

Temple News

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March 2023

The Power of Hope: The First Key to Transformational Change by: Edward Grinnan

Change comes in many ways and in many forms. But no matter what form the change takes, it starts with fearless self-honesty.

Is there something about your life you want to change? A situation that could be different or better? A dream you yearn to grasp? We all face change. It is an ineluctable force of nature. And it has been my experience, as I discuss in my new book, *The Promise of Hope: How True Stories of Hope and Inspiration Changed My Life and How They Can Transform Yours*, that those of us who handle change best find that we not only grow spiritually but grow happier and more fulfilled. And we were meant to be happy.

If we don't find change in our lives, change will find us. Change is one of the most valuable tools for personal growth...maybe THE most powerful. In my years of talking to people about their stories of change and growth for Guideposts, I have identified nine powerful change factors which people who face or undertake change successfully have adopted: **Honesty, Willingness, Imagination, Commitment, Faith, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Resilience and Love.** They don't necessarily come in this order, but honesty is always first.

For me particularly, honesty was the starting point. Honesty literally saved my life. I would not be here today if I hadn't been forced to face myself with utter personal and spiritual candor. We can't undertake change unless we are completely honest with ourselves about why we want to or should change. There is no one easier to lie to than yourself, and we all do it to some extent. But for change to happen, be it large or small, we have to level with ourselves.

Change comes in many ways and in many forms. Change can be physical...weight loss, for instance, or simply realizing we must take better care of our bodies. Change can be attitudinal...to overcome self-defeating negative thinking, to forgive people who've harmed us or to commit ourselves not to fear unfamiliar situations or challenges. Most importantly, change can be spiritual...a commitment to prayer and meditation, to reaching out to others and to trust God with our lives. But no matter what form the change takes, it starts with fearless self-honesty. Look in the mirror and tell yourself what and why you have to change.

I believe that in its essence, all change is spiritual, and the rewards are great. We were put on this earth to be happy, and we grow happier as we grow closer to God. Change is the path we take.



“I am committed to being a better person today than I was yesterday. Better thoughts. Better decisions. Better actions.” www.wordsonimages.com

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.**

March Kingdom Schedule

Worship Leaders Schedule

3/5 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
 3/12 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 3/19 Min. Kinston Shivers
 3/26 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers



Levites Communion Schedule

Lead – Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
 Anointing – Co-Pastor Edith Shivers & Elder Wayne Hatton
 Trays – Min. Sylvia Gundy & Min. Kinston Shivers

Door Opener

Min. Kinston Shivers

Servant Leaders Schedule

3/5 Sis. Kathy Greene
 3/12 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 3/19 Sis. Wendy Green
 3/26 Sis. Shirley Haskins

Servant Leaders Communion and Invitation to Discipleship

Sis. Kathy Green, Bro. Donald Watkins, & Bro. James Green, Sr.

March 2023 CID session and Bible Study Schedule

There will be NO CID sessions or Bible Study for the month of March. We will have Tuesday Night Lenten Services at the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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 & Sis. Dana Cary

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 & 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**



For a Positive New Year, Dare to Believe by Pablo Diaz

If we want good things to come our way, we must believe they can happen and take the necessary steps. The start of a new year allows us to imagine new possibilities and dreams. It's a chance to utilize our gifts, spread love and rebuild our lives. This is God's grace and gift for us; let us embrace and treasure it. All things are possible if you have faith and believe. While it's important to make a list of your goals, more importantly we must believe that the New Year offers fresh opportunities to do good and live out our faith. Author Madeleine L' Engle said, "Some things have to be believed to be seen." If we want good things to come our way, we must believe they can happen and take the necessary steps. Too many people enter the New Year thinking nothing will change for the better, and for those, nothing will. How we feel, act and think, can determine our outcome. Think positive, work hard and dream big. Yes, I know that last year's hardships may stay with us, but I also know that our faith empowers us to overcome our present challenges. One of my favorite sayings is, "when there is hope in the present...there is faith in the future." As we begin this new journey, it's important to keep our faith in God, ourselves and a promising future. We must stay positive. As Scripture teaches us, "If God is with us, who can be against us?" Let us be empowered to dream new dreams and make the most of the gift of second chances. Jesus said, "If you believe, all things are possible." Let's dare to believe. **Lord, give us the courage to face the New Year with faith and optimism.**

