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DISCIPLESHIP.

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St. Matt 28:18-20 KJV

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Go ye therefore,** and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
Amen.



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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DISCIPLESHIP

*“Go to the people of all nations and make them my **disciples**”, [St. Matthew 28:19 CEV](#)*

Any one that types the word **discipleship** into their computer’s dictionary will get the definition for a disciple.¹ The primary characteristic of a disciple is discipline. The dictionary definition for discipline is behavior that is in accordance with specific rules of conduct and order maintained by training and control.² A disciple is a person who makes a conscious decision to devote their life to obeying the teachings of another person. The doctrine that we decide to obey determines our destiny, first on earth and ultimately for eternity. It’s a decision that must be made today, *“...choose you this day whom ye will serve”*, [Joshua 24:15 KJV](#). We should not wait until tomorrow when making this decision about our destiny, *“It is called today...If you hear God’s voice today, don’t be stubborn”*, [Hebrews 4:7 ERV](#). Tomorrow is not promised to us, *“Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee”*, [St. Luke 12:20 KJV](#). There’s no coming back to warn others ([St. Luke 16:27-31](#)). As a result of the pressing need to let others know about the amazing grace of God, we were given a directive to go out into the world and tell all people about the wonderful gift of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ ([St. Matthew 28:18-20](#)). Jesus’ unselfish sacrifice on the cross gives all people in the world the opportunity to accept His gift freely. Discipleship requires that we have a reverent attitude for our Lord and study God’s Word every day, *“...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”*, [Acts 17:11 KJV](#). Discipleship requires that we be ready to tell others about Jesus, *“...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you”*, [1 Peter 3:15 KJV](#). Discipleship requires that we have the ability to avoid foolish and thoughtless discussions, since we know that they produce conflicts ([2 Timothy 2:23](#)). Discipleship requires that we share the doctrine of Jesus Christ with others while avoiding conversations that will lead people into worthless thinking and ungodly behavior ([2 Timothy 2:16](#), [Romans 1:28](#)). Discipleship is most effective when we understand that once we plant the seed in people’s minds about the truth of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is the one that changes people on the inside, *“I will put my spirit within you”*, [Ezekiel 36:27 KJV](#). True disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ know that if people make a decision to reject the magnificent gift of salvation from our Savior then we are free to move on and share the Gospel with other unbelievers, *“If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them”*, [St. Mark 6:11 CSB](#). So, let’s not let anything hinder us or slow us down from sharing the gift of Salvation with others. We must not get tired of fulfilling God’s purpose for our lives in spreading His Word. If we continue to obey our Lord in this effort, He will bring the harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up, *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”*, [St. Mark 16:15-16 KJV](#).

“Remember, there is nothing too hard for God!!!”

Submitted on behalf of Pastor Washington by Writing Team Member Trustee Stan Ridley

¹ <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/discipleship?s=t>

² <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/discipline>

DISCIPLESHIP

Submitted by Trustee Eustace Murrain

Discipleship is about touching hearts

An elderly gentleman lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the next door neighbor's little boy went into the gentleman's yard, climbed up onto his lap, and just sat there. When the boy's mother asked what he had said to their neighbor, the little boy replied, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Discipleship comes from the word "disciple" and means one who follows another. In order to be disciples we need to become more like our model example, Jesus Christ. Discipleship requires a deep sympathy and sorrow for people who are spiritually lost and a very strong desire to help alleviate their suffering by sharing the good news about the gift that God has given to people in the person of Jesus Christ who is able to deliver all of us from suffering and save us from eternal damnation. God had so much compassion for people that He allowed His only son to give the ultimate sacrifice for us to have eternal life, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*", [St. John 3:16 KJV](#). Jesus Christ was the ultimate example of compassion for people and demonstrated that during his ministry. When Jesus saw Mary and the people crying about the death of Lazarus, the Holy Bible says that Jesus was very upset and deeply troubled to the point that he cried, "*Jesus wept*", [St. John 11:35 KJV](#). He helped them cry but then he delivered a healing ([St. John 11:39-44](#)). According to the Resource of Leadership Training Learner's Guide Volume III titled "The Leader's Example", there are 3 basic principles associated with discipleship; (1) be a good example to others, "*In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works*", [Titus 2:7 KJV](#), (2) follow the example of Jesus Christ, "*...leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps*", [1 Peter 2:21 KJV](#) and (3) help people to be good examples to others, "*Follow my example, just as I follow the example of Christ*", [1 Corinthians 11:1 ERV](#). Discipleship is a process that involves transforming believers into maturing and reproducing followers of Jesus Christ which begins at the moment of salvation when a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Discipleship is like human growth. Immediately

