

Happy Resurrection Sunday

He is
RISEN!

Temple News

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Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church

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Why Easter Is Bigger Than Any One Season *Rick Hamlin* *Christ's resurrection turned everything around.*

It's only natural to turn to the flowers of spring as we celebrate Easter. The daffodils popping up all over, forsythia on the vine, the heather I see on the hills when I run, and Easter lilies, naturally. As though all of nature is reminding us of the joy of the Resurrection. New life springing forth.

But I think back to the Easter we once celebrated in South Africa at a monastery where our son was staying. Indeed, the hills were rich with color there, the native protea in particular painting the landscape pink and purple.

And yet, in the Southern Hemisphere it wasn't spring. It was fall. The days getting shorter, the nights becoming cooler, winter approaching. We awoke before the dawn to gather with the brothers outside as they lit the Paschal Candle.

We went inside to the chapel, and with godly timing the sun rose, shining in the window and our faces as we proclaimed, "The Lord is risen... The Lord is risen indeed." After a richly satisfying service of music, prayer and praise, we moved to the refectory for a feast of lamb, fresh vegetables, dessert—everything but the jellybeans we'd get at home.

Was it any less of a celebration because it was autumn? Not in the least. That Easter in an autumnal setting was a reminder that it is even bigger than any single season.

Think of it. Flowers might bloom at Easter, but then they die and turn into seeds that settle into rich soil, put down roots, drink the melting snows and burst into new blooms the next spring. It's cyclical. Death and new life and then death again...

Easter, on the other hand, turned everything around. Christ was crucified and His body was put into a tomb where His followers expected to greet a corpse on Easter morning. Death, after all, was forever.

But they discovered something amazing: death is *not* forever. Christ transformed all that. He rose from the dead, and death has no power over any of us. Christ was resurrected for us. Wow, it's mind-boggling.

You can imagine, as we see in the various gospel accounts, how stupefying—even frightening—it was to Jesus's followers. Notice, though, that the first to witness the Resurrection were the women. The same ones who stuck around until the bitter end at Calvary.

I see a message in that: that those who don't run away from the sorrows of life can also be the same who greet the revealing, saving messages of hope.

Easter is something we honor all year round, no matter the season, no matter the weather, no matter the hardships we face or the relief we yearn for. That promise is always there. Whether flowers are bursting forth or not.

Enjoy Easter along with the flowers of spring. And keep celebrating it in summer, winter and fall. Because Christ is risen. Always and forever.

Mark Your Calendar

April 2nd
Palm Sunday

**April 3rd –
April 6th**
Holy Week
Revival

April 7th
Co-Pastor Shivers
preaches at First
Baptist Church
Jefferson Park
Newport News, VA

April 8th
Carrying of the Cross
Seven Last Statements of Christ on the
Cross Service

April 9th
Easter Sunday

April 16th
Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Campbell
Chapel A.M.E. Church

April 25th – April 27th
Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim
Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

April 29th
Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh
Baptist Church, Boykins, VA



Easter Resurrection Poem

Easter Inspirational on Etsy

Once upon a time there was a baby virgin born. Whose perfect life would end as the sacred veil was torn. His death and resurrection would millennia inspire. His message of grace and hope and love would set the world on fire. Eternal life he sought to bring by stepping down from Heaven. Mankind can scarcely understand the Gift we have been given. So accept His loving sacrifice by trusting in His grace. And know that you will one day meet the Savior face to face.



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

5 Ways to Keep Celebrating Easter *Rick Hamlin* 2

Easter tide lasts for 50 days, a reminder of how crucial the Resurrection is to our faith.

By now you've probably eaten all those jellybeans and chocolate eggs the Easter bunny brought, and you've put away the baskets to wait till next year.

Guess what? It's still Easter. "Eastertide" we call it. The 50 days after Easter. Lent was only 40 days—plus those Sundays that came in between—but Easter is officially celebrated even longer than that. Up until Pentecost. A reminder of how crucial the Resurrection is to our faith.

Here are some ways you can keep celebrating.

1) Sing some Alleluias. Or say them. And of course, pray them. Or make it a Hallelujah, like that chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. They are all reminders to keep thanking God. Write down those blessings. Put them on your mental map. And give every blessing an Alleluia.

2) Look for Jesus in your life. It always amazes me how Jesus's beloved followers didn't recognize Him at first on Easter. Mary, when she saw Him outside the empty tomb thought, he was the gardener. He walked with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus, and they were clueless as to who He was, until He broke bread with them. The doubting Thomas wanted to see His wound before he would believe.

