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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

In this issue, the Shiloh Church family is celebrating 110 years of worshipping and praising God, Our Father, and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join us this year by participating in many of the upcoming awesome activities that are scheduled.

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SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

First Black Church in Village of Rockville Centre
First Black Church in Nassau County to own property
First church in the community with a pipe organ
Incorporated on July 25th, 1907



Founding mother: Glendora Hankins

Pastors (1907-1937)

Reverend A. Hill

Reverend Dudley

Reverend I. P. Harrell

Reverend Spencer W. Miles

Reverend Arthur Wainwright

Reverend Morgan M. Days (1937-1987)

Reverend Reginald Greene (1987-1989)

Reverend Herman Washington (1990-present)



OUR VISION STATEMENT

WE, THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE A CHURCH THAT MODELS THE LIFE, THE TEACHINGS, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS WILLING TO BE CONVINCED OF WHO HE IS, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS LIFE; COMMITTED TO WHAT HE TAUGHT, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS TEACHINGS; AND CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE DID, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS MINISTRY.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Greetings to the Saints of God at Shiloh



Once again, we welcome you to the Shiloh Journal. In this third edition, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the 110th Anniversary of our church! What a blessing it is to know that the Great God of heaven has preserved the testimony of Shiloh for these years! We praise Him for what He has done. Consider the rich history of his church. The name Shiloh holds a very significant place in theological history. Shiloh, generally understood to refer to the Messiah, crops up repeatedly throughout the Scriptures. **Genesis 49:10**,

states, for example: ***“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”*** Shiloh is also identified as a central Palestinian town during Biblical times. Translated to mean tranquil and secure, it is identified in **Judges 21:19** as being ***“on the north side of Bethel and east of the highway that goes from Bethel to Shechem and to the south of Lebanon.”*** Located in the territory of Ephraim, ancestor of one of the 12 tribes of Israel and the younger son of Joseph and Asenath, Shiloh was the site of a yearly feast honoring the Lord.

The First Black Baptist Church in Rockville Centre, the Shiloh we- and previous generations of saints- call our place of worship has been a source of spiritual substance and more since the turn of the 1902. Shiloh's colorful history goes back a way. Today, it continues to chalk up milestones, one after another. Through the years, many have served Shiloh well, nurturing it to where it has evolved into a neighborhood institution. Their names are too numerous to mention but Shiloh would not be the church it is today without their tireless dedication. Any historical respective, however, would be remiss without mention of a handful of figures who have played pivotal roles in the church from day one to now. Shiloh's founding mother, Glendora Hankins, immediately comes to mind, as does the late Reverend Moran M Days, and our beloved present-day shepherd, Pastor, Reverend Herman Washington. Little is known of Hankins except that she called the very first meeting that eventually led to Shiloh being formed. It is not clear either where this meeting in June 1907, took place. But without suitable places to hold subsequent gatherings, Hankins and her supporters took turns meeting weekly in each other homes. A couple of Hankins' associates, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, hosted the first service in the form of a mission in their home. Reverend A Hill, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church of Jamaica, New York, moderated the mission, launching a membership recruitment drive. Counting the four from Reverend Hill's church, the membership soon grew to sixteen. Yet without holding a building, they were the church. They called themselves "Shiloh." Then they elected the first officers and after that organized several ministries. A new meeting place located at 158 Merrick Road, was also designated.



The exact date is sketchy, but in a relatively short time, the Shiloh family- still in its infancy- purchased a lot at 87 Banks Avenue, Rockville Centre. Pleased with the work of these humble saints, the Lord rewarded them with a building. In return for their blessings, they wasted little time transporting the structure to the site where they proudly set it down. Applause followed their accomplishment. Recognition, too. Shiloh, after all, was the first Black Baptist Church in the village that earlier was known as Near Rockaway before taking its name from a local mill owner and civic leader, Mordecai Rock Smith. It also was the first Black Baptist Church in Nassau County, to own property. July 25, 1907, the day Shiloh Baptist incorporated, marked another key milestone in its storied history. Sis. Gertrude, prior to her passing, fondly recalled Shiloh's early days. "To get to the basement, you had to go outside the building," said Sis. Ulmer, whose father, Benjamin Jenkins, was chai of the board of deacons, and whose mother, Ophelia, was pregnant with her while she served on the choir. Like its successor, the first Shiloh was a house of worship known for harmonious, spirit-filled music. "It was the first church around with a pipe organ," Sis. Ulmer recalled. But all the days of Shiloh were not sunny. There were minor setbacks. Reverend Hill's resignation, for example, sounded a sour note among the membership. But Shiloh prevailed under the leadership of subsequent successors, including Reverend Dudley, Reverend Harrell, Reverend Spencer Miles, and Reverend Arthur Wainwright.

Reverend Morgan M Days, accepted the call to lead the church in 1937, some three decades after Shiloh was first incorporated. The church grew rapidly under his guidance. Mrs. Gertrude Ulmer, who just turned eight at the time, was baptized by Pastor Days soon after his arrival. Two years after Days took over as Shiloh's leader, the mortgage on the property was burned. Less than a decade later in 1945, Shiloh purchased property on the corner of North Centre Avenue and Willoughby Street, the site of the present church. By 1951, a campaign to raise money for the construction of a new church was in full swing, attracting widespread support from neighboring residents and church members. Days, who was well loved in the community, received generous contributions, cash and sweat. The men of the church, short on funds but not on commitment, laid the floors and built the steps, making it possible for the cornerstone to be laid by 1953. The new Shiloh was completed in June 1954. It was dedicated June 22, four years after it was built. As well as cash, many of the churches and neighboring businesses contributed furnishings to Shiloh, as recorded by Mrs. Ulmer. One church pitched in pulpit furniture. Another, the B-Line bus company, contributed an organ, she said, noting that her sister, Clara, was the pianist at Shiloh for more than three decades. Mrs. Ulmer also fondly recalled hearing the bell which tolled every Sunday before service and at 12 PM on watchnight. After almost fifty years of dedicated service, Pastor Days submitted his resignation in October 1985 due to failing health. He served as Pastor Emeritus until his death in 1987. In May of that year, the village of Rockville Centre honored Reverend Days by renaming Willoughby Street, Morgan Days Lane. Shiloh, under the able leadership of Reverend Reginald E. Greene, its ministers and its board, led by Deacon William Sandefur, continued on an upward and progressive course along with its kingdom-building journey. Reverend Greene and Reverend Alton E. Jones, served as interim co-pastors for about two years. Reverend Greene was elected pastor in February 1987. He served until October 1988.



