

# Temple News

*Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church*

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*May 2023*



## **7 Bible Verses to Celebrate Pentecost** by: Rick Hamlin

It's time to wish the church "Happy Birthday!" Because Pentecost is a holiday that deserves much celebration. It's often thought of as the birthday of the church (more on that). Let's look at the Biblical record:

- 1) *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.* (Acts 2:1) Jesus had ascended into heaven and His followers were trying to figure out what was next. What did they do? They gathered "together in one place." Things can happen when believers congregate.
- 2) *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.* (Acts 2:2) God is big, beyond our comprehension. Just when we think we have figured things out, we can be startled out of our boots!
- 3) *Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.* (Acts 2:3) Not just the ability to speak a foreign language but a visual symbol as well, "tongues, as of fire."
- 4) *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.* (Acts 2:4) Take note that in their humility, the disciples gave credit where credit was due. Their linguistic powers were heaven-sent.
- 5) *Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"* (Acts 2:7-8) As the poet W.H. Auden pointed out, the astounding gifts of Pentecost weren't just in speech but also in understanding. Isn't that precisely where we could all use the Spirit's help?
- 6) *Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 2:38) Pentecost means "50," coming as it did 50 days after Easter. Back then, on Good Friday, Peter denied he even knew Jesus. Not now. Not going forward. He can offer the gifts of the Holy Spirit because he has received them. He changed like we, too, can be changed.
- 7) *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) It happened just as Jesus predicted, and it continues to this day.





## A Mother's Day Prayer For All Mothers by: Bubbling Brook

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of mothers. May these bearers of life also be bearers of your Word. May they teach and train up their children in the way they should go, so when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Even when the children are already grown, help mothers to sow the seeds that will bear the Fruit of Your Spirit. Just as a mother's work is never done, and her prayers for her children will never end. A piece of her heart is always with them. Lord, we've learned that this huge responsibility is one that has no job description. There's no special college degree, no on-the-job training program. Help each mother to realize that You offer something even better than those things: Your Spirit and Your Word. May the Holy Spirit guide each mother as she seeks for wisdom. Illuminate the Scriptures for her. Help her encourage her children to honor You. Give her a church family that will come alongside her and show the love of Christ to her and her family. Place godly mentors in her life and also in the lives of her children. May they seek You and find You. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.



**Co-Pastor Edith R. Shivers**

## What is a Mother? Author: Katherine Nelson Davis

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us, to love us, whatever we do. With a warm understanding and infinite patience, and wonderful gentleness, too. How often a mother means swift reassurance in soothing our small, childish fears. How tenderly mothers watch over their children and treasure them all through the years. The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness for any mistake, big or small. And generous always in helping her family whose needs she has placed above all. A mother can utter a word of compassion and make all our cares fall away. She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter and make life delightful and gay. A mother possesses incredible wisdom and wonderful insight and skill. In each human heart is that one special corner which only a mother can fill!

*Wishing all mothers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. You are treasures of great worth. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28 (ESV)*

## Solomon's Temple Church Mothers Connie Payne, Lonnie Batten, Mary Diggs, and Vernell Brown



## Happy Mother's Day Author: Unknown

"Happy Mother's Day" means more than have a happy day. Within those words lie lots of things we never get to say. It means we love you first of all. Then thanks for all you do. It means you mean a lot to us. And that we honor you. But most of all, I guess it means that we are thinking of...Your happiness on this, your day, with pleasure and with love.



# May Kingdom Schedule

## Worship Leaders Schedule

5/7 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers  
 5/14 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
 5/21 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas  
 5/28 Min. Cynthia Edwards

## Levites Communion Schedule

Lead Communion....Co-Pastor Edith Shivers  
 Anointing....Elder Sarah Hatton & Min. Cynthia Edwards  
 Trays....Elder Margaret S. Thomas & Min. Ernest Ruffin

## Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

## Servant Leaders Schedule

5/7 Sis. Wendy Johnson  
 5/14 Sis. Shirley Haskins  
 5/21 Bro. Donald Watkins  
 5/28 Sis. Wendy Green

## Servant Leaders Communion and Invitation to Discipleship

Sis. Shirley Haskins, Sis. Phyllis Duck,  
 Bro. James Green, Sr.



