



**Five Bible Verses for Going Back to School** by: Rick Hamlin

Whether you're sending someone to school or going yourself, these Scriptures offers support.

I haven't been a full-time student for decades, but when fall comes around something clicks in me, and I'm ready to go out and buy some notebooks, pads of paper and colored pens. Ready to go back-to-school. Hit the books.

You might be deep into graduate school or the parent or grandparent of a kid just starting out in kindergarten. Along with the books and backpack you buy for your youngster or the laptop you carry around, every student deserves to be wrapped in prayer. No getting out the door without it. Here are some Bible verses that offer support. Lean on them.

**1) "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation" (Psalm 68:19 - NRSV).** Learning is something that happens day after day. There can be good days and bad days. "I can't make any sense of this math problem," you might say or "How will I ever remember those vocabulary words?" Take heart. The Lord is present to bear us up, helping us study hard and apply ourselves. That good grade didn't come from nowhere.

**2) "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6 - NRSV).** Haven't we all had dreams of turning up for a test and discovering we studied the wrong thing or forgot to bring a pen? Or some such nightmare. Our anxieties are not unique. As the Apostle Paul says, when the worries descend, put them in prayer.

**3) "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future" (Proverbs 19:20 - NRSV).** Even if I'm not a full-time student, I work hard at listening, whether it is a friend giving me advice or my wife offering insights on behavior. I want to be a full-time student of life. Growing in wisdom. That is the back-to-school future.

**4) "And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21 - NRSV).** God is the best teacher, wanting us to succeed. How though? What if we're struggling with a paper we're assigned to write? Or befuddled by a question in class. How do we move forward? As this verse makes clear, we're meant to listen to that inner voice. It will guide us. I can think of times when I closed my eyes for a minute in the middle of a test. And prayed. That inner voice was there.

**5) "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock" (Matthew 7:24 - NRSV).** It's not just a matter of learning, but as these words of Jesus make clear, we're supposed to *act* on what we learn. Not for nothing was Jesus referred to as "Rabbi" or "Teacher" by the disciples and his followers. What we learn in school can change our lives, leading us onward. Building a solid foundation. Put your house on a rock.

## LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

### 6 Positive Ways to Celebrate Labor Day

by: Holly Lebowitz Rossi

How small jobs yield big results. I have a small stand of fruit trees in my side yard, and this year, the peach tree in particular had an epic yield. We stopped counting the harvest at 347 peaches from the one single—dwarf—tree! As I shared bag after bag of ripe peaches with neighbors and friends, I couldn't help thinking with pleasure of how I was inviting them to literally enjoy "the fruits of my labors."

Now, how much actual "labor" had gone into this tremendous peach harvest? I use organic methods, so there had been no spraying or fertilizing to do. I had pruned the tree (severely) in the early spring, true. But really, the most intensive part of the work of producing the trove of fruit was simply the act of planting the tree, something I did eight years ago.

The joy of my embarrassment of peachy riches got me thinking about other everyday labors that yield tremendous fruits. On this Labor Day, check in with your daily routines to see how many of these—and how many others—resonate with seemingly small tasks you complete, to reap great benefits.

**1) Fruit:** When today's mail arrived, you had someplace to put it.

**Labor:** You set up a desk or counter space to help keep yourself organized.

**2) Fruit:** You shared an enjoyable meal with your family.

**Labor:** You went to the store and made a plan for what would be good to eat this week.

**3) Fruit:** You had a fun summer vacation.

**Labor:** You made reservations and researched activities at your destination.

**4) Fruit:** You drove somewhere and dealt calmly with an unexpected traffic jam.

**Labor:** You stopped at the gas station and were prepared with a full tank.

**5) Fruit:** You know what time it is.

**Labor:** You correctly "sprung forward" to Daylight Savings Time back in March.

**6) Fruit:** You navigated a difficult situation with grace and calm.

**Labor:** You have been gradually and successfully building your toolbox of positive life skills.

These might seem like small things, micro "accomplishments" that hardly warrant celebrating. But though not all labor is paid, it's worth noting that if you look closely enough, you can feel that all labor does bear fruit.

## HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

### "Grandmother's and Grandfather's Love" by Unknown

**A Grandmother's Love** is the caring thought, the tender touch and gentle guidance that we never seem to outgrow.

**A Grandfather's Love** is the beacon of hope through stormy seas and sunny skies as we travel through uncharted waters.

### Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy Leading Lady Day & Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Co-Pastor Edith Shivers

#### Woman of Worth

You're a woman of worth loved perfectly by the Lord! Be a woman of wisdom, your life fully based on His Word. Be a woman of wealth as you store up eternal treasure! Be a woman of warmth, giving and loving in bountiful measure. In valleys, as a woman of weeping discover His wellspring of joy; With praises and singing and prayer the works of the devil destroy. Be a woman of wonder; How God is working in and through you! Let your wisdom and wealth, bring glory to Him in all that you do. Be a woman of worship, He alone is worthy of praise! In everything giving thanks always your voice of true freedom raise. Let your sweet, winning smile, your warm, welcome heart show others what life's all about! Don't be a woman of worries, or fears, frustrations, and doubt. It is through God you CAN do all things; His strength is yours each new day on this earth! Let no one persuade you to think otherwise! You are a woman of worth! We love you. Solomon's Temple Church Family.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy  
Leading Lady  
Day





# Solomon's Temple Leading Lady Day Service Celebrating Our Leading Lady Co-Pastor Edith Robinson Shivers

Sunday, September 10, 2023  
9:00am

*Theme: Transforming for the  
Power and Purpose of God*



Ladies are asked to  
wear a hat of your  
choice.

Everyone is invited!

Come help us celebrate this awesome woman of God!

Solomon's Temple Church | 15088 Mt. Holly Creek Lane | Smithfield, VA 23430 | 757-357-9500  
Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, *Pastor* | Elder Edith R. Shivers, *Co-Pastor*



Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor  
Elder E. R. Shivers, Co-Pastor



Also, see Sis. Wendy Johnson if you would like to purchase a corsage or boutonniere.

Solomon's Temple Church Family  
Let's Get Excited!!!  
Pastor and Church Anniversary  
Sunday, October 15, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

*Happy  
Anniversary*

*Celebrating 23 Years of Service to God*

*Theme: Transforming for the Power and Purpose of God*

**Anniversary Messenger**  
**Pastor Wendell Waller**  
**Christian Home Baptist Church**  
**Windsor, VA 23487**

Colors: Teal/Black/Grey or Silver



# September Kingdom Schedule <sup>4</sup>

## Worship Leaders Schedule

9/3 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas  
9/10 Sis. Wendy Green  
9/17 Min. Kinston Shivers  
9/24 Elder Wayne Hatton



## Servant Leaders Schedule

9/3 Sis. Turekia White  
9/10 Sis. Wendy Green  
9/17 Sis. Wendy Johnson  
9/24 Sis. Shirley Haskins

## Levites Communion Schedule

Lead Communion .... Pastor K. D. Shivers  
Anointing .... Co-Pastor Edith Shivers & Elder Wayne Hatton  
Trays .... Min. Sylvia Gundy & Elder Sarah Hatton

## Servant Leaders Communion and Invitation to Discipleship

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

## Door Opener

Bro. Stanley Robinson

“Surround yourself with good people. They make it easier to keep your head up even when you’re going through bad times.” *Thema Davis*



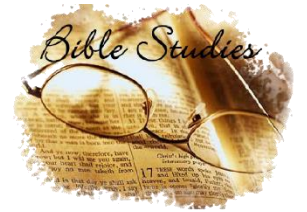
HOLY  
COMMUNION



CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION

## September 2023 CID and Bible Study Schedule

9/5 No CID or Bible Study | Jesus Confronts Hypocrisy | Luke 11:37-44  
9/12 Bible Study on Zoom | Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas  
9/19 Bible Study at church | Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas  
9/26 CID at church | Jesus Glorifies God | John 7:14-24 | Sis. Wendy Green  
Jesus Prevents Two Stonings | John 8:1-11, 56-59 | Sis. Phyllis Duck