REV. MORGAN M. DAYS

In search of a new shepherd, Shiloh stretched out its arms, beckoning to Pennsgrove, New Jersey, where Reverend Herman Washington answered the call. Reverend Washington, who grew up in Philadelphia, got his early religious education alongside his late father, Reverend Julius Mosley, Pastor of the Saint Stephen's Baptist Church. Reverend Washington served as Associate Minister of the Beulah Baptist Church of Philadelphia, and as pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church, Pennsgrove, NJ, for eight years. Reverend Herman Washington was handed the Shiloh helm in June 1990. Since then, Pastor Washington has reorganized and established numerous ministries, including New Member's classes and Curriculum, the Shiloh Worship & Arts Ministry, the Women's Ministry, Men's Fellowship, Wednesday evening Bible Study, the Shiloh Foundation, Spiritual Life Conference, Church Training Institute, Happy Homes Ministry, to name a few. Surely, the spirits of Shiloh past- pleased with the direction of the legacy they handed down, must smile with pride from the place they once occupied in the pews. But we are often reminded that the church is neither this building, nor its pews. The church, like the first Shiloh- which had no pews, pulpit or even walls- is you and me. We are the Church! In truth, the church is made up of every person who has even been born again, from the day of Pentecost in Acts Chapter 2 to this very day.

The Church is the people of God from every generation, every nation, and every place under the sun. This truth is so important that in the New Testament usage of the word "church," not one single time does it refer to a physical structure! So, then the Church is not a building made up of brick, mortar, wood, stone, nails, etc. The Church is specifically the people who have been chosen by a Sovereign God to be His own. This speaks of privilege, because you did not join the church, you must be born into it! So, weeks after as we gather in this place, this building, let's keep in mind that if the building burns down, the Church will stand! For, we are the Church!



"Remember, there is nothing too hard for God!!!"

**In His Service,
Pastor Herman Washington**

JULY FOCUS: CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

My Life Story Here at Shiloh

An interview with Trustee Lenora Quinones by Trustee Stan Ridley

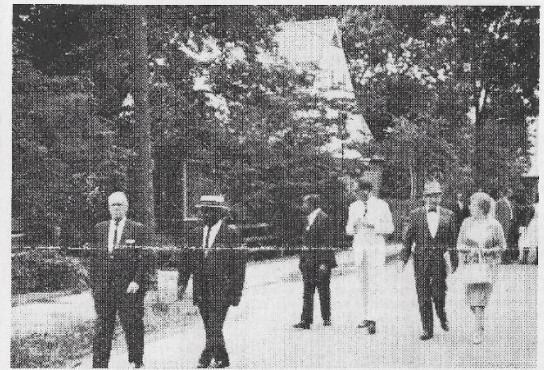


Sis. Lenora Quinones was the daughter of Louise Poulson and Benjamin C. Graves, born at the Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. Her family resided at 91 North Centre Avenue (across the Street from Shiloh

Baptist Church) when the West End Community were all houses. In 1957, she and her cousin, Margo Reed, modeled for Sally's Children Debonair while participating in a fashion show held at Shiloh Baptist Church. Sis. Quinones was 10 years of age when she joined the church and was baptized by the late Rev. Dr. Morgan M. Days in 1962. However, it was in the year of our Lord 1991 when Pastor Herman Washington led her to the Savior and she then entered into a true personal relationship with her Lord Jesus Christ. Later, Sis. Quinones was baptized again by the late Rev. Dr. Charles Walker. As a youngster, she worked with her uncle, Deacon Charles Reed cleaning and maintaining the church. During that time, the sanctuary was only used for worship services. The Social Hall (known now as the overflow area) was used for prayer meetings, choir rehearsals, church meetings, auxiliary meetings and Sunday School. The lower level of the church was the Fellowship Hall which was used for the sole purposes of banquets, dinners, and all other events such as the Celestial Choir's Annual Four Seasonal Tea which was attended by people from near and far. The Fellowship Hall was always filled to its capacity. The Ushers and Nurses Annual Anniversary always had wall to wall ushers and nurses from visiting churches. Sis. Quinones vividly remembers being nominated best dressed in her Rockville Centre Middle School wearing hand-me-down clothing from her mother's employer. This spoke volumes in that day and time. Sis. Quinones served on the following ministries: Missionary Ministry under the leadership of Mother Nina Winslow, and Sister Deborah M. Graham; President and Chaplain of the Junior Ushers under the Leadership of Sis. Irene Dixon and supervised by Bro. & Sister Costen; volunteer in the Nursery under the supervision of Sis. Annie Mae DeBerry; supervisor of the Sunbeam Choir with Sis. Sarah Hasberry. During the early years of her life at Shiloh Baptist Church, Sis. Quinones recalls the entire West End Community having homes commencing from: North Centre Avenue to Lakeview Avenue;

Maine Avenue to Peninsula Boulevard; Wellington Place; Wilson Lane; Randall Avenue; Willoughby Court to Banks Avenue; and Nassau Street. Homes existed in the community until the mid-1960's and the *Urban Renewal Project* changed the area from houses to apartments. The land was purchased in the area around the church to implement changes for gentrification. Prior to that there were many church members who were homeowners in this community. Today, Urban Renewal has been replaced by Housing Urban Development (HUD). The developers for Meehan Lane were Stackler, Frank & Gold who owned property on Meehan Lane, the former Rockville Centre Racquet Club, Darby Drugs, the Fabric Mill, professional buildings on 77 North Centre Avenue and 100 Banks Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 1967 DR. DAYS SURVEYS COMMUNITY



Mayor John A. Anderson and Rev. Morgan A. Days, chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, leading tour of Urban Renewal Area to inspect old houses that will continue to be used for next several months until additional new apartments are constructed. (See story on inspection tour, beginning on front page.)