## May 2023 CID and Bible Study Schedule

5/2 CID session | Sis. Wendy Johnson | Jesus Makes a Promise | Acts 1:1-11  
 CID session | Sis. Shirley Haskins | The Day of Pentecost | Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-39  
 5/9 CID session | Sis. Lucy Watkins | Jumping for Joy | Acts 3:1-11  
 CID session | Min. Sylvia Gundy | An Ethiopian is Baptized | Acts 8:29-40  
 5/16 Bible Study | Elder Sarah Hatton | Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God  
 5/23 Bible Study | Min. Ernest Ruffin | Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God  
 5/30 CID session | Bro. Donald Watkins | Saul of Tarsus | Acts 9:9-17  
 CID session | Sis. Wendy Green | God Reigns | Isaiah 52:7-12

## **God's Word Transforms Lives**

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

**Youth CID Teachers: Levi Tribe**  
 Sis. Phyllis Duck & Sis. Turekia White

## 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](mailto: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.**

# May Schedule of Events

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Date	Time	Event
5/2/23	6:30pm	CID session
5/3/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/4/23	6:00am & 12:00pm	Intercessory Prayer – National Day of Prayer
5/4/23	6:30pm	Women’s Day choir rehearsal
5/6/23	8:00am	Women’s Conference at the church
5/7/23	9:00am	Women’s Day. Messenger: Rev. Linda Edwards – Good Shepherd Baptist Church
5/7/23	After service	Intercessory Prayer Ministry fellowship outing at “Taste of Smithfield”
5/9/23	6:30pm	CID session
5/10/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/11/23	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
5/14/23	All Day	Mother’s Day
5/15/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice
5/16/23	6:30pm	Bible Study. Elder Sarah Hatton – Teacher
5/17/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/17/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice
5/18/23	6:00pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
5/21/23	9:00am	Ministry Day
5/21/23	After service	Joseph Tribe leaders will meet with disciples to discuss Family & Friends Day
5/21/23	After service	Servant leaders will meet with disciples to discuss Pastor & Church Anniversary
5/22/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice
5/23/23	6:30pm	Bible Study. Min. Ernest Ruffin – Teacher
5/24/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/24/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice
5/25/23	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
5/28/23	All Day	Pentecost Sunday
5/28/23	11:00am	Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at Emmanuel Baptist Church for Youth Day
5/29/23	All Day	Memorial Day
5/30/23	6:30pm	CID session
5/31/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
5/31/23	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice

## **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.

**May Care Team:** Bro. Donald Watkins, Sis. Hope Parker & Sis. Arieana Parker

## **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.

**May Spiritual Support Team:** Bro. Donald Watkins & 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**

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. Sylvia Gundy Happy Anniversary James & Wendy Green	2. 6:30pm CID session Terry Rawls Charles Turner Castachia Turner	3. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	4. 6:00am and 12:00pm Intercessory Prayer National Day of Prayer 6:30pm Women Day choir rehearsal	5.	6. 8:00am Women Conference Phyllis Duck
7. 9:00am Women Day After service Intercessory Prayer Ministry outing	8.	9. 6:30pm CID session	10. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	11. 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	12.	13.
14. Happy Anniversary Robert & Dana Cary Grayland Robinson Dorothy Robinson <b>MOTHERS DAY</b>	15. 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise dance practice	16. 6:30pm Bible Study	17. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Youth Praise dance practice	18. 6:00pm Youth Choir rehearsal	19.	20. DeAizha W. Drewry
21. 9:00am Ministry Day Joseph Tribe leaders meet with church family Servant Leaders meet with church family	22. 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Praise dance practice	23. 6:30pm Bible Study	24. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Youth Praise dance practice	25. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	26.	27. Stanley Robinson
28. 11:00am Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at Emmanuel Baptist <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	29. <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	30. 6:30pm CID session	31. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 6:30pm Youth Praise dance practice			

## Verse of the Month

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:31)





## 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  
 Bro. Micheal & Sis. Phyllis Wiggins  
 Bereaved Families



***Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!***

## May Birthdays – Happy Birthday

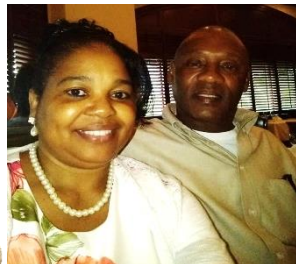
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sylvia Gundy
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Rawls
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Turner
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Castachia Turner
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Duck
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grayland Robinson
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Robinson
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stanley Robinson



## May Anniversaries – Happy Anniversary



**James & Wendy Green**  
May 1<sup>st</sup>



**Robert & Dana Cary**  
May 14<sup>th</sup>



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

## Solomon's Temple Trustee Ministry Sunday Schedule – May 2023

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Florence Turner
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. James Britt
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sis. Linda Jordan
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Marcus Smith



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 2023

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Outreach  
 June 5<sup>th</sup> Married Couples meet  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Day  
 June 17<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth Celebration  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
 June 24<sup>th</sup> Pastor Shivers preaches for Pastor James Alexander's 20<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary  
 June 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Day

### July 2023

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

### August 2023

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Back to School Kickoff  
 Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Shivers preaches at Macedonia Hobson  
 Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor Shivers preaches at New Jones Grove

### September 2023

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day  
 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Leading Lady Day  
 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day

### October 2023

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

### November 2023

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day  
 Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Fall Harvest Revival  
 Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving

### December 2023

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent  
 Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Accept/decline forms due  
 Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Solomon's Council meet  
 Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
 Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
 Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

Congratulations Seniah on your accomplishment in making the Principal's List.



**Solomon's Temple Women's Ministry  
Recognition of Care Givers.....Such a Beautiful Expression of Love.**

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27



"The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what God has blessed me with."