**“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](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.**

# September Schedule of Events <sup>5</sup>

Date	Time	Event
9/4/23	All Day	Labor Day
9/5/23		No CID session or Bible Study
9/5/23		Back-to-School
9/6/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
9/7/23	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
9/8/23	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Zion Word and Faith, 601 East Pembroke Ave., Hampton, VA 23669 for Fall revival service. The choir and ushers are asked to serve.
9/9/23	1:00pm	Women's Ministry Tea (in celebration of Co-Pastor Shivers Leading Lady Day and Birthday) Women are asked to dress up and DON'T FORGET YOUR GLOVES!!
9/10/23	All Day	Grandparents Day
9/10/23	9:00am	Leading Lady Day
9/10/23	After service	Ushers Ministry will meet
9/10/23	10:15am	Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at New Bethany UCC, 15496 Benns Church Blvd., Smithfield, VA 23430 for revival service.
9/11/23	7:00pm	Adult Praise Dance Practice
9/12/23	6:30pm	Bible Study on Zoom – Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
9/13/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
9/14/23	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
9/14/23	7:00pm	Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 14165 Racetrack Rd., Ivor, VA 23866 for revival service. The choir and ushers are asked to serve.
9/17/23	During service	Baby Dedication for Nasheena Roberts' son Aaron Diggs
9/17/23	After service	Adult Praise Dance Practice
9/17/23	10:00am	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Brown's A.M.E. Church for Family and Friends Day
9/18/23	7:00pm	Adult Praise Dance Practice
9/19/23	6:30pm	Bible Study at church – Teacher: Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
9/20/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
9/20/23	7:00pm	Pre-Super Bowl committee conference call meeting
9/21/23	6:30pm	Praise Team rehearsal
9/22/23	7:00pm	Travis "TJ" Holloway, Jr. will be a soloist on Youth Night at Tabernacle Baptist Church East End Annual Tent Revival 1408 Marshall Ave. Newport News, VA 23607
9/24/23	10:00am	Min. Kinston Shivers preaches at Chapel Grove United Church of Christ, 7366 West Blackwater Rd., Windsor, VA 23487
9/24/23	After service	Adult Praise Dance Practice
9/24/23	10:50am	Pastor Shivers preaches at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 5230 Old Stage Highway, Smithfield, VA 23430, for Pastor Alexander Bracey's Anniversary service.
9/24/23	4:00pm	Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Kingdom Empowerment Temple, 5016 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA 23605 for First Lady Day
9/25/23	7:00pm	Adult Praise Dance Practice
9/26/23	6:30pm	CID session at church
9/27/23	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
9/28/23	6:30pm	Mass Choir rehearsal

## Trustee Ministry Sunday Schedule – September 2023

9/3 Bro. Marcus Smith

9/10 Bro. Barry Nichols

9/17 Bro. Theodore Gundy

9/24 Sis. Cynthia Jordan

# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p><b>1.</b> Happy Anniversary Willie &amp; Florence Turner</p>	<p><b>2.</b> Hope Parker</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>4. Labor Day</b>	<p><b>5.</b> No CID session or Bible Study Back to School Nikia Robertson</p>	<p><b>6.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Phyllis Wiggins</p>	<p><b>7.</b> 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal</p>	<p><b>8.</b> 7:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Zion Word and Faith Ministries</p>	<p><b>9.</b> 1:00pm Women Ministry Tea at the church Melachi Goodman</p>
<p><b>10.</b> 9:00am Leading Lady Day 10:15am Min. Kingston Shivers preaches at New Bethany Ushers meet after service Grandparents Day Ruby Clarke, Shirley Haskins</p>	<p><b>11.</b> 7:00pm Adult Praise Dance Practice</p>	<p><b>12.</b> 6:30pm Bible Study on Zoom</p>	<p><b>13.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Co-Pastor Edith Shivers</p>	<p><b>14.</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Pastor Shivers preaches at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church revival</p>	<p><b>15.</b> Willie Turner, Sr.</p>	<p><b>16.</b> Happy Anniversary Wayne &amp; Sarah Hatton</p>
<p><b>17.</b> Baby Dedication 10:00am Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Browns AME Church Adult Praise Dance Practice</p>	<p><b>18.</b> 7:00pm Adult Praise Dance Practice Nathan Williams</p>	<p><b>19.</b> 6:30pm Bible Study at church Ray Holmes Alonzo Taylor, Jr.</p>	<p><b>20.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm Pre-Super Bowl committee conference call meeting Karen Lee</p>	<p><b>21.</b> 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal</p>	<p><b>22.</b> 7:00pm Travis TJ Holloway, Jr. will be a soloist at Tabernacle Baptist Church</p>	<p><b>23.</b> Marcus Gundy</p>
<p><b>24.</b> 10:00am Min. Shivers preaches at Chapel Grove Adult Praise Dance practice 10:50am Pastor Shivers preaches at First Gravel Hill 4:00pm Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Kingdom Empowerment Temple Bryce Williams</p>	<p><b>25.</b> 7:00pm Adult Praise Dance Practice</p>	<p><b>26.</b> 6:30pm CID session at church</p>	<p><b>27.</b> 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Margaret S. Thomas</p>	<p><b>28.</b> 6:30pm Mass Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29.</b></p>	<p><b>30.</b></p>