Other businesses were next to the church including a deli on the left side owned by Miss Fannie and later owned by Mr. Jack Scott and another corner store on the right side owned by our members Mr. & Mrs. Denson. The corner store on Nassau Street was owned by Mr. Bruno and later owned by Mr. Tony. These people owned the land where their stores were located. There was a barber shop owned by Mr. Oliver on the left side of the church. On Banks Avenue, Miss. Herbert owned a beauty shop and member Miss. Carrie Horne owned a beauty shop on the corner of Randall Avenue. On Sunrise Highway was a hamburger restaurant similar to a modern-Day Sonic. On Banks Avenue was the popular 'Bee-Hive Social Club' owned by Mr. McTootle. Some years later, Mr. Robert Wilkins and Miss. Ernestine Small opened the 'Grapevine Social Lounge'. Many of the members of Shiloh Baptist Church owned stores in the Village of Rockville Centre. Some people say that during this era Rockville Centre was not much different than many other prosperous African American communities in the country.

The original bus company was the Bee-Line Bus Company. Mr. Stephenson was the landlord for many of the people in the area around the church. Mr. Murphy lived and owned the land directly behind Shiloh that is currently the location for a professional office building. He and his son, Kenneth Murphy, were members of the church. Across the street from Shiloh where Centre Avenue Auto Collision is currently located was Mr. Bill's Auto Body Shop and the home of Sis. Brenda Perry's parents (Miss Inez and Mr. Bill). The house next door to the Perry's belonged to Mr. George and Miss Mary who sold their home during the village's gentrification efforts and moved to Freeport. This is the order of the other homes across the street from Shiloh: Next door to Sis. Perry's parents belonged to Mr. George and Miss Mary; next to them were the Reed, Poulson, Wiley family; next to them Mr. Eddie and Mr. Winfield; Mr. & Mrs. Prophet; the Lloyd family, Mr. Lloyd was a trustee at Shiloh and later he purchased a home in Rockville Centre; Mr. McGee, who later moved and then Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah James moved into the McGee home. Today, Everett and David James are still members here at Shiloh. Not everyone that had a home around the church worshipped at Shiloh.



DEACON CHARLIE REED WITH PASTOR DAY'S AND 1969 SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH ROCKVILLE CENTRE NEW YORK DEACON BOARD

Many of residents and businesses contributed to Shiloh's Building Fund. Shiloh was not the only black church in the Village of Rockville Centre. Second Baptist Church was located on the corner of Banks Avenue but agreed to relocate to Baldwin to make way for a King Kullen grocery store. St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) started as a mission on Randall Avenue but lost its church building to the *Urban Renewal Project*. St. Paul is now located on Pershing Boulevard in Lakeview. St. Matthew church also relocated to another location. Shiloh has always been willing to demonstrate Biblical principles like **1 Peter 4:9** by being ready to open their homes to each other and share their food and resources without complaining. The Lord has helped the people of Shiloh to be brave during difficult times and He has demonstrated His power through their lives by allowing them to have opportunities to help the sick and people in need. On February 17, 1950, two trains collided head on in Rockville Centre.¹ 32 people were

killed and more than 100 people were injured in the accident. Shiloh was used as a work station for the injured people that were in the horrific train accident.² During the early years, when members had deaths in their families the funeral director would go to the home of the bereaved and make the funeral arrangements there. At the same time, Shiloh missionaries would get together and bring food to the bereaved families. The missionaries wanted to make sure that families did not have to worry about anything so that they could take time to heal during this most difficult season. Sis. Quinones was at Shiloh when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to the church. When Dr. King came to Shiloh, Sis. Quinones says the people in Shiloh and the community said, "At last, at last!". People in Shiloh and the community felt a sense of hope when Dr. King came into town.



During the 1970s, Rosa Lee Young Day Care Center was located at Shiloh with playground equipment. In 1971 Sis. Quinones stopped coming to Shiloh but returned while the church was under the pastoral care of Reverend Reginald Greene. She has served under the leadership of Rev. Reginald Greene, Rev. Alton Jones, Deacon James Cooley up until the Lord sent Shiloh a new pastor in the person of Rev. Herman Washington. Sis. Quinones was active when the church voted for Pastor Washington. She says that even during times when the church experienced limitations the members still knew the *Word* of prayer. A person could walk by on any Wednesday night and hear the Prayer Meeting that was going on inside. Sis. Quinones says that if a person didn't know it was Prayer Meeting they would think that there was a worship service going on inside the church. Sis. Quinones says that the Shiloh in the past was highly respected and were good stewards of God's house. Mr. Nehemiah James and Mr. Ike Barclift (Deacon Tony Barclift's uncle) completed all the construction around the church including installing all the interior and exterior steps. The church was kept so immaculate that a person could eat off the floor. The old Shiloh membership knew sacrifice even though they didn't have much. Sis. Quinones says that this is where the old Shiloh and the new Shiloh are the same. She says that Pastor Washington has the '*old-school*' characteristics that exemplify all the traits of distinguished and highly respected elders of the past, "*patient and kind, not jealous, doesn't brag and is not proud, not rude, not selfish and is not made angry easily, never happy when others do wrong, always happy with the truth and never gives up on people*" (**1 Cor 13:4-7**). He loves Jesus and God's people at Shiloh.