"The Lord is near to all them that call on him, to all that call on him in truth."  
Psalm 145:18



**Meet our Newest Disciple**

*Judy Holloway* successfully completed New Disciples class and received her certificate of completion on Sunday, April 9, 2023. Congratulations *Judy* and welcome to Solomon's Temple.

Travis "TJ" Holloway, Jr. embracing his grandmother Joyce Green with love and a smile. He's also giving God praise. "Can I Get an Amen, Somebody!!"







EASTER SUNDAY



Seven Last Statements of Christ on the Cross service



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

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Women Recognized**

Alice Day  
Frances Wells-Robertson  
Ruby Clarke  
Marion Smith

**Presenters**

Elder Margaret S. Thomas  
Elder Margaret S. Thomas  
Min. Sylvia Gundy  
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**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**Women Recognized**

Joyce Greene  
Connie Payne  
Ella Ford  
Linda Jordan

**Presenters**

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

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Women Recognized**

Mary Diggs  
Mattie Turner  
Lonnie Batten  
Vernell Brown

**Presenters**

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

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

**Women Recognized**

Sarah Hatton  
Florence Turner  
Lena Holmes

**Presenters**

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

**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE CHURCH**  
K. D. Shivers - Pastor / E. R. Shivers - Co-Pastor

**Men's Ministry PRESENTS**

**JUNETEENTH PRAYER Breakfast**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17th 9:00AM**  
**Cost: \$12.00**



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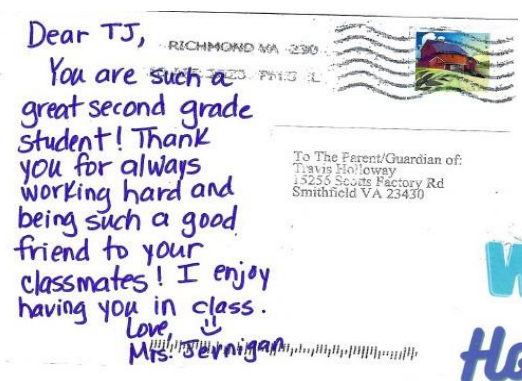


**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Everyone is asked to wear white.**  
*Pentecost* is a major festival in the Christian church and is celebrated by believers on the Sunday that falls on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter.



**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
*Memorial Day* is a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day 2023 is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.



Congratulation recognition to Travis "TJ" Holloway Jr. from his teacher.



**2023 Community Clean Up Days**

Bay Disposal and Recycling will provide free pick-up service for your old furniture, appliances, TV's, stereos, carpets, and lawn maintenance equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters, etc. (equipment must be free of oil and gas) for Town residents on the following Saturdays:

**DATE OF SERVICE AND AREA OF TOWN**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6 & OCTOBER 21:**  
All areas north and west of Cypress Creek and the Pagan River (including River Oaks, Pinewood Heights, Goose Hill Creek, Jericho Estates, Cypress Creek, Riverview, Lakeside, Historical District, Jersey Park, West Main Street, etc.)

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 & OCTOBER 14:**  
All areas on the south side of town including both sides of South Church Street and east of Cypress Creek (including Waterford Oaks, Willow Oaks, Aspen Woods, Scots Landing, Pinehurst, Smithfield Manor, Grimesland, etc.)

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 & OCTOBER 28:**  
All areas east and north of South Church Street and both sides of Battery Park Road (includes Rising Star, Wellington Estates, Moone Plantation, Smithfield Forest, John Rolfe Estates, Croatan Landing, Moonfield, Pagan Point, Red Point Heights, Deer Run, Villas, Church Square, Lakeview Cove etc.)



Everything to be picked up must be at the street side no later than 6:30 AM. The trucks will not be able to drive into your yard to pick up any items. Please call Bay Disposal and Recycling at 857-9700 with any questions about Community Clean Up Days.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: BAY DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING WILL NOT PICK UP YARD DEBRIS OR TREE LIMBS (larger than 3" in diameter or longer than 4 feet) OR STRUCTURAL DEBRIS SUCH AS USED LUMBER, ROOFING, SIDING, ETC. Leaves or other yard trimmings must be placed in bags. Limbs must be tied and bundled.**

**OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP: TIRES, COMPUTERS, PAINTS, BATTERIES, GAS CYLINDERS, OIL, ASBESTOS, ANIMAL CARCASSES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

**NOTE: The Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield no longer takes any hazardous materials. They will recycle used motor oil at this location. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8am to 3pm and Saturday from 8am to 12pm. You may reach the IOW Transfer Station at 961-3874.**

The Suffolk Transfer Station on #1 Bob Foeller Drive, Suffolk will take hazardous materials. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8am to 4pm and Saturday from 8am to 12pm. You may reach the Suffolk Transfer Station at 961-3683. You will be asked to provide an ID or utility bill as proof of residency.

Michael Stallings  
Town Manager