

Temple News

Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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Black History Month

February 2023



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

Quick Look into February

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- Feb. 26th African Attire
- Feb. 28th Lenten Service

2023 Theme

"Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God"

Colossians 1: 29



2023 Theme and Message from Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers



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2023 Theme: Transforming for The Power and Purpose of God

*"For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power,
which mightily works within me." (Colossians 1:29, New American Standard Bible)*

Thrilling greetings to you Solomon's Temple Family. As we transition from 2022 into the new year of 2023, Co-Pastor Edith and I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. We are so grateful to have the opportunity to share in leadership with you and to be a part of this wonderful church community.

As we look back on the past year, we can see the many ways in which God has blessed us and guided us through the challenges that we have faced. And as we look ahead to the new year, we can have hope and confidence that God will continue to be with us and lead us on the path that He has for us.

It's time for new beginnings! It's time for a fresh start! It's time to make some resolutions! These are often statements that are made by most people at the beginning of a new year, and we as Christians are not really all that different! Who wants to remain the same as before? I know I don't, because I want to continue to grow in the Lord, as well as put off some of those things that have held me down from being all He wants me to be. Yet, we all struggle just a bit in our endeavor to move forward as failings and difficulties from the past create a "drag" on the vision for the future! Sometimes we need a "Spiritual Transformation" by and for the Power and Purpose of God!

The New Testament Greek word for "transformed" is *metamorphoō*. This word implies change resulting from forces beyond one's own effort or power. It might be compared to the metamorphosis that occurs when a caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly. The butterfly does not use any personal energy or effort in the transformation. Once the transformation occurs, the butterfly is a new creation and does not need to work to maintain its transformation. However, he does position himself for the transformation that is coming. This is what God desires for us; transformation that changes us into something beautiful that we cannot become on our own. The original Greek calls us to "be transformed," not by our own efforts, but by the power and purpose of God.

When we offer ourselves to God as living sacrifices, we have a crucial role to play. We seek to learn and live by God's will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect. God will transform us into a new person by changing the way we think. The verb meaning "be transformed" utilizes a Greek mood that conveys an ongoing process. Transformation doesn't happen automatically, once-and-for-all, when we first put our faith in Christ. Rather, it is a life-long process of opening ourselves to God's renewing power and purpose.

In this new year of 2023 let us focus on being more powerful and purpose filled to obtain our mission in building ourselves and others for the advancement of The Kingdom of God. We sincerely appreciate your support in past years and anticipate greater blessings in the 23rd year of service unto God.

We glorify God for your wonderful attraction to this ministry and pray much success upon each of our lives in this new year. **We love you all.**

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

The Importance of Black History Month to Christians 3

When I was in the fifth grade, I became one of several children assigned to the class of Mrs. Janet Williams. Mrs. Williams was a remarkable teacher with a passion for history. She taught us about the founding of the United States, recited speeches given by men such as Patrick Henry, and made sure we could name at least ten American presidents (For the record: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Quincy Adams, Jackson, and Van Buren *Whew*). Unlike many teachers though, Mrs. Williams didn't gloss over America's divisive past. In particular, she wanted her students to know the history of the Civil Rights movement.

Over time, we learned about extraordinary heroes like Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and The Little Rock Nine. To a child, these battles over racial equality felt like something out of the distant past, hundreds of years old. It never occurred to me that, as an elderly African American woman, Mrs. Williams must have witness these events firsthand. It also wasn't until much later that I discovered Civil Rights was not a settled matter, but an ongoing process. This February marks the beginning of Black History Month, and perhaps now more than ever it is important for Christians to step forward and observe it.