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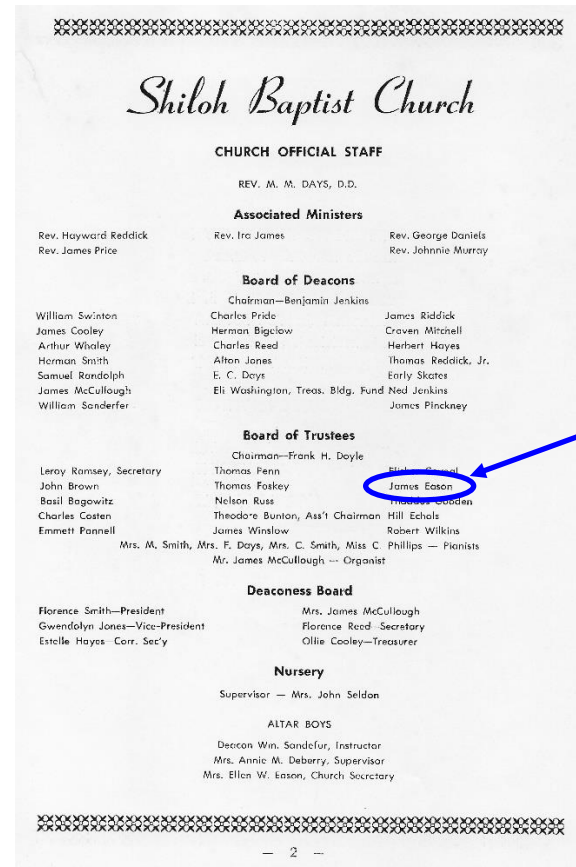
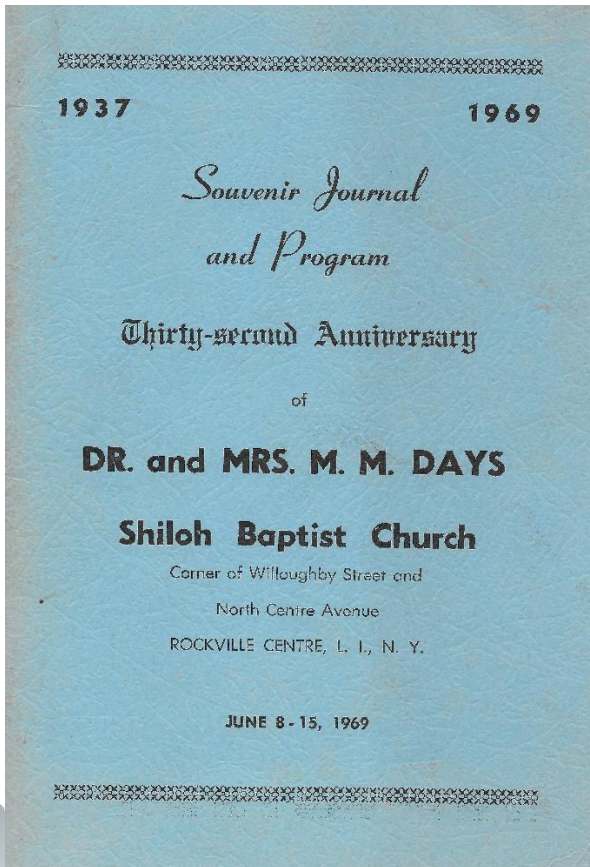
JULY FOCUS: CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

REFLECTIONS - An Interview with Trustee James Eason

By Deaconess Irene Gardon

According to the Word of God, a Christian without a church home is like an organ without a body; a sheep without a flock, or a child without a family. It is an unnatural state. **Ephesians 2:19** says, **“You belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” (LBT).** James Eason, one of ten siblings; 5 girls and 5 boys, was baptized into the family of God in his early years, while living in Suffolk, VA. James Eason joined fellowship with Shiloh Baptist Church on Mother’s Day, in 1961. He remembers it clearly. He had come to New York every summer to work, prior to graduating high school, but afterwards, came to live here permanently. The family lived at 86 Banks Avenue, in Rockville Centre. While James, didn’t immediately join the church, His bother Lee was already a member of Shiloh, and James soon followed in his footsteps. Shiloh had already moved from Banks Avenue, to its current location, and was thriving under the leadership and pastorate of Dr. Morgan M. Days.

Dr. Days took a liking to young James, and saw that he had great leadership abilities, often calling on him to represent him in meetings, when he was unavailable to attend. He appointed James to the office of Trustee in 1964, serving under Bro. Frank Doyle, Chairman, and Bro. Bunton, Co-Chair; where he has served since that time, and until the reorganization of the position, under Pastor Washington. I read somewhere that C.S. Lewis said that, “the word, membership, is of Christian origin, but the world has emptied it of its original meaning. For example, stores offer discounts to its members, unlike what it means to be a member of the church.” But even in churches, membership is often reduced to simply adding your name to a roll, with no requirements or expectations. Not so for James Eason! According to the Apostle Paul, being a member of the church meant being a vital organ of a living body, an indispensable, interconnected part of the Body of Christ.



Bro. James Eason

1969 Shiloh Baptist Church Rockville Centre New York Church Official Staff

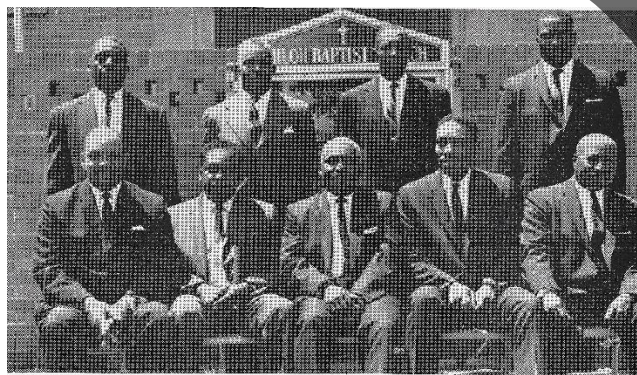
James embodied this thinking, and in addition to serving as Trustee, he along with his brother Lee, got involved. Both sung with the Gospel Chorus, where James soon became its President. James later sang with the “Days Ensemble,” which was a more contemporary gospel choir, named for Pastor Days, and was its Chaplain. He recalls that others, who are current members also sang with the Days Ensemble, including Stella Mitchell, Leora Felton, and Barbara Greene, to name a few. James smiles when he remembers that he once declared that he would never join Shiloh, because they were always asking for money. He didn’t want to be a Trustee. The irony is that he is now Chairman of Trustees, and, by virtue of his spiritual growth in the Word, and his maturity, he deems it an honor to serve, recognizing that stewardship over what God has given us is important. He’s been doing this long enough now to know that, “Being a trustee, is not just about counting money; it’s about the upkeep and maintenance of our property, and making wise decisions about our finances.” When you look at the history of Shiloh Baptist Church, celebrating 110 years of Service, what you will discover is a long legacy of godly ancestors. No matter who you talk to, whether they have been a “member” for 56 years, like James, or just a few years, the stories are the same. There have been many changes down through the years, as evidenced in Sis. Quinones recall. The neighborhood has changed. Our building has changed. Leadership has changed. We have changed. People come and people go. Many have passed on, or moved away. New members have joined, and new babies have been born, and we are yet holding on. We are reaping the benefits and blessings from parents, grand-parents and great-grandparents, and others who were praying for their children and their children’s children.