after salvation we are babies in Jesus Christ who are very dependent on others for spiritual feeding and security, "*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*", [1 Peter 2:2 KJV](#). We grow from babes into children who gain independence by becoming aware of Biblical truth and the consequences of our actions, "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things*", [1 Corinthians 13:11 KJV](#). We then move away from childhood towards youth or adolescence where we become independent and aware of moral choices and desire role models, "*That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth...*", [Psalms 144:12 KJV](#). We mature into spiritual adults becoming interdependent or mutually dependent on other believers and realize our vulnerability and need for each other and for God's protection, "*Help each other with your troubles. When you do this, you are obeying the law of Christ*", [Galatians 6:2 ERV](#). We become spiritual parents, church elders, fathers and mothers when we reproduce the next generation that has the same Christ-like characteristics as we do, "*Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith*", [1 Timothy 1:2 KJV](#). In the infant phase, the 'Disciples Introduction' asks unbelievers to come to Jesus Christ. In the child phase, the 'Disciples Invitation' asks new believers to follow Jesus. In the adolescent phase, the 'Disciples Invitation' asks believers to commit themselves to following the teachings of Jesus Christ. In the adult phase of every believer, the 'Disciples Identification' asks believers to abide in Christ and take on the nature of Jesus, grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In the parent phase, the 'Disciples Implementation' involves sharing all that we have learned in order to teach others about the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Discipleship requires that all believers make a decision about their Christian walk with Jesus, "We must decide where we want our ministry to count – in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the reproduction of our lives in a few chosen people who will carry on the work after we are gone", Robert Coleman.³

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1907 - 2018

For our current church family and for many previous generations of saints, Shiloh Baptist Church in Rockville Centre has been a place of worship and a source of spiritual substance for 111 years. In June 1907, Mrs. Glendora Hankins called together a group of people for the purpose of organizing the first Black Baptist Church in Rockville Centre, New York. Little is known of Sis. Hankins except that she called the very first meeting that eventually led to the Shiloh Baptist Church family being formed. It is not clear where this meeting took place but without suitable places to hold subsequent gatherings, Sis. Hankins and her supporters took turns meeting weekly for worship services by moving from house to house. 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. Even though they didn't have a building, they were still a church. They called themselves "Shiloh." They elected the first officers and organized several ministries. July 25th, 1907 was the day Shiloh Baptist Church



incorporated which marked another key milestone in our church's storied history. In October 1907, the Shiloh Baptist Church family moved from residences to a new meeting facility on 158 Merrick Road. The exact date is sketchy, but approximately two years later, the Shiloh Baptist Church family- still in its infancy- purchased a lot at

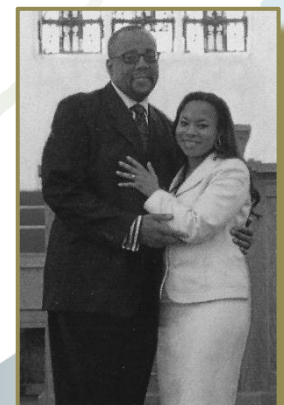
87 Banks Avenue, Rockville Centre. Pleased with the work of these humble saints, the Lord rewarded them with a small frame building. They wasted little time purchasing the small frame building and transporting the structure to 87 Banks Avenue where they set it down. Applause and recognition followed their accomplishment and the congregation moved into their first church building. 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. Sis. Gertrude Ulmer, 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, Deacon Benjamin Jenkins, was chairman of the board of deacons, and whose mother, Deaconess Ophelia Jenkins, 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. In 1937, Reverend Morgan M. Days accepted the call to lead the church, some three decades after Shiloh was first incorporated. The church grew rapidly under his guidance. Sis. Ulmer, who just turned eight at the time, was baptized by Pastor Days soon after his arrival. In 1939, two years after Dr. Days took over as Shiloh's leader, the mortgage for the property on 87 Banks Avenue 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. In October 1953, the world renowned opera singer Dorothy Maynor performed a concert in Rockville Centre to help raise money to build

the new Shiloh Baptist Church. Dr. Days, who was well loved in the community, received generous contributions, cash and sweat from people throughout the community and beyond. 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 22nd, 1958, approximately four years after it was built. As well as cash, many of the churches and neighboring businesses contributed furnishings to Shiloh, as recorded by Sis. Ulmer. One church pitched in pulpit furniture. Another, the B-Line bus company, contributed an organ, she said, noting that her sister, Sis. Clara Hadley, was the pianist at Shiloh for more than three decades. Sis. Ulmer also fondly recalled hearing the bell which tolled every Sunday before service and at 12 PM on watchnight. Sis. Lenora 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. 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. The Village of Rockville Centre also named one of its parks after Dr. Days. 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. In June 1990, the Lord blessed Shiloh Baptist Church with a gift from heaven. In search of a new shepherd, the Shiloh