Is it any surprise, then, that we forget to see Him? Look around though. He is here. He is always here. He can be seen in that friend who called at just the right moment or the loved one who sent that note or the words you read in a devotional. Let the veil be lifted from your eyes. See Jesus in the world around you.

3) Pray with the Creation. For those of us who live in the Northern Hemisphere it is spring, and in every flower bursting forth and bud blossoming we can feel that power and rejoice in it. The sun rises earlier and sets later with every day. We let go of those heavy winter clothes. Our hearts are lighter.

All these things can be opportunities to connect with the Creation and the Creator who made it possible and makes it possible. Jesus's victory over death seems to surround us.

4) Live Jesus's commands. We hear what Jesus said on a Sunday at church. Or in something we read. And it's easy enough to forget it. But one of the reasons Jesus came back and is always here is to remake the world in God's image. What He said are not just words. They are guides for life. And to that effect...

5) Love your neighbor as yourself. It looks so simple but it can be so hard. We learn to love ourselves by loving our neighbors—by loving even our enemies. When we love ourselves, we cannot help but love others.

Love is an active verb. Not passive. Invest yourself in others. Send that email, write that text, make that call. We can find Jesus in the "least of these," those who aren't on our usual road map. Give. Give. Give.

The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen and living here among us now. Happy Easter.

April Kingdom Schedule

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Worship Leaders Schedule

4/2 Elder Karen Lee
4/9 Sis. Turekia White
4/16 Elder Wayne Hatton
4/23 Min. Sylvia Gundy
4/30 Elder Sarah Hatton



Servant Leaders Schedule

4/2 Bro. James Green, Sr.
4/9 Sis. Turekia White
4/16 Sis. Phyllis Duck
4/23 Sis. Lucy Watkins
4/30 Sis. Kathy Greene

Levites Communion Schedule

Lead Communion....Elder Karen Lee
Anointing....Min. Ernest Ruffin & Elder Margaret S. Thomas
Trays....Min. Bertram Blackwell & Elder Wayne Hatton

Servant Leaders Communion and Invitation to Discipleship

Sis. Turekia White, Sis. Wendy Johnson, Sis. Wendy Green

Door Opener

Bro. Grayland Robinson



He Is Risen!! Celebrate the Resurrection!!



April 2023 CID and Bible Study Schedule

4/4 Holy Week Revival | No CID session | The Empty Tomb | Luke 24:1-12
4/11 No CID session | Disciples Believe the Resurrection | Luke 24:13-27, 30-31
4/18 Elder Karen Lee | Bible Study | "Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God."
Youth CID Lesson: Jesus Cooks Breakfast | John 21:1-14
4/25 Elder Karen Lee | Bible Study | "Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God."
Youth CID Lesson: Jesus Reinstates Peter | John 21:15-19
Youth CID Teachers: Benjamin Tribe

**GOD'S WORD
Transforms Lives**

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

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.

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.**

April Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
4/1/23	9:00am	Men's Ministry Church Spring Cleanup
4/2/23	All Day	Palm Sunday
4/2/23	11:00am	Min. Blackwell preaches at Emmanuel Baptist Church – Men's Day service
4/3-6/23	7:000pm	Holy Week Revival
4/5/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/7/23	7:00pm	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at First Baptist Church, Jefferson Park, Newport News
4/8/23	9:00am	Carrying of the Cross
4/8/23	5:00pm	Seven Last Statements of Christ on the Cross service
4/9/23	All Day	Happy Easter – Resurrection Sunday
4/10/23	6:30pm	Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast Committee Conference Call Meeting
4/11/23		No CID/Bible Study
4/12/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/16/23	During service	Women's Ministry Recognition of Care Givers
4/16/23	After service	Joseph Tribe will meet
4/16/23	10:00am	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church – Women's Day attire: Denim, Jeans and Pearls
4/16/23	10:30am	Pastor Shivers preaches at Ebenezer Baptist Church – Revival service
4/17/23	6:30pm	Married Couples Ministry meeting
4/18/23	6:30pm	Bible Study – Teacher: Elder Karen Lee
4/19/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/19/23	6:30pm	Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on the conference line
4/20/23	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
4/25-27/23	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA
4/25/23	6:30pm	Bible Study – Teacher: Elder Karen Lee
4/26/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
4/27/23	6:00pm	Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal
4/29/23	2:30pm	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh Baptist Church, Boykins, VA – Rainbow Tea
4/30/23	After service	Women's Ministry will have a brief meeting
4/30/23	After service	Intercessory Prayer Ministry Fellowship outing

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.