1971 Shiloh Baptist Church Rockville Centre New York Church Gospel Chorus with choir’s Vice-President, Bro. Lee Eason



SHILOH GOSPEL CHORUS

Mrs. Rose Hart, President; Mr. Lee Eason, Vice President; Mrs. Josie Traxler, Secretary;
Mrs. Alice Barcliff, Recording Secretary; Mr. James Cooley, Deacon.



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James Winslow, Treasurer

1969 Shiloh Baptist Church Rockville Centre New York Trustee Board

We can see the blessings in our lives because of people who loved God and who were praying for future generations. We are the recipients of their prayers and their sacrifices. Today’s culture of individualism has created many spiritual orphans- “bunny believers,” who hop around from one church to another without any identity, accountability, or commitment. Many believe it is possible to be a “good Christian,” without joining, or even attending a local church. But God would strongly disagree. The church is so significant that Jesus died on the cross for it. Not committing to a church home is a gross mistake. I asked James what would it take for him to leave Shiloh, and his adamant resolve was, “I wouldn’t leave Shiloh for anything! Wherever you go there will be confusion, or something that you don’t like, but Shiloh has been my church home for 56 years. I ain’t leaving! I respect and love my Pastor, and my church family.” While James never wanted to be Chairman of Trustees, he is grateful that under three pastors, one in Virginia, Dr. Days, and Pastor Washington, he has been steeped in the Word of God. He realizes that the church belongs to God, and it is a privilege to serve Him. ***“Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.” Eph.5:25.*** James loves working with his team of Trustees, and on his watch the front steps have been renovated; and we are in the process of upgrading our security system. If the people of God, and our fellowship remains faithful, James and the Trustee’s Ministry have a vision to renovate the floors on the lower level, which would make its transition to a banquet hall even more beautiful than what we’ve seen. When we come together in love as a Church family from different backgrounds, different races, and different social statuses, it is our great witness to the world. Like those who have gone before us, even people like James Eason, and others in our midst, who have been around for a long time, and who have witnessed many things, you are harvesting a legacy, and when you plant seeds of godliness, like Shiloh has done for the past 110 years, you will have a heritage in blessings. ***Happy Anniversary Shiloh!***

AUGUST FOCUS: REFRESHING

Interview with Sis. Selinda Jones by Sis. Lisa A. Ridley



Sis. Lisa Ridley: When someone mentions August what's the first thing that comes to your mind?

Sister Selinda Jones: Vacation, barbeque, pools, water parks

Sis. Lisa Ridley: Do you and your family vacation often in August?

Sister Selinda Jones: We try to, even if is for just a few days and besides my birthday is in the month of August!

Sis. Lisa Ridley: Where do you usually go for summer vacations?

Sister Selinda Jones: We normally would try to vacation outside the country. Last year we had the opportunity to vacation in the Bahamas. This year we are going on the Disney World trip and will center our vacation around the trip. Next year we plan to vacation in Hawaii.

Sis. Lisa Ridley: How do you prepare for vacations?

Sister Selinda Jones: We prepare our vacation by making our reservations at a hotel two months ahead of time. During our vacation, we visit family and friends. Lately we have been visiting museums with our grandchildren.

Sis. Lisa Ridley: How do you feel before you go on vacation?

Sister Selinda Jones: I feel that it is well needed. It gives us a chance to regroup.

Sis. Lisa Ridley: How do you feel when you return from vacation?

Sister Selinda Jones: I feel *refreshed* and revived. I feel like I am ready to prepare myself for whatever is expected to do when we return.

Sis. Lisa Ridley: Why did the church decide to go to Disney World this summer?

Sister Selinda Jones: [Epic 4:13](#) decided to go on the trip to Disney World trip because, we discovered there are a lot of education series of which the youth, adult and family can explore. We expect the trip to be a new experience while exploring over 22 different programs. During this trip, we hope to bring the family together and generate love!



1 Timothy 6:17 CEV - Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life!

When Stan Met Lisa

by Deaconess Irene Gardon



God's plan for creation was for men and women to marry and have children. A man and woman would form a "one-flesh" union through marriage ([Gen 2:24](#)) and they with their children become a family, the essential building block of human society. September, is the time on our Church Calendar where our prayer focus is on the family. And this, being our quarterly

journal caused us to look at the families in our congregation. We know that strong communities are made up of strong neighborhoods, and strong neighborhoods are made up of strong churches, and strong churches are made up of strong families. The concept of family was introduced in the very beginning; *"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."* [Genesis 1:28 KJV](#). Lisa Seabrooks, one of 9 siblings, and Stan Ridley, one of 4 siblings, became one-flesh on Saturday May 29, 1993. They recently celebrated their 24th Wedding Anniversary. Stan met Lisa at Shiloh, and began to build a relationship. In hindsight, there had been many signs of their coming together, years before they even met one another. In one incident, Stan's father, Pastor Ridley, was mentoring one of Lisa's brothers. He had a calling on his life, and Pastor Ridley spent countless hours in teaching and evangelizing Lisa's brother. Stan did not find out until years later that his father's student was his soon to become brother-in-law. Lisa came to Shiloh in the early 90s, and they both recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ before they got married. Stan grew up in a Christian home, where Church was the norm. He went to Sunday School, morning Worship, Bible Study, and participated in Christian-based auxiliaries. Lisa had a different upbringing, and wanted so much more for her life. She got that when she met Stan. Their first date was a Church trip to Sharon Baptist Church, in Philadelphia. A year after that first church-trip date Stan proposed to Lisa, in Echo Park, West Hempstead, in 1992. Unlike any other guy, she had met, Lisa said, 'Yes', and they were wed a year later; and to their union three children were born. The fruitfulness had begun with the birth of Stanton in 1994, Sterling in 1995 and Stephanie in 1999. While Lisa was not looking for a husband, she knew what she wanted in one. She wanted a good-man, a good-provider and one who would be loving and a good father. She agrees that Stan has grown to become all of those things, and more. He is a man after God's own heart. He is a man who respects his Pastor, and loves his church home. Stan gave his life to Christ at age 12, and was baptized by the Late Rev. Dr. Morgan M. Days. When he and Lisa were married, by