Baptist Church family 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, Endless Possibilities In Christ-Philippians 4:13 (E.P.I.C. 4:13), to name a few. Pastor Washington has lovingly served the congregation of Shiloh with an unwavering commitment to preach, teach and live God's Word in his life with authenticity and consistency. His dedication to the Word of God has caused many people to change their minds and give their lives over to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Under Pastor Washington the Shiloh family is experiencing tremendous growth in their spiritual lives. Surely, the spirits of Shiloh past are pleased with the direction of the legacy they handed down. They must be smiling from heaven looking at the place they once occupied in the pews. We are often reminded by Pastor Washington that the church is neither the building, nor its pews. The church, like the first Shiloh Church, which had no pews, pulpit or walls- is you and me. We are the Church! In truth, the church is made up of every person who has been born again, from the day of Pentecost in **Acts 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 do not join the church, you must be born into it! So, after 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!



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The Shiloh Family Celebrates Our Centenarians

100 Years of Life on Shiloh Baptist Church's 111th Year Anniversary

Mother Dorothy Ellis

'A Dignified Woman'

By Deaconess Irene Gardon



A dignified woman is described as one who holds herself with utmost esteem and who is confident in herself, and in the Lord Jesus Christ. As such, she makes elegant gestures, not fierce ones. She laughs softly and does not roar. If she is annoyed or needs to express disapproval or anger, she does it with a slight frown

or witty retort, not by shouting or throwing a childish tantrum. She expresses her opinions but does not push them onto others. Let me introduce you to Sis. Dorothy Ellis...A Dignified Woman!

Born March 19, 1918 in North Wilkesboro, NC, Dorothy Ellis, now 100 years old, is the youngest of 13 children, born to Logan & Nancy Carson. Her meek and quiet spirit belies the fact that she was her daddy's girl. To this day she will remark that when she was growing up she always had her way. In pursuit of higher education, Dorothy attended Winston Salem Teachers College. After college she moved to New York City, living with two of her sisters, and another, who lived directly across the street. She later met and married Sam, her husband and in 1962 they bought and moved into their home in West Hempstead, where she continues to live today. The lovable Dorothy, was adored by Sam and he took her father's place in taking care of her until his death and she continued to "always get her way." Dorothy worked at Knowmark Manufacturing Company from 1962 until her retirement almost 30 years ago. She was a supervisor when she retired. Always a thoughtful person the family recalls that you were always sure to get a card from her for birthdays and other special occasions.

A family woman, dedicated to her siblings, her niece, Michelle Johnson-Lewis, recalls,

"I will always remember as a child Aunt Dorothy traveling to Brooklyn from Long Island every Saturday morning to bring groceries to her sisters. She took their orders and brought fresh meat from the butcher and fresh vegetables. She was dedicated to her sisters and they loved her. Her dedication to her sisters has taught me the importance of family and unselfishly doing not only what you have to do for family but also doing for them what you think will make them happy and life a little easier for them."

Her home was a gathering place for the family. Every summer the family from Brooklyn came to Dorothy's house for a cook out. Siblings, cousins, parents, grandparents, great grandparents, other family members and friends. Good at many things, but especially known for her cooking, some of her signature dishes were fried corn, and lemon meringue pie and the 1, 2, 3 cake.

During the family outings, they would go to Hempstead Lake Park, a short walk away from her house to play. It was a peaceful time, and the family looked forward to the annual gatherings. Dorothy has quick wit, is very honest and has a penchant for telling it like it is. Michelle also recalls that,

"Growing up the children knew not to act up when Aunt Dorothy was around. If you were acting out, when she walked into the room you quieted down and straightened up. I don't ever recall anyone talking back to Aunt Dorothy."

Dorothy was baptized at an early age and throughout her life she has been a faithful servant and church member. She has been a member of Shiloh Baptist Church for as long as I can remember; I think over 50 years.



As Shiloh embarks on another monumental time in history, celebrating our 111th Church Anniversary, it is the witness, and testimony of people like Dorothy Ellis, who is our clear evidence of the goodness of the Lord, and His faithfulness toward His Children, indeed those who belong to Him. Our history is more the richer, because we have Dorothy Ellis in our midst.