2016 was a turbulent year to say the least, and Black History Month offers us an opportunity to reflect and search out our better angels. Over at the Desiring God blog, David Mathis remarks how important it is for believers to look back on the past, especially given the tumultuous changes facing our country today. He writes, *"As a white Christian in America, I have wrestled with what it means to orient on Black History Month. I remember well my unsympathetic heart as a teenager growing up in the South — not only uninformed, but unrighteous — leading me to roll my eyes and say, 'So, when's White History Month?' Such is not the spirit of Christ, nor is it walking by his Spirit to suspect the worst of non-blacks who rush to join the annual celebration. Nor is it Christian — not in this nation or any other place on the planet — to keep silent with our children about the realities of ethnicity in view of Christ. If we don't cast a positive vision for our children about the glories of God-designed ethnic diversity, we leave their inherent ethnocentrism to swell and take root."*

History is important. By looking at the past we chart the way for our future. The United States may have been founded on the principles of freedom and democracy, but we cannot ignore the darker chapters in our story. Black History Month is more than a celebration of the many accomplishments made by African-Americans, it's a reminder of where we as a country have been and where we hope to go. Mathis ends his post by stating, *"Black History Month isn't simply about ethnic diversity in general, but remembering the horrors of our shared history and celebrating the progress that has been made, in God's common kindness, and specifically the many successes of black Americans despite such a history. Christians honor this month, at least in part, because it helps us understand the awful plight of a people made in God's image, many of them fellow believers, and acknowledges God's goodness at work in remarkable achievements...in and through a people who often have been treated with utter wickedness."*

Right now, there is a lot of anger in America. People are divided down political, religious, and even racial lines. Yet God has commanded us to put aside our prejudices and look on one another with His eyes. We are all the sons and daughters of God, and in Christ, we are a family ([Galatians 3:28](#)). So let us celebrate Black History Month by remembering what so many of our brothers and sisters have fought for, and work together to build a better future.

Solomon's Temple Church

PRESENTS

MINISTERS-IN-TRAINING



BRO. KINGSTON SHIVERS



SIS. SYLVIA GUNDY

Initial Sermon SERVICE

Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:00PM


@ 15088 MT. HOLLY CREEK LANE SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

REV. DR. K. D. SHIVERS - PASTOR | ELDER E.R. SHIVERS - CO-PASTOR

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White Oak Spring Missionary Baptist Church
New Member Ministry

Bringing Out The Diamond In You



When: SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Where: WHITE OAK SPRING MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
26126 DELAWARE RD,
FRANKLIN, VA 23861

Time: REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Others: JEANS AND BLING


LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (757)863-7184


VENDORS WILL BE ONSITE

Co - Pastor Edith Shivers
Solomon's Temple Smithfield, VA

Co - Pastor Barbara Alexander
Higher Callings Ministries



Krystal Berry
Fallbrook Church
Houston, Texas



--- LADIES, CO-PASTOR HAVE 5 FREE TICKETS TO GIVE AWAY FOR THIS EVENT! INTERESTED, PLEASE TEXT CO-PASTOR. ---

Sunday, February 12th – SUPER SUNDAY!!!

Disciples are asked to wear their favorite team Jersey OR a motivational shirt



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WHY CELEBRATE VALENTINE DAY?

Valentine's Day is a special day to celebrate love and affection. It is a day to express your love for your loved ones. For many people, it is a day to express their love for each other. It is a day to celebrate the joys of love and romance.

There are many reasons why we should celebrate Valentine's Day. First and foremost, it is a day to celebrate love. It is a day to express our love for our loved ones. It is also a day to celebrate the joys of love and romance.

Second, Valentine's Day is a day to show our appreciation for our loved ones. We often take our loved ones for granted, but on Valentine's Day, we take the time to appreciate them.

Third, Valentine's Day is a day to show our loved ones how much we love them. Often, we don't tell our loved ones how much we love them enough. On Valentine's Day, we take the time to tell them how much we love them.

Fourth, Valentine's Day is a day to remind ourselves of the importance of love. Love is one of the most important things in our lives, and on Valentine's Day, we remind ourselves of that.

Finally, Valentine's Day is a day to have fun. It is a day to celebrate love and joy. It is a day to spend time with our loved ones and have a good time.

Happy Valentines 

February Kingdom Schedule

Worship Leaders Schedule

02/05 Pastor K. D. Shivers
 02/12 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 02/19 Min. Ernest Ruffin
 02/26 Min. Bertram Blackwell



Levites Communion Schedule

Lead – Pastor K. D. Shivers
 Anointing – Elder Karen Lee & Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
 Trays – Min. Bertram Blackwell & Elder Wayne Hatton

Door Opener
 Bro. Ray Holmes

Servant Leaders Schedule

02/05 Sis. Phyllis Duck
 02/12 Sis. Lucy Watkins
 02/20 Sis. Turekia White
 02/27 Bro. James Green, Sr.

