



Temple News

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Monthly Newsletter for Solomon's Temple Church
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3 Ways to Spend the Summer with God by: Bob Hostetler

The season invites us to enjoy longer and warmer days with some quiet, some friends and always in His presence.

An online friend of mine wrote a prayer years ago that contained the phrase, “Come summer with me, Lord.” The phrase stuck with me. I think of it often, especially as summer arrives. It reflects the desire of my heart and suggests at least three ways I can “summer with God” in the weeks ahead.

1. Change Your Pace

The classic Gershwin lyric labels “summertime” as a season when “the livin’ is easy.” The pace is different. Slower, yes, and perhaps quieter. So, if you summer with God, look for those opportunities to change your pace and invite God into it.

Take a walk, for instance, instead of reflexively driving somewhere nearby. Take a break. Whether it’s a beach vacation or a weekend away—or just a quick picnic in the park—find a time and place for some “down time” in which to send up a few prayers. Or, as the Gershwin song suggests, grab a pole and go where the fish are “jumpin’” (and God might be “speakin’”).

2. Taste and See God’s Goodness

The psalmist David sang, “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8, NIV). The sense of taste is one we often forget or neglect in making meaningful connections with God. But the tastes of the season can help us to summer with God.

Pour a tall glass of iced tea and summer with God as you sip. Slice a melon and pray for God to produce similarly rich fruit in your life. Invite friends to a cookout and pause a few times to mark the goodness of God in the gifts of food and friendship.

3. Soak in the Sunshine

When was the last time you closed your eyes and let the sun warm your face? Or counted the clouds in the sky on a sunny day? Sure, you may need to apply a little sunscreen—or you may live in a region that seldom sees the sun—but one of summer’s delights is the sunshine and shade that makes the outdoors so, well, “outdoorsy.” Depending on where you live and your daily schedule, you may need to be more intentional to soak up the sun, but try finding a way to enact the words of Scripture: “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3, NIV).

I want this to be a different summer than many that have gone before. I want it to be a summer that not only includes God in my plans and experiences, but also one that includes me in His. I will say often, in the days and weeks ahead, “Come, summer with me, Lord.”

Here are some pointers for incorporating the sights and sounds of the season into your God time. Summer's here. Time to go for a prayer walk. Savor the marvels of nature as you get in touch with the Creator. Walk and pray? Yes, indeed, you can do both. Good for the body and the soul. Here are a few pointers.

No talking. Sure, you can talk to God. But no talking to anyone else. This is not a time to take phone calls or talk with a friend. It might be nice to go on that prayer walk with someone else, but no talking. The silence will help you focus on your prayers, and a companion can add to that. Shared silence.

Take a look at what's around you. If you're like me, you often take the same route, along familiar paths. No problem. In fact, in some ways that adds to the pleasure because you see and discover new things in the everyday. Small things. That crack in a rock, that dandelion pushing up, those dahlias just ready to burst into bloom. Give God the praise. Nature can be the Lord's picture book, every image an illustration of God's presence.

Take a deep breath. Take more than one, take several. God breathed the breath of life in human beings at the beginning. Every breath we take can be a reminder of that. Feel the air move through you and around you. Stop and stretch. Raise your hands, if you wish. Praise the Lord with every breath.

Smell the smells. There are always surprising smells to note. The faint fragrance of a flower or crushed leaves. Someone barbecuing outside, someone fixing dinner, someone picnicking on the lawn. Without distractions you'll discover new smells...and notice what they remind you of. Eucalyptus leaves always take me back to a park of my childhood. God is in the air.

Listen to the Creation. The sound of the wind blowing through the trees, the birds chirping in the air, a jet passing overhead, a family station wagon driving by, distant music on the radio, your footsteps in the dirt or on the sidewalk as you walk. You might even want to hum or sing a hymn or praise song as you walk. It's God's music.

Remember others in prayer. In your solitude you will think of friends and family members who need your prayers. Remember their situations. Imagine them being there with you. Just because you're alone doesn't mean you're truly alone. They're with you as is God. The rhythm of your walk will help you keep them in your prayers.

Come back. You will return to your home with renewed energy and strength, the worries of the moment released. I live in a huge teeming city, and when I go out, there will be people passing me on my way to the park. I smile, I wave, sometimes I stop and chat. But then I move on. It's my God time. Walking in prayer.



Solomon's Temple 2023 Tribe List

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Tribe Leaders, please let the Church Administrator know if there are any disciples' names that are missing from your tribe. Thank you.