We thank the Ellis Family, and Michelle Johnson-Lewis, in particular, for sharing these small details of her life, and for allowing us to peer in. We know her as a long-standing member of Shiloh, and in her own way, she has endeared herself to us.

The Bible is replete with stories that have older women as the heroines. In **2 Timothy 1:5**, we learn that Timothy's faith came from his upbringing by his godly mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois. Years of influence from these godly women gave Timothy the strong and sincere faith the Apostle Paul so revered. Paul attributes Timothy's faith as emanating from the two women who instructed him by the Word of God actively working in their lives. We know from Timothy's testimony that Godly women can influence, and help to shape the lives of younger generations, male and female, to live for Christ.

Like Naomi, in the Book of Ruth, it is apparent that Dorothy has the same kind of strength, through her belief in the Lord. Despite the tragedies in her life, Naomi remained strong, and I am sure that Dorothy has weathered many storms in her 100 years of living, but ***“Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laughs at the time to come”***, ***Proverbs 31:25-ESV***. And after 100 years of being tested and tried, she laughs softly and does not roar, she laughs at the time to come, and she is still *“getting her way.”* I believe it's because of the faithfulness of her fathers, both heavenly and earthly.

Courtesy of Michelle Johnson-Lewis, niece of Sis. Dorothy Ellis~ Michelle is a Corporate attorney who travels extensively. When asked to share parts of the story of Sis. Ellis' life, Michelle graciously accepted and took time out from her busy schedule to do so. Much of what you read here was unselfishly contributed by her, and we are grateful as we celebrate Sis. Dorothy Ellis on our one hundred eleventh Church Anniversary. She is part of the fabric of our proud history.

Sis. Josie Mae Traxler

Submitted by Sis. Lenora Quinones



Sis. Josie Mae Traxler was born in Brookhaven, Mississippi on July 19th, 1918 to Albert Wooley and Blanch Tucker. Josie married at a young age and had two children named Bilbo Traxler, Jr. and Norma Jean Traxler. Josie lived in Jackson, Mississippi for a few years. She separated from her husband and moved to New Orleans for awhile and then journeyed to Rockville Centre, New York where she worked for a Jewish family. After awhile she was able to rent a place and sent for her children to come to Rockville Centre, New York from Brookhaven, Mississippi. Josie joined Shiloh Baptist Church in 1945 and became a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church Gospel Choir. For awhile she sang with the Shiloh Baptist Church Mass Choir until her health started failing her. Josie loved people. Everyone around Josie called her 'Nana'. She was also a member of 'The Silver Foxes'. Josie was a very good cook and made a lot of quilts by hand across her bed. Josie loves people and always has a smile on her face. She is always willing to help people in anyway she can. Josie had numerous jobs and finally got the job she loved at Lydia Hall Hospital in Freeport, New York where she retired.

August Focus is 'Refreshing'

By Sister Selinda C. Jones

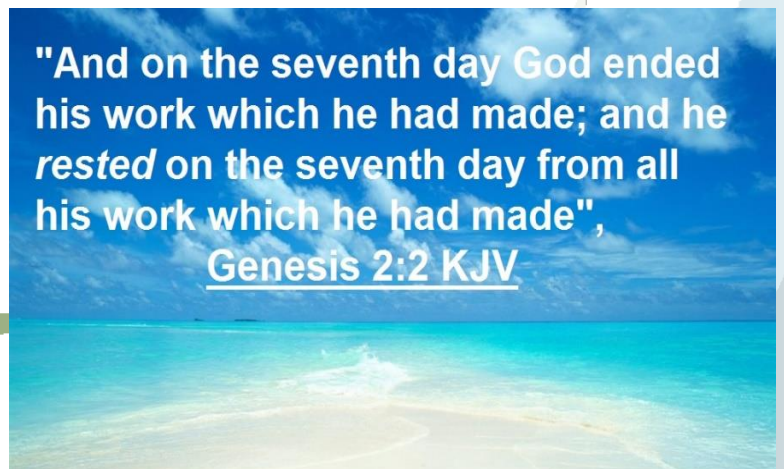


When I think of the meaning of 'Refresh', I think of a new beginning; to give new strength or energy; to revive, restore, exhilarate, wake-up. In the book of Romans chapter 12, verse 1, there is an 'Appeal to Present' our bodies to be Holy and Acceptable unto God, To be Transformed by the Renewal of our Mind, not to be conformed to this World, so that by being tested we can discern what is the Will of God.