Servant Leaders Communion and Invitation to Discipleship

Sis. Wendy Johnson, Sis. Shirley Haskins,
 & Sis. Lucy Watkins



CID session/Bible Study for the month of February 2023

02/07 Bro. Michael Green | Résumé of Those Called | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Min. Bertram Blackwell | Reminder of the Call | 2 Timothy 1:3-14
 02/14 No CID Or Bible Study | Love Feast
 02/21 No CID | Responsibility of Those Called | James 2:1-12
 02/28 No CID | Results of the Call | 1 Peter 2:1-10



Youth Teachers

Asher Tribe

“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 Sis. Phyllis Duck or Elder Karen Lee.

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.

February Schedule of Events ⁶

Date	Time	Event
2/01/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
2/02/23	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
2/06/23	6:30pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting on ZOOM
2/07/23	6:30pm	CID session
2/08/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
2/09/23	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
2/11/23	5:00pm	Initial Sermon Service M.I.T. Sylvia Gundy & M.I.T. Kinston Shivers
2/12/23	During service	SUPER SUNDAY – Disciples are asked to wear their favorite team Jersey or motivational shirt! --- Men’s Ministry Donations are DUE! ---
2/12/23	After Service	Usher Ministry Meeting
2/14/23	6:30pm	LOVE FEAST --- All are asked to wear RED HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY
2/15/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
2/15/23	6:00pm	Women’s Ministry Meeting on Zoom Money Due ASAP No Later March 5th
2/15/23	7:00pm	Men’s Ministry Meeting on Zoom
2/16/23	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
2/19/23	During Service	Disciples are asked to wear RED for Heart Health Month
2/20/23	All day	President’s Day
2/20/23	6:30pm	Married Couples Ministry Meeting in Fellowship Area
2/21/23	6:30pm	No CID session
2/22/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
2/22/23	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service @ Emmanuel Baptist Church; choir and ushers to serve
2/23/23	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
2/24/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the Chapel
2/25/23	9:00am-2:00pm	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Women’s Conference at White Oak Spring
2/26/23	During service	Disciples are to dress in African attire in observance of Black History Month
2/28/23	6:30pm	Lenten Service at the Chapel

ST Trustees Sunday Schedule for February 2023

Feb. 5 th	Sis. Florence Turner
Feb. 12 th	Bro. James Britt
Feb. 19 th	Sis. Linda Jordan
Feb. 26 th	Bro. Marcus Smith

Ways to give financially to the Ministry.

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

- ❖ Our Church website www.solomonstemplechurch.net accepts **Checks and Credit Cards**
- ❖ Cash App **\$STCHURCH00**
- ❖ Bring your offering to the chapel (12749 Courthouse Highway, Smithfield, VA).
- ❖ Pastor Shivers’ cash app: **\$FUNERALS1**
- ❖ Co-Pastor Shivers’ cash app: **\$ESFIRSTLADY**

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).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5. Mary Diggs Barry Nichols James Green, Sr. Cori Brown Happy Anniversary Keith & Cynthia Jordan</p>	<p>6. 6:30pm Outreach Ministry Mtg. on ZOOM</p>	<p>7. 6:30pm CID session Joydan Taylor</p>	<p>1. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>2. 6:30pm Mass Chrois rehearsal</p>	<p>3. Robert White</p>	<p>4.</p>
<p>12. SUPER SUNDAY Disciples are asked to wear their favorite team Jersey or motivational shirt. Usher Ministry Mtg.</p>	<p>13. Jada Hunt</p>	<p>14. 6:30 pm Love Feast Happy Anniversary Theodore & Sylvia Gundy Happy Valentine' s Day</p>	<p>15. Elaine Nichols 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm Women' s Min. Mtg on Zoom 7:00pm Men' s Min. Mtg. on Zoom</p>	<p>16. 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal Jackie Ruffin</p>	<p>17. Happy Anniversary Corey & Tamara Brown</p>	<p>18.</p>
<p>19. Disciples are asked to wear red for Heart Health Month</p>	<p>20. Presidents' Day Married Couples Ministry Meeting in Fellowship Area</p>	<p>21. No CID session or Bible Study Kaden Taylor</p>	<p>22. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Ash Wednesday service Anthony Gray, Jr.</p>	<p>23. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal Zhaetwan Wells</p>	<p>24. 6:30pm Hour of Power at The Chapel</p>	<p>25. 9:00am-2:00pm Co- Pastor Shivers at Women' s Conference 6:00pm NAACP Banquet</p>
<p>26. Happy Anniversary Stanley & Dorothy Robinson Disciples are asked to dress in African attire</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28. 6:30pm Lenten Service @ The Chapel Messenger: Minister Ernest Ruffin</p>				