Asher Tribe	Benjamin Tribe	Joseph Tribe	Levi Tribe
Pastor & Co- Pastor Shivers Advisors	Pastor & Co- Pastor Shivers Advisors	Pastor & Co- Pastor Shivers Advisors	Pastor & Co- Pastor Shivers Advisors
Shirley Haskins – Tribe Leader	James Green – Tribe Leader	Donald Watkins – Tribe Leader	Phyllis Duck - Tribe Leader
Wendy Johnson – Tribe Leader	Wendy Green – Tribe Leader	Lucy Watkins – Tribe Leader	Turekia White – Tribe Leader
Angela Batten	Desire Bester	Bertram Blackwell	Vernessa Black
Joe Batten	Jeremiah Bester	James Britt	Jai'Aja Brock
Lonnie Batten	Jha'Siah Brown	Jennifer Britt	Jai'Ciana Brock
Aalani Brown	Dana Cary	Mercedi Brown	Sheila Brown
Corey Brown	Latoya Diggs	Hilja Cypress	Craig Clarke
Denise Brown	Jordan Elliott	Alice Day	Ebony Clarke
Desiree Brown	James Green, Jr.	Mary Diggs	Ruby Clarke
Tamara Brown	Kenya Hargrove	Cynthia Edwards	Terren Clarke
Vernell Brown	Lena Holmes	William Etienne	Wanda Clarke
Kimesia Burrell	Ray Holmes	Ella Ford	Seniah Cypress
Shenille Davis	Darnelle Jefferson	Joyce Greene	Antonio Dixon
Melachi Goodman	Lisa Johnson	Kathy Greene	Brandon Drew
Anthony Gray	Mor'Netra Johnson	Judy Holloway	Tami Drew
Imani Gray-Davis	Mor'Relle Johnson	Travis "TJ" Holloway, Jr.	Carl Duck
Jayla Gray	Karen Lee	Donna Jenkins	Regina Green
Marcus Gundy	Brandon Newsome	James Jenkins	Sarah Hatton
Sylvia Gundy	LaQueisha Newsome	Barbara Jones	Wayne Hatton
Theodore Gundy	Connie Payne	Junious Little	Kianna Hill
Cynthia Jordan	Patricia Payne	Barry Nichols	Kevin Johnson
Ariana Parker	Jay'Vion Pierce	Elaine Nichols	Nasheena Roberts
Hope Parker	Terry Rawls	Jayla Nichols	Kevin Shepherd, Jr.
Raven Parker	Tierra Rawls	Jessica Smith	Kinston Shivers
Shakilra Parker	Ernest Ruffin	Kori Smith	Alexis Smith
Nikia Robertson	Jackie Ruffin	Kristiana Smith	Beretta Smith
Dorothy Robinson	Alonzo Taylor, Jr.	Marcus Smith	Jowanda Smith-Hawkins
Grayland Robinson	Jerrica Taylor	Castachia Turner	Marion Smith
Stanley Robinson	Joydan Taylor	Charles Turner	Faye Thompson
Courtland Shivers	Kaden Taylor	Christian Turner	Lisa Thompson
Deloris Shivers	Kyrah Taylor	Florence Turner	Frances Wells-Robertson
Destiny Shivers	Charlotte Wellons	Mattie Turner	Robert White
Latisha Shivers	Linda Wiggins	Melvin Turner	Brent Wrenn
Margaret Shivers-Thomas	Brittany Williams	Stacy Turner	Crystal Wrenn-Combs
Khadedra Vaughan	Bryce Williams	Willie "Cat" Turner	
Tanisha White		Willie Turner, Sr.	
Micheal Wiggins		De'Ahzha Williams-Drewry	
Phyllis Wiggins			
Lenore Williams			

AUGUST KINGDOM SCHEDULE

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WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

8/6 Co-Pastor Edith Shivers
8/13 Sis. Phyllis Duck
8/20 Min. Cynthia Edwards
8/27 Min. Ernest Ruffin

LEVITES COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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

DOOR OPENER

Bro. Grayland Robinson

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” *1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV*

SERVANT LEADERS SCHEDULE

8/6 Bro. Donald Watkins
8/13 Sis. Phyllis Duck
8/20 Sis. Kathy Greene
8/27 Sis. Lucy Watkins

SERVANT LEADERS COMMUNION AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

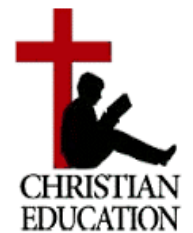


GOD'S WORD TRANSFORMS LIVES AUGUST 2023 CID AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

There will be NO CID sessions or Bible Study for the month of August.