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” [Ezekiel 36:26](#)



## 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

Sis. Darnelle Jefferson

Min. Cynthia Edwards

Bereaved Families



“Teach us to pray, Oh, Father! we look up to Thee,  
And this our one request shall be, Teach us to pray.”

~ Unknown

## September Birthdays

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Hope Parker	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Nikia Robertson	September 5 <sup>th</sup>
Phyllis Wiggins	September 6 <sup>th</sup>
Melachi Goodman	September 9 <sup>th</sup>
Ruby Clarke	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Haskins	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Co-Pastor Edith Shivers	September 13 <sup>th</sup>
Willie Turner, Sr.	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Nathan Williams	September 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ray Holmes	September 19 <sup>th</sup>
Alonzo Taylor, Jr.	September 19 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Lee	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
Marcus Gundy	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Bryce Williams	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Shivers-Thomas	September 27 <sup>th</sup>

## September Anniversaries



September 1<sup>st</sup>

Willie and Florence Turner

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Wayne and Sarah Hatton



“Happy is the man who finds a true friend, and far happier is he who finds that true friend in his wife.” *Franz Schubert*

## **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.

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

## **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.

**September 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**

## How to Make Cajun Shrimp and Grits

**Make the Bacon** – In a large skillet over medium heat, sauté bacon until brown and crisp this may take about 3-5 minutes. Remove bacon from skillet and transfer to a plate. Some bacon drippings will be left in the pan (about 3 tablespoons).

**Sauté the Shrimp** – Add about a tablespoon of oil or butter to the pan, followed by shrimp. Then season with Cajun salt, and sauté shrimp for about 3-4 minutes. Set aside.

**Add Seasonings** – Then add garlic, paprika, bell pepper, parsley, and green onions to the pan. Add about ¼ cup of broth or more – adjust to preference. Continue cooking for another 3 minutes.

**Cook the Shrimp** – Add shrimp towards the last minute with lemon juice if desired and adjust to taste. Throw in the crisp bacon and adjust seasonings with salt and pepper.

**Heat the Liquids for the Grits** – Start by adding water, milk, bay leaf, and salt to a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil.

**Add the Grits** – *Gradually* whisk in the grits until you have added the whole thing to the pot. Keep stirring with a whisk to prevent lumps. You may need to remove the saucepan from heat while getting rid of lumps.

**Simmer Away** – Reduce heat and cook grits at barely a simmer, covered, frequently stirring, until water is fully absorbed, and grits thickened. This will take you about 15 minutes. Then remove grits from heat; add butter and cheese.

**Final Touches** – Stir with a whisk until cheese melts. Assemble the dish by placing the grits at the bottom of a shallow bowl, then the Cajun shrimp and sauce on top. Enjoy piping hot!