Pastor Washington. Stan was influenced by the family lifestyle of his Pastor and did not want just an ordinary ceremony. Like his Pastor, he wanted to ensure that one of the most important days of his life started with God first. The marriage began with Worship and the marital sermon was "Put the Wall Up." Pastor preached to the couple and the people that came to marriage ceremony to make sure to protect what God put together. Pastor Washington's sermon was confirmation and assurance that regardless of what they would face, they would face it together. The trials came but they weathered the storms by faith. Lisa remembers Stan's mother telling them that if they could make it through the difficult times they faced early on in their marriage that they could make it through anything. Stan & Lisa both agree that parents are the first example for children concerning a personal relationship with Christ. Children learn to love Jesus, by witnessing love in their home. While Stan admits that he has made some mistakes (who hasn't?!), he is quick to confess his sins with his most trusted partner, his wife, Lisa (1 Jn:1:9). He says he is careful not to allow any thing that he has done to bring damnation to his family. A student of the Word, and a prolific writer and researcher, I asked Stan if he felt there was a calling on his life to preach, and without hesitation, he said, "No! I don' want to be a preacher. I watched my father go through and I see what Pastor goes through, and it's not for me. Preaching is the most important job on the planet, and it must be taken seriously." Whether he ever preaches a sermon or not, he is a living sermon. People are watching his life, and his children are watching, and they have been greatly impacted by the witness of both their parents. Stanton is pursuing a career in Professional Engineering, and is working on securing his PE License. He also owns his own Fashion Design company. He made a robe for Pastor Washington. Sterling is pursuing a degree in Medicine will become a Medical Doctor. A child prodigy, at the age of 5, he comprised is own musical arrangement and performed it before an audience at a recital at the age of 6, where Sis. Carol D. Antrom, was in the audience. Stephanie, an avid photographer, has received much recognition for her work, and will pursue a Medical profession, as well. Prov 13:22 (KJV) says, *"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."* Stan and Lisa believe that the greatest inheritance a man can leave his children's children is the Gift of Eternal Life, through salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ. People have many different ways of defining a family, and what being a part of a family means to them. At Shiloh, we stand on God's definition and His plan for the family, and we are blessed to have Stan & Lisa Ridley, and their children as part of our family. When Stan met Lisa, he had no idea what God would do through them, and He's not done yet!



Spiritual Wounds

A Topical Study on Bitterness

~By Sis. Brenda Perry

In scripture, “Bitterness,” is symbolic of “Affliction,” “Misery,” or “Wickedness,” and most often preceded by “Offense,” either against God, or a person, or a group. “Offense,” is defined as resentment; a sin, or a crime; a feeling of hurt; or something that causes “anger.”

Romans 4:25, states that Jesus was delivered up because of our offenses (sins), and was raised because of our Justification (our being made right with God). In Christ’s death was the root of “bitterness,” as seen in religious Jewish sect; Roman government; Judas, the Disciple; People who were unbelievers; the World (Satan’s domain-Sin) and the Elders, Chief Priest. Bitterness in the Bible is termed, “Wormwood.” There are more than 120 species of plants known as “wormwood.” These plants have medical value, but are primarily known for their bitter taste. When it rains the toxins in “Wormwood” dissolve, and drip off the plant, poisoning the ground around it, resulting in death to anything in its path. Like the Dandelion in your lawn, its roots go very deep. Bitterness is toxic. It contaminates; physically, and spiritually. It can cause physical illness, and affect our Walk with Christ. It can cause problems, and death in our lives.

- But Prayer is an antidote for Bitterness. The Psalmist has said, according to ***Psalms 86:7***, “*In the day of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me*”.
- Confession is an antidote for Bitterness, according to ***James 5:16***. Ask Christ to come into your heart and change you.
- Forgiveness is an antidote for Bitterness (***Col. 3:13***)

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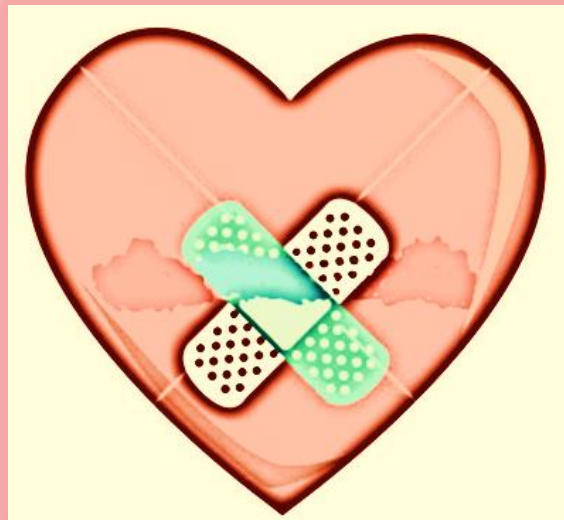
Proverbs 14:10 - Bitterness starts in the heart.

Rev. 8:11 - A star known as “Wormwood” (Bitter) made a third-part of H₂O Bitter

Deut. 29:18 – Poison of Idolatry-Worshipping false gods (offended God)

Eph. 4:30, 31- It grieves the Holy Spirit when we are bitter

Acts 8:22, 23 - The sorcerer was poisoned by bitterness for life



What should we do? Looking away from all distractions, fix our eyes on Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. This leaves no room for bitterness to come in. (***Hebrews 12:2***) Remember what God has done for you. Confess. Pray. Meditate on the Word. Forgive for Jesus sake, and for yours. (***James 5:16***). In ***Hebrews 12:15***, a warning is given to the Church community, that bitterness can contaminate the congregation. The root of bitterness is a deliberate turning away from God. We must pray for those with this condition, and ourselves too. Being bitter is not a sin. It is a spiritual condition caused by Sin. The problem must get treated because the roots are deep. Remember the dandelions!! When the toxicity from the wormwood hit the ground, it brought death to everything around it. When the Blood of Jesus was shed on the Cross, it brought Life to all who believed.

About the Writer: *Sis. Brenda Perry has been a member of Shiloh for many years, where she has taught Sunday school, serves on the Mass Choir, and gives leadership to EPIC 4:13, together with Sis. Jones, Marissa Washington, and Professor James. It is no secret that Sis. Perry loves the Lord, all you have to do is spend a few moments in conversation with her. It ultimately, always leads to the Glory of the Lord! We hope that this study by Sis. Perry will give you more insight into how to deal with Bitterness.*

Why is The CrossOffensive????!?!???