8/6 No CID session | Inheriting the Kingdom | Galatians 5:13-26
8/13 No CID session | The Nature of the Kingdom | Romans 14:10-23
8/20 No CID session | Judgment in the Kingdom | 1 Corinthians 4:1-6, 17-21
8/27 No CID session | God's Kingdom will be All in All | 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

“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.**

AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
8/1/23		No CID session or Bible Study
8/2/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/3/23	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
8/6/23	10:00am	Pastor Shivers preaches for Men's Day service at Chapel Grove United Church of Christ, 7366 West Blackwater Rd., Windsor, VA 23487
8/6/23	11:30am	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Friendship Cathedral COGIC, 5511 Godwin Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434
8/8/23		No CID session or Bible Study
8/8-9/23	7:30pm	Pastor Shivers in revival at Shiloh Baptist Church, 9000 Firetower Rd., Windsor, VA 23487. Choir and ushers are asked to serve on Tuesday night, August 8 th .
8/9/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/10/23	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
8/14/23	6:00pm	Women's Ministry conference call meeting
8/14/23	7:00pm	Men's Ministry conference call meeting
8/15/23		No CID session or Bible Study
8/16/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/17/23	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
8/21/23	6:00pm	Levite Ministry Zoom meeting
8/21/23	7:00pm	Assembly of Servants Zoom meeting
8/22/23		No CID session or Bible Study
8/22/23	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches for revival service at Macedonia Baptist Church, 8300 Crittenden Road, Suffolk, VA. Choir and ushers are asked to serve.
8/23/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/24/23	6:30pm	Praise Team rehearsal
8/27/23	10:00am	Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at Chapel Grove United Church of Christ, 7366 West Blackwater Rd., Windsor, VA 23487
8/27/23	1:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches for revival service at New Jones Grove Baptist Church, 15090 Woodland Dr., Windsor, VA. Choir and ushers are asked to serve. Dinner served upon arrival.
8/27/23	1:30pm	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 14165 Racetrack Rd., Ivor, VA 23866 for First Lady Day
8/29/23		No CID session or Bible Study
8/30/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
8/30/23	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches at Little Zion Baptist Church, 9496 Old Stage Highway, Smithfield, VA. Praise Team is asked to serve.
8/31/23	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal

TRUSTEE MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2023

August 6th
August 13th
August 20th
August 27th



Bro. Theodore Gundy
Sis. Florence Turner
Bro. James Britt
Sis. Linda Wiggins

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT!!!

“Always remember you are braver than you believe; stronger than you seem; smarter than you think and twice as beautiful as you’d ever imagined.” *Inspirational Quotes*

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1. No CID session or Bible Study	2. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	3. 6:30pm Mass Choir rehearsal	4. Sarah Hatton Hilja Cypress Kori Smith	5. Davion Archer Jala Johnson
6. 10:00am Pastor Shivers preaches at Chapel Grove 11:30am Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Friendship Cathedral	7. Happy Anniversary Vincent & Barbara Jones	8. 7:30pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh Baptist Church No CID session or Bible Study	9. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:30pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Shiloh Baptist Church	10. 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal	11. Tami Drew Carl Duck Desire Bester	12.
13. Kamryn Smith	14. 6:00pm Women meeting 7:00pm Men meeting	15. No CID session or Bible Study Lenore Williams	16. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Stacy Turner	17. 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal Shenille Davis	18. Sheila Brown	19.
20. Kingsley Shivers	21. 6:00pm Levite meeting 7:00pm AOS meeting	22. 7:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Macedonia Baptist No CID session or Bible Study Theodore Gundy	23. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	24. 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal	25.	26. Lekesha Moton
27. 10:00am Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at Chapel Grove 1:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at New Jones Grove 1:30pm Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Sinai	28. Bertram Blackwell	29. No CID session or Bible Study	30. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Little Zion Happy Anniversary Bert & Toni Blackwell Barry & Elaine Nicholas	31. 6:30pm Mass Choir rehearsal Happy Anniversary Willie & Stacy Turner		

VERSE OF THE MONTH

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6



PRAYER LIST

Pastor K. D. Shivers
 Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
 Bro. Joe Batten
 Sis. Lonnie Batten
 Sis. Vernell Brown
 Sis. Mary Diggs
 Sis. Connie Payne
 Sis. Ruby Clarke
 Bro. Charles Turner
 Bro. Junious Little
 Bro. Willie Turner, Sr.
 Sis. Florence Turner
 Sis. Angela Batten
 Bro. Micheal Wiggins
 Sis. Phyllis Wiggins
 Sis. Darnelle Jefferson
 Min. Cynthia Edwards
 Bereaved Families