Solomon's Temple Beautiful Golden Girls 8  
Sis. Lena Holmes and Sis. Alice Day ❤️

Stay Golden



**Aging Gracefully (Poem #258) by Jean E. Gorney**  
Aging gracefully is something many of us can't do. But some of us do it so well and never seem to brew. Mother always said she earned every wrinkle she's got. Plastic surgery to take them away? I think not. If you don't love me the way that I am, without my wrinkles, would you love me then? There are so many benefits from knowledge gained. Now treated with respect, from childish things I've waned. I'm no older to me than in my heart I feel, And sometimes this aching old body doesn't seem real. So, look upon me as aging gracefully, whatever you may see. For I'm a work of God, and this means the most to me.

Youth Ministry Paint and Pizza Party





**Cholesterol** is an essential substance for the body and is an oil-based substance. Dietary factors and some health conditions can lead to high cholesterol, which is a risk factor for several conditions. **Cholesterol** does not mix with the blood, which is water-based. **Cholesterol** is present in every cell of the body and has important natural functions when it comes to digesting foods, producing hormones, and generating vitamin D. The body produces it, but people also consume it in food. It is waxy and fat-like in appearance. **There are two types of cholesterol:** *low-density lipoproteins (LDL)*, or “bad” cholesterol; *high-density lipoproteins (HDL)*, or “good” cholesterol. **Cholesterol** has four primary functions, without which we could not survive. These are: contributing to the structure of cell walls, making up digestive bile acids in the intestine, allowing the body to produce vitamin D, and enabling the body to make certain hormones.

**High cholesterol** is a significant risk factor for coronary heart disease and a cause of heart attacks. A build-up of cholesterol is part of the process that narrows arteries, called atherosclerosis. In atherosclerosis, plaques form and cause restriction of blood flow. Reducing the intake of fat in the diet helps to manage cholesterol levels. In particular, it is helpful to limit foods that contain cholesterol: This is present in animal foods, meat, and cheese. **Saturated fat:** This occurs in some meats, dairy products, chocolate, baked goods, deep-fried, and processed foods. **Trans fats:** This occurs in some fried and processed foods. Excess weight or obesity can also lead to higher blood LDL levels. Genetic factors can contribute to high cholesterol. People with the inherited condition familial hypercholesterolemia have very high LDL levels.

Other conditions that can lead to high cholesterol levels, include: diabetes, liver or kidney disease, polycystic ovary syndrome, pregnancy and other conditions that increase levels of female hormones, underactive thyroid gland, drugs that increase LDL cholesterol and decrease HDL cholesterol, such as progestins, anabolic steroids, and corticosteroids.

A person with high cholesterol levels often has no signs or symptoms, but routine screening and regular blood tests can help detect high levels. Recommendations usually start with diet and exercise, but people with a higher risk of a heart attack may need to use statins or other medications.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 2023**

- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor Shivers preaches at Sandy Mt. Baptist Church
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Usher Ministry Shopping Trip
- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor and Church Anniversary
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Shivers preaches at Wesley Grove UCC
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Co-Pastor Shivers preaches at Cypress Baptist Church
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Breast Cancer Awareness. Everyone asked to wear pink.

**NOVEMBER 2023**

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Solomon’s Temple Play
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Day

**DECEMBER 2023**

- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 accept/decline form due
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Eve

**James River Bridge to experience several extended closures due to rope replacement.**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (WAVY) — Drivers using the James River Bridge connecting Newport News to Carrollton will see several extended closures between November and February. According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, the James River Bridge will undergo a wire rope replacement project. VDOT tells 10 On Your Side it involves the replacement of 80 main counterweight ropes used during bridge lifts. The work to replace the ropes requires two full closures of the bridge for both drivers and boaters. The construction is scheduled to happen between November 15, 2023, and February 15, 2024. The closures are anticipated to start at 1 a.m. on a Friday and reopen at 5 a.m. the following Tuesday. Again, the exact dates have not been established. 10 On Your Side is working to learn more about the set dates for the closures and backup dates. VDOT says the two closures will be scheduled at least two weeks apart. For mariners requiring bridge lifts, the closure time frame will be a day longer and won’t reopen until 5 a.m. the following Wednesday. Detours for the James River Bridge include the Jamestown Settlement Ferry and the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel (MMMBT, I-664).