Verse of the Month

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21)

February Birthdays – Happy Birthday

Robert White	February 3 rd
Mary Diggs	February 5 th
Barry Nichols	February 5 th
James Green, Sr.	February 5 th
Cori Brown	February 5 th
Joydan Taylor	February 7 th
Jai'Ciana Brock	February 10 th
Jeremiah Bester	February 10 th
Jade Hunt	February 13 th
Elaine Nichols	February 15 th
Jackie Ruffin	February 16 th
Kaden Taylor	February 21 st
Anthony Gray Jr.	February 22 nd
Zhaetwan Wells	February 23 rd



Prayer List

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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
Bereaved Families

Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

February Anniversaries

Keith & Cynthia Jordan
February 5th

Theodore & Sylvia Gundy
February 14th

Corey & Tamara Brown
February 17th

Stanley & Dorothy Robinson
February 26th



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



Mrs. Connie Payne had a Birthday Celebration on January 15. This picture was sent by her daughter, Patricia. Mrs. Connie Payne celebrated 85 years young. Happy Birthday Mother Payne.

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.

February Spiritual Support 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.

February Care Team

Sis. Shenille Davis, Min. Ernest Ruffin, and Sis. Joyce Greene

Black History Month



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing “Negro History Week.” By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, “Negro History Week” had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more.

Read: [Black History Milestones: Timeline - HISTORY](#)



About **Heart** Disease

What is heart disease?

The term “heart disease” refers to several types of heart conditions. The most common type of heart disease in the United States is coronary artery disease (CAD), which affects the blood flow to the heart. Decreased blood flow can cause a heart attack.

What are the symptoms of heart disease?

Sometimes heart disease may be “silent” and not diagnosed until a person experiences signs or symptoms of a heart attack, heart failure, or an arrhythmia. When these events happen, symptoms may include:

- Heart attack: Chest pain or discomfort, upper back or neck pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea or vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, dizziness, and shortness of breath.
- Arrhythmia: Fluttering feelings in the chest (palpitations).
- Heart failure: Shortness of breath, fatigue, or swelling of the feet, ankles, legs, abdomen, or neck veins.

What are the risk factors for heart disease?

High blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. About half of people in the United States (47%) have at least one of these three risk factors.² Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including.

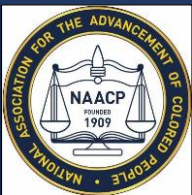
- Diabetes
- Overweight and obesity
- Unhealthy diet
- Physical inactivity
- Excessive alcohol use

What is cardiac rehabilitation?

Cardiac rehabilitation (rehab) is an important program for anyone recovering from a heart attack, heart failure, or some types of heart surgery. Cardiac rehab is a supervised program that includes

- Physical activity
- Education about healthy living, including healthy eating, taking medicine as prescribed, and ways to help you quit smoking
- Counseling to find ways to relieve stress and improve mental health

A team of people may help you through cardiac rehab, including your health care team, exercise and nutrition specialists, physical therapists, and counselors or mental health professionals.



Isle of Wight NAACP
21st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative/Black History Banquet
Saturday, February 25th at 6:00pm



Theme: “One Voice, One Journey” / Keynote Speaker: Dr. Walter Clemons

- Tickets, Please Call Ariane Williams (757) 272-2710 or Lauren Harrison (757) 537-8190
- Table (8 Seats) Adults \$320 / Students Table \$160
- Individual Tickets \$40 for Adults / Students \$20
- Please **RESERVE** your table and/or tickets no later than February 10th, 2023