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS – HAPPY BIRTHDAY 7

Sarah Hatton	August 4 th
Hilja Cypress	August 4 th
Kori Smith	August 4 th
Davion Archer	August 5 th
Jala Johnson	August 5 th
Tami Drew	August 11 th
Carl Duck	August 11 th
Desire Bester	August 11 th
Kamryn Smith	August 13 th
Lenore Williams	August 15 th
Stacy Turner	August 16 th
Shenille Davis	August 17 th
Sheila Brown	August 18 th
Kingsley Shivers	August 20 th
Theodore Gundy	August 22 nd
Lekesha Moton	August 26 th
Bertram Blackwell	August 28 th



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES - HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



August 7th Vincent & Barbara Jones	August 30th Bertram & Toni Blackwell	August 30th Barry & Elaine Nichols	August 31st Willie & Stacy Turner
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“Happy is the man who finds a true friend, and far happier is he who finds that true friend in his wife.” *Franz Schubert*



Congratulations to *Seniah Cypress* for being a spotlight team fan of The Lionsbridge soccer team. She was called out on the field at CNU soccer game on July 15, 2023.

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty."
 - *E.M. Bounds*

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.

August Care Team: Sis. Turekia White, Sis. Lisa Thompson, and Sis. Faye Thompson

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.

August 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**

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY – AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

When was the last time you checked to see if your immune system is up to date? This August, National Immunization Awareness Month raises awareness and encourages everyone to make sure they are current on the necessary vaccinations for potentially harmful diseases. Many diseases can be easily prevented by administering vaccines, and thus, protecting you from unseen viruses. Take the necessary precautions with a simple call to your doctor, and avoid potential harm while leading a healthy, happy life.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

1. **Call your doctor:** The only way to be absolutely certain about what vaccinations you've received is to gather your medical records. Contact your doctor and request your immunization records to determine whether or not you are up to date.
2. **Encourage friends to do the same:** Just because you feel healthy doesn't mean you don't need to be vaccinated. Unlike most medicines, which treat or cure diseases, vaccines prevent them. When you check your immunization records, encourage friends to do the same, and you can all make sure you are up to date.
3. **Know your family history:** A family medical history can reveal the history of disease in your family and help a doctor identify patterns that might be relevant to your own health. This will allow the doctor to be best informed about recommending vaccines for immunization.

WHY NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IS IMPORTANT

1. **Immunization protects our children:** Vaccination protects children from serious illness and complications of many diseases, including amputation of an arm or leg, paralysis of limbs, hearing loss, convulsions, brain damage, and death.
2. **Immunization is safe:** Vaccination is safe and effective. All vaccines undergo long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and the federal government to make sure they are safe.
3. **We owe it to everyone:** We all have a public health obligation to our communities to protect ourselves as well as others from potential health risks. By getting vaccinated, we eliminate diseases before they have a chance to spread.



The **Media Ministry** is looking for disciples with computer experience. Will train!! If interested, please see Bro. Stanley Robinson or Sis. Tanisha White.

Joseph Tribe disciples Sis. Lucy Watkins and Sis. Kathy Greene recognition of Ms. Mary Diggs and Ms. Frances Wells-Robertson. A beautiful display of Love. ❤️





SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!!!

**Upcoming
EVENTS**
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)

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This July, America's Shipyard is celebrating our production workforce, who provide the skills needed to service the Fleet - any ship, any time, anywhere! Meet LaToya Diggs - Shop Resource Manager!

MEET LATOYA DIGGS!



LaToya Diggs is a graduate of the 2015 NNSY Apprentice class and has been part of NNSY for almost 12 years. She is a Shop Resource Manager, managing six different trades. She spends most of her time ensuring NNSY has fully qualified personnel on projects including; resolving manning shortages, assisting with training request and being the POC for personnel actions. Not only is she the POC for NNSY, but the base and other TDY locations as well. Something very unique about LaToya is her organizational skills. LaToya mentioned how she is afraid of heights yet loves rollercoasters. She is a Star Wars fanatic with Darth Vader being her favorite villain.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 4th
Sept. 8th

Sept. 10th
Sept. 10th
Sept. 12th

OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 1st

Oct. 8th
Oct. 15th
Oct. 22nd

NOVEMBER 2023

Nov. 7th
Nov. 11th
Nov. 19th – 21st
Nov. 23rd

DECEMBER 2023

Dec. 3rd
Dec. 3rd
Dec. 24th
Dec. 25th
Dec. 31st

Labor Day
Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Zion Word and Faith
Grandparents Day
Leading Lady Day
Bible Study resumes
Pastor Shivers preaches at Sandy Mt. Baptist Church
Clergy Appreciation Day
Pastor and Church Anniversary
Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Cypress Baptist Church
Election Day
Veterans Day
Fall Harvest Revival
Thanksgiving Day
First Sunday of Advent
2024 Accept/Decline forms due
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve