care Ministry Corner

Health Awareness for the Month of September is Prostate Cancer Awareness

The *prostate* is a walnut-sized organ located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum in men. Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among American men. **Prostate cancers usually grow slowly. Most men with prostate cancer are older than 65 years and do not die from the disease. Finding and treating prostate cancer before symptoms occur may not improve your health or help you live longer.**

Men can have different systems for prostate cancer. Some men do not have symptoms at all. Some symptoms of prostate cancer are difficulty starting urination, frequent urination (especially at night), weak or interrupted flow of urine, and blood in the urine or semen. There is no way to know for sure if you will get prostate cancer. The older a man is, the greater his risk for getting prostate cancer. Men also have a greater chance of getting prostate cancer if they are African-American or have a father, brother, or son who has had prostate cancer.

Screening Tests commonly used to screen for prostate cancer—

Digital rectal exam (DRE): A doctor or nurse inserts a gloved, lubricated finger into the rectum to estimate the size of the prostate and feel for lumps or other abnormalities.

Prostate specific antigen (PSA) test: Measures the level of PSA in the blood. PSA is a substance made by the prostate. The levels of PSA in the blood can be higher in men who have prostate cancer. The PSA level may also be elevated in other conditions that affect the prostate.

The Importance of the Bible

https://www.gotquestions.org/importance-of-the-Bible.html

The importance of the Bible is that it gives us the opportunity to see and know God. The Scriptures reveal His character and nature, His sovereignty and power, and His reason for creating us, the universe, and everything in it. We read about God's dealings with humankind, His goodness and grace, His light and love, His holiness and justice, and His mercy and compassion.

The importance of the Bible is that it is a life-giving book. The Word of God is alive and powerful, "sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires" (Hebrews 4:12, NLT). The God who desires to redeem us gave His Word the power to save us (2 Timothy 3:15). We "have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Peter 1:23).

The importance of the Bible is that it shows us God's will. By obeying what the Lord says in the Bible, we can keep ourselves pure (Psalm 119:9, 11). Meditating on the teachings of Scripture will cause us to prosper spiritually and bring blessings and true success in life (Joshua 1:8; James 1:25).

Satan's Target: Your Mind; Satan's Weapon: Lies Satan's Purpose: To make you ignorant of God's Will YOUR DEFENSE: The Inspired Word of God!!!

"It is not what we do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through us. God doesn't want our success; He wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; He demands our obedience. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of paradox, where through the ugly defeat of a cross, a holy God is utterly glorified. Victory comes through defeat; healing through brokenness; finding self through losing self." **Charles Colson**

Lord, Teach Us to Rest by Jon Sweeney

A Labor Day devotion about the restorative power of stopping for a moment to rest. *Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." John* 6:27

The summer I turned 14, I worked longer hours than I've ever worked since. At 6:30 each morning I'd rise and, after a quick breakfast, begin the seven-mile bike ride to a golf course in a nearby suburb, where my brother Doug and I worked as caddies. We'd arrive at about 7:15, and by 8:00 we'd be on the course, carrying two heavy golf bags each, "double-caddying" for two people at once. These early-morning golfers liked to walk fast, and we'd be back in the clubhouse by about 10:30, having walked 18 holes and about six miles. By noon, we'd be back out on the course, this time carrying the really heavy golf bag of a more serious golfer or sprinting beside a golfer in an electric cart. The latter was called "fore-caddying"; we had to run ahead of the cart and find the ball in the tall grass before they arrived on the spot. I worked hard that summer, but I rarely felt very tired. I was only 14. No wonder! More recently, my toughest days of work have left me mentally, spiritually and physically exhausted. I began to wonder why—until I recently figured out that I was missing something essential: I was forgetting to stop for a moment every now and then to rest my mind, think a fresh thought, walk around the block, pray for a friend or look up in the trees and admire the songbird just outside my office window. I wasn't more easily refreshed at 14 simply because I was 14; I was less tired then because I was more easily distracted. Today I'm good at focusing. But too much focus leads to too much stress, as well as exhaustion. It's Labor Day. Take a break today. But don't forget to take a break on your working days too. *Lord, we work hard. Teach us to rest as well as we work*.