April Spiritual Support Team: Min. Bertram Blackwell and Min. Sylvia Gundy

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.

April Care Team: Sis. Lisa Johnson, Min. Kinston Shivers, and Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. 9:00am Church Spring Cleanup
2. 11:00am Min. Blackwell preaches at Emmanuel Baptist James Green, Jr. Palm Sunday	3. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	4. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	5. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	6. 7:00pm Holy Week Revival	7. 7:00pm Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at First Baptist Church Jefferson Park Regina Green Good Friday	8. 9:00am Carrying the Cross 5:00pm Seven Last Statements service Sierra Johnson
9. Easter Sunday	10. Denise Brown 6:30pm M.M. Prayer Breakfast Committee Conference Call	11. No CID/Bible Study	12. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	13. No choir rehearsal	14. 	15.
16. 10:00am Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Campbell Chapel 10:30am Pastor Shivers preaches at Ebenezer Baptist Joseph Tribe meeting Recognize Care Givers	17. 6:30pm Married Couples meeting Marion Smith Alexis Smith	18. 6:30pm Bible Study Frances W. Robertson Darnelle Jefferson	19. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting	20. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal Imani Gray-Davis	21. 	22.
23. Alice Day	24. 	25. 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church	26. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church Lena Holmes	27. 6:00pm Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church	28. 	29. 2:30pm Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh Baptist Church Boykins, VA
30. Women meet after service Intercessory Prayer Ministry Outing						

“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.” (John 20:19)



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
 Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

April Birthdays – Happy Birthday

April 2 nd	James Green, Jr.
April 7 th	Regina Green
April 8 th	Sierra Johnson
April 10 th	Denise Brown
April 17 th	Alexis Smith
April 17 th	Marion Smith
April 18 th	Frances Wells-Robertson
April 18 th	Darnelle Jefferson
April 20 th	Imani Gray-Davis
April 23 rd	Alice Day
April 26 th	Lena Holmes



What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is a Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of **Holy Week**, the remembrance of Jesus' last days.



Solomon's Temple Trustee Ministry Sunday Schedule – April 2023

April 2 nd	Sis. Linda Jordan
April 9 th	Bro. Marcus Smith
April 16 th	Bro. Barry Nichols
April 23 rd	Bro. Theodore Gundy
April 30 th	Sis. Cynthia Jordan



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 24th Pastor Shivers preaches for Pastor James Alexander's 20th Pastoral Anniversary
 June 25th Men's Day

July 2023

July 4th Fourth of July Holiday
 July 14th Pastor Shivers' birthday
 July 14th Pastor & Co-Pastor Shivers' Wedding Anniversary
 July 22nd Bikers for Christ
 July 23rd Family & Friends Day

August 2023

Aug. 5th Back to School Kickoff
 Aug. 22nd Pastor Shivers in revival at Macedonia Hobson

September 2023

Sept. 4th Labor Day
 Sept. 10th Leading Lady Day
 Sept. 10th Grandparents Day

October 2023

Oct. 1st Pastor Shivers preaches at Sandy Mt. Baptist Church
 Oct. 8th Clergy Appreciation Day
 Oct. 15th Pastor & Church Anniversary
 Oct. 22nd Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Cypress Baptist Church

November 2023

Nov. 19th – 21st Fall Harvest Revival
 Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." Anonymous

Solomon's Temple Carrying of the Cross!

When: Saturday, April 8th
at 9:00 a.m.

Where: We will gather behind
Hardee's Restaurant

- ❖ Men and Women are Invited.
- ❖ Please Dress Biblically

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Men's Ministry



Thoughts to Ponder

Ye call me the "Way" and walk me not. Ye call me the "Life" and live me not. Ye call me "Master" and obey me not. If I condemn thee, blame me not. Ye call me "Bread" and eat me not. Ye call me "Truth" and believe me not. Ye call me "Lord" and serve me not. If I condemn thee, blame me not. ~ Geoffrey O'Hara

Jesus

Hebrews 2:9 NIV
"But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

CYPRESS CREEK ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023, 7-11AM



- ▶ Its that time again to turn your unwanted items into cash!
- ▶ Sign up with Betsy Eveland, 803-447-9114 or betsyatcypresscreek@outlook.com or Renee Rountree, 757-344-8898 to get your address added to the map!
- ▶ Sign up with a neighbor to make it fun!
- ▶ Get your \$10 permit from the town of Smithfield
- ▶ Enjoy the morning with shoppers buying your stuff
- ▶ Donate 10% or \$10 to HOA for advertising expenses
- ▶ Coordinate with a local charity for pick up of leftover items
- ▶ If interested – please sign up. We need at least 10 homes to make this happen! Thanks