March Schedule of Events

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Date	Time	Event
3/1/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/2/23	6:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
3/3/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the chapel. Speaker: Sis. Turekia White
3/7/23	6:30pm	Lenten service at the chapel. Messenger: Min. Cynthia Edwards
3/8/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/9/23	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
3/10/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the chapel. Speaker: Sis. Phyllis Duck
3/12/23	9:30am	Pastor Shivers preaches at Christian Home Baptist Church; Pastor Wendell Waller's 35 th Pastoral Anniversary service
3/12/23	1:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches at St. Paul UCC, 28301 Handsom Road, Franklin, VA 23851; choir and ushers asked to serve
3/13/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/13/23	6:00pm	Levite Ministry meeting
3/13/23	7:00pm	Assembly of Servants meeting
3/14/23	6:30pm	Lenten service at the chapel. Messenger: Min. Bertram Blackwell
3/15/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/15/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/15/23	6:00pm	Women's Ministry meeting
3/15/23	7:00pm	Men's Ministry meeting
3/16/23	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
3/17/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the chapel. Speaker: Sis. Wendy Johnson
3/18/23	3:00pm	Women's Ministry Rainbow Tea at the church. Don't forget to sign up.
3/20/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/21/23	6:30pm	Lenten service at the chapel. Messenger: Min. Sylvia Gundy
3/22/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/22/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/23/23	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
3/24/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the chapel. Speaker: Sis. Kathy Greene
3/25/23	8:00am-12:00pm	Outreach Ministry Laundry Project
3/26/23	10:00am	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at VLR Ministries, Regal Theater, 104 Constitution Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 for Women's service
3/26/23	3:00pm	Men's Ministry March Gladness Open Mic Night
3/27/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/28/23	6:30pm	Lenten service at the chapel. Messenger: Min. Kinston Shivers
3/29/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
3/29/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth praise dance practice
3/30/23	6:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
3/31/23	6:30pm	Friday Night Hour of Power service at the chapel. Speaker: Bro. James Green, Sr.

Reminder from the Men's Ministry

Men don't forget to join in on the conference line (1-202-926-1144 code 150888#) Monday nights (March 6th, March 20th, and March 27th) at 7:00pm & Monday, March 13th at 8:00pm for fellowship and prayer!!

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Lenten Prayer	2. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	3. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	4. 6:00am Lenten Prayer
5. Jennifer Britt	6. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 7:00pm Men meet	7. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:30pm Lent service at the chapel	8. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	9. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal Ariana Parker Jerrica Taylor	10. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	11. 6:00am Lenten Prayer
12. 9:30am Pastor Shivers preaches at Christian Home Church, Windsor 1:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at St. Paul UCC Church, Franklin	13. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice 6:00pm Levites meet 7:00pm AOS meet 8:00pm Men meet	14. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:30pm Lent service at the chapel Ebony Clarke	15. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice 6:00pm Women meet 7:00pm Men meet	16. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	17. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	18. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 3:00pm Rainbow Tea Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd, Jr.
19.	20. 6:00am Lenten Prayer 7:00pm Men meet 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice Wendy Green Craig Clarke	21. 6:30pm Lent service at the chapel	22. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice	23. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	24. 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service	25. 8:00am-12:00pm Outreach Ministry Laundry Project
26. 10:00am Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at VLR Ministries 3:00pm March Gladdness Open Mic Night	27. 7:00pm Men meet 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice	28. 6:30pm Lent service at the chapel	29. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice Happy Anniversary Samuel & Tami Drew	30. 6:00pm Mass Choir rehearsal	31. 12:00pm Noon Day prayer 6:30pm Friday Night service Angela Batten	

Verse of the Month

“Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” Joel 2:13

March Birthdays

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
Angela Batten	March 31 st

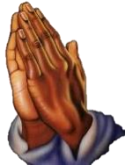


Prayer List

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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
 Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

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.

Congratulations Jayla Gray



DOUBLE DOUBLE

HOLLY BAGLEY

22 Points
 11 Rebounds



JAYLA GRAY

17 Points
 21 Rebounds



@smitty_nation

Jayla Gray (@jaylorade) earns her 8th double double of the season



Morse & Wendy Johnson
 January 10th



Theodore & Sylvia Gundy
 February 14th




Corey & Tamara Brown
 February 17th



Stanley & Dorothy Robinson
 February 26th



Keith & Cynthia Jordan
 February 5th

Married Couples Ministry congratulates couples that celebrated their wedding anniversaries in  January and February.