By Deaconess Irene Gardon

Have you ever walked into a room, and knew immediately that just by your presence, something had changed? If nothing else, there was something about you that stood out, or at least drew attention to you in a way that you were not expecting. Don't get me wrong! Sometimes, we walk into a room intending to get the attention of others. It could be a stunning outfit, a new hat; a pair of shoes, or even the fragrance you're wearing, that catches the eye of someone. By design. But then there are those times, when you just "happened" into the room, and got the "side-eye," from your head down to your feet, unexpectedly. And it's a look that does a double- take, with an implied, but unspoken question. It's like somebody once said, "If looks could kill....." Admittedly, there are times when you cannot control your expression when you see something out of the ordinary. I have that kind of face, i.e. your eyebrows may go up a bit; or your eyes may bulge a little, or maybe it's just a quick glance and a settled, unasked question, that doesn't require an answer; but beckons for one. Anyway, for this past Christmas my underwriting manager [at work] gave me a gift instead of a gift-card in a small gift-bag, much like a gift-card. I assumed it was a gift card, so I didn't hurry to open it. Honestly, it stayed on my dining room table long after Christmas, before I looked inside and saw that it was a Cross on a beaded-necklace. Opening it, I thought how cute, but also noted that I would probably never wear it, so I just put it aside. But one morning on my way out to work I happened to pick it up from where it had been for a few months now, and decided to try it on. "Not bad!" I thought. "Really cute!" and I wore it to work. My underwriting manager knows that I am a Christian, but I didn't want to give her too much credit in her selection of the gift for me. I don't know what she gave anybody else, but that she gave me a Cross was indicative that she thought it was an appropriate gift for me. It is well-known in my office that I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. But when I walked into the office that day one person in particular gave me that "look" that I spoke about earlier. I saw it, but I wasn't sure what the "look," meant. So, I quickly addressed myself. Patted my hair to make sure it was okay. My hair often does what it wants, so I have to check it often. Checked my shoes to make sure they were okay. Checked my clothing to make sure I had not worn something stained. My clothes often eat when I do. But as far as I could tell all was in order. I looked pretty good and I had not given any thought to the Cross around my neck until I heard a subtle comment about the Cross. It was not spoken to me, but was rather an overt statement. He obviously noticed it, and that it was something that I don't always wear to work. It wasn't quite an insult, but the subtle comment that he made about anti-Semitism let me know that he was offended, by the Cross. I looked it up, and Anti-Semitism is defined as the belief or behavior hostile towards Jews just because they are Jewish. It may take the form of religious teachings that proclaim the inferiority of Jews, for instance, or political efforts to isolate, oppress or otherwise injure them.

It may also include prejudicial or stereotypical views about Jews. I don't know how, but it was apparent to me that I had made a statement, without saying a word. And what I had not said spoke volumes. Flesh & Blood did not reveal that to me, but when I realized it, I pondered it. "Should I take it off?" I actually thought about taking it off, but more importantly I wondered, "Why is the Cross so offensive?" Here, let me digress, and tell you that later that morning, I went out to the ladies room. While there, I passed a gentleman in the hallway, a young man wearing pajama pants. At work. I must admit I gave him the "side-eye." I may have judged him because it seemed inappropriate wear for the workplace, but I wasn't offended. Was my Cross inappropriate wear for the office? And, if it was offensive to my Jewish friend, why? Does the declaration of our faith offend others who are not of the same faith? Does it even offend those who are of the same faith? I realize that I can believe what I believe about Jesus Christ; the pure and absolute gospel, that which is preached and taught and not say a word, and maybe no one will be offended. But for sure, no one will hear it, or know that I believe it. Especially, if I keep it to myself. But if I express my belief, whether by spoken word, behavior, or simply by wearing a piece of costume jewelry, in the form of a cross, I open myself up to the same biases of anti-Semitism. It's really a reversed "prejudice" if you ask me. But I think the cross is offensive because it represents the Righteousness of God, and the self-righteousness of man. I think it represents the Power and Ability of God, and the insufficiency and inability of man. But the boldness of the Cross invites persecution, and who among us want to be persecuted for anything- let alone, our faith. Lest you think I'm overstating this "issue," I am reminded of a message from our guest preacher who came all the way from from West Virginia not too long ago, and talked about Peter, who declared to Jesus Himself, that he would never forsake him, and then denied him three times. The preacher said Peter repeatedly used the wrong pronoun in declaring his faithfulness to Jesus, with pledged reference more to himself than to Jesus. The preacher said, he used too much "I", to "Him!" To me that is a classic example of what we're saying to the world, when we don't take a stand for Christ. By not taking a stand for Him, we put ourselves ahead of Him; or at least on the same playing field. When we hide our crosses, we're hiding from persecution. We're hiding from our identity in, and with Christ, and why? for safety's sake. Christians are persecuted all across this land today, much like in Jesus' times. Crosses are burned. Bibles are burned. Churches are bombed, but the Word of God will stand forever. We are commanded in the Bible to take up our Cross daily and to follow Christ, but instead, are we Christian's in hiding? I know lots of people who wear a Cross. And I don't know if it is symbolic of their faith or a declaration of belief in Jesus, or not. But if it is, I wonder what it would take for them to take it off. Would a side-eye look or a loud proclamation of a non-believer be all that it takes?