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
(Zechariah 9:9)



Women's Conference Agenda, Saturday, May 6, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:35 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Opening prayer, welcome and instructions
9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Session I <i>"Access to a Greater Vision"</i> – Elder Fran Futrell
	<i>Giveaway</i>
10:05 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Session II <i>"Releasing the Past – Negative and Positive"</i> –
	<i>Giveaway</i>
11:05 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Session III <i>"Potential – moving forward into possibility – no limitations"</i> – Elder Carol Lyttle
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Break, Giveaway, Visit Vendors
12:35 p.m.	Introduction of Conference Messenger
	<i>Conference Message</i>

Closing

The conference is **Free** to all women who have paid their \$50 donation. If not, the conference will be \$20 for everyone else even our guests. Please sign up if you would like to purchase a conference T-Shirt by April 16th. (T-Shirt sizes and price S-XL \$12.00; XXL \$15.00; XXXL \$20.00)

We need each guest to register by April 23rd. Cashapp the church and put in memo women's conference.

During the month of May, the Women's Ministry will recognize Solomon's Temple Women 70 years and older.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Alice Day
 Frances Wells-Robertson
 Ruby Clarke
 Marion Smith

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Joyce Greene
 Connie Payne
 Ella Ford
 Linda Jordan

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Mary Diggs
 Mattie Turner
 Lonnie Batten
 Vernell Brown

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sarah Hatton
 Florence Turner
 Lena Holmes

Presenters

Elder Margaret S. Thomas
 Elder Margaret S. Thomas
 Min. Sylvia Gundy
 Min. Sylvia Gundy

Presenters

Elder Karen Lee
 Elder Karen Lee
 Min. Cynthia Edwards
 Min. Cynthia Edwards

Presenters

Sis. Wendy Johnson
 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 Sis. Tanisha White
 Sis. Cynthia Jordan

Presenters

Sis. Faye Thompson
 Sis. Dana Cary
 Sis. Lisa Thompson

Women's Day
Sunday, May 7, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Messenger: Rev. Linda Edwards
 Good Shepherd Baptist Church
 Petersburg, VA
 Colors: Gray, Pink and White
 Women's Day Donation: \$15.00



"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18, ESV

You're looking at the Pacers! Just the 10-11 IOW Rec Ball Champions!!! **Congratulations** to Kristiana Smith and teammates.

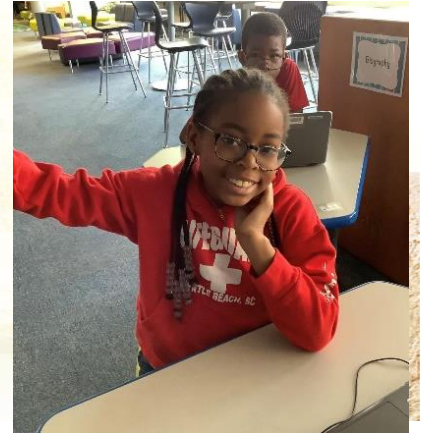


Congratulations to Travis "TJ" Holloway, Jr. and teammates. Isle of Wight Parks and Rec Basketball Bulls - undefeated season and 2023 Champions.



Congratulations to Seniah and The Smithfield Soccer Club for winning the "Kickin it for Cancer Tournament 2023!!!" **March Gladness Open Mic**

Congratulations Kristiana earned Honor Roll for the 2nd 9 weeks as well as has been recognized for her Kindness Acts at Westside Elementary.



Congratulations Mor'Netra is currently holding a 3.89 GPA in her BSN program.



Jay'Vion placed 1st and 3rd place. Karate championship at Heritage High School on March 25, 2023.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Camille was crowned Homecoming Queen for her PK4 yr. program.



Women's Ministry Rainbow Tea



Chicago aviation students receive engine donation from American Airlines
 Aviation students are getting a jet-fueled boost for the future courtesy of American Airlines.

“When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.” *Max Planck*
 “Confidence on the outside begins by living with integrity on the inside.” *Brian Tracy*
 “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*
 “The most important thing in life is to stop saying ‘I wish’ and start saying ‘I will.’ Consider nothing impossible, then treat possibilities as probabilities.” *David Copperfield*