Paul Smith's College cordially announces the nomination of *Jayla Gray* to *The National Society of Leadership and Success Spring Semester 2023*. Membership is available to a limited number of students, and you have earned this honor because of your academic accomplishment and leadership potential. Your candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction. Your achievement of a 3.3+ GPA provides you the distinguished honor to join the NSLS as a Presidential member.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations

Kamryn Smith Pre-K Student of the month at Florence Bowser Elementary
 Kori Smith was nominated as Cardinal of the month for Kindness at Carrollton Elementary
 Seniah Cypress for making the Principal's List all "A's"

March 2023 Lenten Services

Levites Tuesday Night Schedule

Messengers for the Lenten services are as follows:

March 7 th		Min. Cynthia Edwards
March 14 th		Min. Bertram Blackwell
March 21 st		Min. Sylvia Gundy
March 28 th		Min. Kinston Shivers

Servant Leaders Friday Night Schedule

March 3 rd	Sis. Turekia White – Speaker Sis. Shirley Haskins – Worship Leader
March 10 th	Sis. Phyllis Duck – Speaker Bro. Donald Watkins – Worship Leader
March 17 th	Sis. Wendy Johnson – Speaker Sis. Lucy Watkins – Worship Leader
March 24 th	Sis. Kathy Greene – Speaker Sis. Wendy Green – Worship Leader
March 31 st	Bro. James Green, Sr. – Speaker Sis. Turekia White – Worship Leader

Sunday, March 12, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

DST is a seasonal time change that starts in the spring, our clocks are set forward by a certain amount of time, usually by one hour.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2023

- Apr. 1st Church Spring Cleaning
- Apr. 2nd Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2nd – Apr. 6th Holy Week Revival
- Apr. 7th Good Friday
- Apr. 8th Carrying of the Cross
- Apr. 8th 7 Last Words Service
- Apr. 9th Easter Sunday
- Apr. 16th Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Campbell Chapel A.M.E.
- Apr. 17th Married Couples meeting
- Apr. 25th – Apr. 27th Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church
- Apr. 29th Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh Baptist Church

May 2023

- May 4th National Day of Prayer
- May 6th Women's Conference
- May 7th Women's Day
- May 14th Mother's Day
- May 21st Ministry Day
- May 28th Pentecost Sunday
- May 29th Memorial Day

June 2023

- June 3rd Community Outreach
- June 5th Married Couples meeting
- June 11th Youth Day
- June 17th Juneteenth Celebration
- June 18th Father's Day
- June 19th Juneteenth Holiday
- June 25th Men's Day

July 2023

- July 4th Fourth of July Holiday
- July 22nd Bikers 4 Christ
- July 23rd Family & Friends Day

Meet our Newest Disciple

Kevin Johnson successfully completed New Disciples class on January 10, 2023. Congratulations and welcome to Solomon's Temple.



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (D.D.A.M.), observed throughout March, is a nationwide event to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and address the barriers that those with disabilities face. Inclusion is necessary since about 15% of the world's population lives with a disability. D.D.A.M. is about understanding the relationship between the way people function and how they participate in society and making sure everybody has the same opportunities in every aspect of life to the best of their abilities.

Back in the 1960s, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I.D.D.) were regarded as 'mentally disabled,' and often relegated to the back rooms of family homes or underfunded state-run institutions open to neglect and abuse. In the early 1960s, President Kennedy leveraged his family's personal experience with his sister Rosemary's disability and used the power of the Presidency to bring attention to the needs of people experiencing life with an intellectual and developmental disability (I.D.D.). He convened a Presidential Panel focused on the exclusion from education, employment, and community participation suffered by people with I.D.D.

The D.D. Act of 1984 set up much of the system we all experience today. The emphasis on goals for services for people with developmental disabilities is "to achieve their maximum through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community." State Developmental Disabilities Councils were implemented in all states and territories. These were intended to provide additional training to individuals, families, and service delivery systems. They were to develop a statewide strategic plan for services over the next five years to build on community needs.

In 1987 President Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month to focus awareness on the potential of citizens with I.D.D. to work, contribute, and enjoy typical lives.

In 1990, another landmark year, President Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (D.D.). The act was amended again to move from the goals of independence, integration, and productivity toward interdependence, inclusion, and recognition of individual contributions. Training opportunities were expanded to include professionals, paraprofessionals, family members, and individuals with developmental disabilities and advocate for innovative public policy and community acceptance. The D.D. Act continues to grow to include affirmation of individual dignity, person-centered goals, and multicultural focus inclusive of individual and family participation.

Thought to Ponder

"If you rearrange the letters in Depression, you'll get "I Pressed On." Your current situation is not your final destination." ~ Unknown

Ways to give financially.

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**

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8, KJV)