The Proper Response to Cruelty

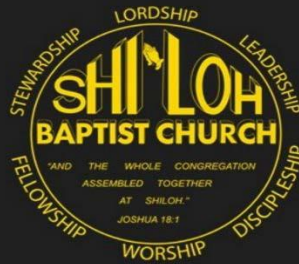
By Bro. Stan Ridley

It's easy to like people that look good but it's also easy to hate people that don't look good to us. It's also easy to disregard people that don't fall into either category. The Lord says if we treat one person one way and another person a different way just because of the way they look, talk or dress, then we are knowingly and willfully causing pain and distress to a person. In other words, we are being cruel, "*Suppose someone comes into your church...wearing nice clothes and a gold ring. At the same time a poor person comes in wearing old, dirty [shabby; filthy] clothes. You show special attention to [take notice of; look favorably on] the one wearing nice clothes and say, "Please, sit here in this good seat." But you say to the poor person, "Stand over there," or, "Sit on the floor by my feet [or beside my footstool]."* What are you doing? You are making some people more important than others [Are you not discriminating among yourselves...?], and with evil thoughts you are deciding that one person is better [or you are judging with evil thoughts; or you are acting like judges with evil motives]", **St. James 2:2-4 Expanded Bible**. People hated our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because he didn't look like people thought he should. Like Jacob's first wife, Leah, there was nothing special or impressive about the way Jesus looked. Leah was hated because she was not like her sister, Rachel who was beautiful and well favored (**Genesis 29:17**). There was nothing about Leah that Jacob could see that would cause him to like her the same as Rachel and there was nothing physically attractive about Jesus that would cause the world to like him, "*...He wasn't some handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us*", **Isaiah 53:2 CEV**. People were so cruel to our Savior that people would not even look at him when he came towards them because they would turn away from him in disgust, "*There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away*", **Isaiah 53:3 The Message**. Being attractive pleases the world but being obedient pleases God. Jesus was obedient so he was very attractive to His Father, "*... the servant grew up obeying the Lord*", **Isaiah 53:2 CEV**. Even though he was obedient to God people still treated him like someone of no importance. The cruelty that people had towards Jesus escalated because he was always there in their way. They couldn't get rid of God in the flesh. They would turn away from his face because they were disgusted by how he looked but there he was again right in their presence, "*People would not even look at [turned their backs on; hid their faces from] him*", **Isaiah 53:3 EXB**. Our treatment of people in this way says more about our cruel despicable attitudes than it does about how another person looks. They tried but they couldn't get rid of him. They couldn't get rid of the one that they were disgusted by because he was in God's will and he was obedient to God's Word. Obedience to God's Word keeps us in God's will no matter how cruel people are to us. When they turned around he was right there again, doing His Father's work. They couldn't stand to look at him but they had no choice because he was right there all the time, healing people, helping people and saving people from their sins.

As a result, their attitudes escalated into physical abuse and violence. They couldn't stand the way God in the flesh looked so they spit on God. They mocked God. They slapped our Savior's face. Their hatred for the way he looked not only escalated into them spitting in Jesus Christ's face and slapping him but they hit him with their fists, "*Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands*", **St. Matthew 26:67 KJV**. When people are cruel to us they are also being cruel to the God, who now lives in His children, "*I will put my Spirit inside you...*", **Ezekiel 36:27 ERV**. Jesus Christ was the perfect example of how to properly respond to cruelty, "*He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly; he never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word*", **Isaiah 53:7 Good News Translation**. God is pleased when we respond properly to cruelty. The Lord says that if we suffer we need to make sure our suffering is for doing what is right. When we suffer for doing what's right then we are behaving like Jesus and when that happens we will have God's blessing. The Lord tells us not to be afraid of the people who make us suffer after we do what is right, "*But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled*", **1 Peter 3:14 KJV**. Abigail warned David that cruelty is a trap, "*Please don't fall into that trap,*" **1 Samuel 25:31 KJV**. Cruelty is designed to derail us from fulfilling God's purposes for our lives. If we respond like Jesus did to cruelty we are promised to receive God's blessings. Abigail told King David that if he didn't fall into the trap of cruelty and responded properly then God would make his family strong. If we respond properly to cruelty then people will never be able to find anything bad about us. If we respond properly to cruelty then when we find ourselves in danger God will save our lives and defeat our enemies. If we obey God's Word and respond like Jesus Christ did to the cruelty of people then the Lord promises to do many good things for us and the Lord keeps His promises (**1 Samuel 25:28-30**). When we respond properly to cruelty God blesses our lives and our families. King David told his men, "*Maybe the Lord will see the wrong things that are happening to me and give me something good for every bad thing...*", **2 Sam 16:12 ERV**. Obedience results in our sons becoming strong as trees and our daughters as beautiful as the carved columns of a palace. Obedience results in our homes being filled with foods of all kinds. Our resources become so productive that our homes are full of everything else that we need for our families. People around us will be blessed, "*From the time he appointed Joseph head of his household and of everything he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's household because of Joseph. The Lord blessed everything he had, both in the household and in the field*", **Genesis 39:5 CEB**. If we obey God's commands and refuse to let Satan derail us with his cruel devices then the Lord puts a hedge around our homes and no enemy can break through its walls or carry away any of our people. There will be no cries of pain when we obey the Lord. We may suffer for a little while (**1 Peter 5:10**) but soon joy replaces pain and we can rejoice and shout about how wonderful it is to have such blessings! Yes, great blessings belong to those who obey the Lord their God (**Psalms 144:12-15**).

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“And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there.”,
Joshua 18:1 KJV



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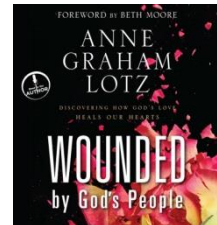
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Adult Sunday School - 9:30 AM Sunday mornings
Youth Sunday School (ages 13-18) - After altar call, church fellowship hall
Young Adults Meeting (ages 19-35) - 1st & 3rd Fridays, 8 PM
Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time - Wednesday, 7 PM
Men's Fellowship - Every Monday, 7 PM
Kids Space (ages 5-12) – Sunday mornings following offering
Exercise classes - Saturday, 9 AM

Deaconess Ministry invites all women to join them every 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in their study of "**Wounded by God's People**" by Anne Graham Lotz.



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Sunday, July 2, 2017 Pre-Anniversary Worship Service

10:30 AM: PASTOR HERMAN WASHINGTON, SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 8, 2017 Pre-Anniversary Prayer Breakfast

9:00 AM: DR. PRESTON DRINKS, SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, BALDWIN, NY

Sunday, July 9, 2017 Pre-Anniversary Worship Service

10:30 AM: ELDER WAYNE JOHNSON, NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA, TN

Sunday, July 16, 2017 Pre-Anniversary Worship Service

11:00 AM: PASTOR SEDGWICK EASLEY, UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD

4:00 PM: PASTOR EASLEY WITH UNION BAPTIST CHURCH CONGREGATION

Sunday, July 23, 2017 – 110th Church Anniversary

10:30 AM:

4:00 PM: REV. CARL WASHINGTON, NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, HARLEM, NY

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