I believe that God wants our minds to be Refresh. He wants us to be Awaken, Energize, Ready to be used for His Purpose. God has no use for a weak-minded, broken down and worn out Spirit, Mind or Soul for His Will. August is my birthday month, and I like to go on Vacations away from home just to rest my Body & Mind and to be Refresh. When God bless me to turn a new age, I say to myself God has given me a new year and opportunity to Represent Him. How I say to myself do I go about doing this? Well, I have to Flush out all of the Negative Thoughts, the Despairs and the Disbeliefs that so easily has a Stronghold of my Mind and ask God to input in me a New and Refreshing Mindset. I believe that God has a Need and a Purpose for Each of our Lives, and God wants to show us what it is that He has for us, but we have to Submit to God and ask Him to give us a New and Refreshing Mindset that He may get all from us for His Purpose and Will.

**"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made",
Genesis 2:2 KJV**



September Focus is Family

Happy Homes Ministry

Deacon & Deaconess Rosa



So, what does the Bible say about family? The concept of family was introduced in the very beginning, as we see in **Genesis 1:28 KJV**, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

God's plan for creation was for men and women to marry and have children. Which created the first family. The physical family is the most important building block in human society, and it is something that we must nurture and protect. One of Satan's primary jobs is to destroy the family. Why, you may ask? If he can tear down the family structure causing its members to be separated and isolated, then his job of destruction will be easier. God has created family so that there is a support system. A covering of one another. Within the family structure you can feel the love of God. God has also given each member of the family gifts and talents to help build up His family and His church. That is also why the church family is so important. As people who believe in Christ, we are and have become a spiritual family. This is a family made up of many nations and it speaks many languages (**Revelation 7:9**). The defining characteristic of this spiritual family is love for one another, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another", **St. John 13:34-35 KJV**. Those of us who are members of Shiloh and a part of its covenant community are truly blessed. Because this church is a family, built on GOD'S LOVE and LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.



**September Focus is
Family**
*“A Message to Shiloh”
from Minister Foreman &
Family*



Hey Shiloh:

I hope you are all doing well. Been thinking about you all since we have been here in California. Speaking of California, not sure if any of you have ever made it out here to the Mojave Desert, but it is NOT at all what I expected.

Having lived in Texas and Georgia/Alabama all of my life, I am used to regularly seeing bodies of water, trees, grass, flowers, etc...Color! Green things! I'm accustomed to a lawn that has to be mowed and leaves that must be raked. I believed every highway was lined with wildflowers SOMEWHERE along its stretch. So, with those norms having been a part of my everyday, I just knew I would HATE the desert! Miles and miles of brown, flat, dry land all around with not one sliver of color in sight unless you looked up, how depressing! Not only would we be smack dab in the middle of 54,000 square miles of desert, but we would be stationed on one of the smallest Army bases in the world with the closest town being over 30 minutes away! Yes, that means at least an hours drive to and from any church, Wal-Mart, dollar store, ect... Every military person we told that we were being stationed at Ft. Irwin immediately began telling us how horrible it was! Now, I've never been one to let someone else's opinion become my own, but I couldn't help but believe just a little bit that they may all be right! AND to top it all off, we would be thousands of miles away from EVERYONE we love. We knew NO ONE in California! No one to welcome us save the rattlesnakes, scorpions, and coyotes. So, picture a bunch of soldiers stuck on an itty bitty base, in a dull, dry environment that reaches temps up to 130 degrees, miles and miles from nowhere, surrounded by nothingness - sounds like a recipe for rude, irritated people!

Although I love new places and new experiences, the more I thought about it, the closer it got to us leaving, the more hesitant I became. Nevertheless, I had to roll up my sleeves, quit pouting, and accept God's next assignment for us.

And Oh Boy, What a Wonderful Surprise we received when we arrived! This place is I.N.C.R.E.D.I.B.L.E!!!! The beauty is overwhelming. Who would have thought that there was this much beauty in the desert!

But, of course, the Same God that created the trees, grass, rivers, flowers, and colorful artistry of the East Coast is the Same God that created the desert plains of the West Coast! So, I had to apologize to My Father for doubting Him. For thinking for even a second that He was only capable of one kind of beauty. How dare I limit His creativity! It is absolutely picturesque out here. I'm pretty sure my view driving to work every morning is on a postcard somewhere. Its truly breathtaking. No one prepared me for the mountains. The amount of color these mountains hold is unbelievable! Many shades of brown, gray, pink, and even purple. And let's talk about THE SKY!!!!!! The clearest, bluest I've ever seen. And the clouds☺ They don't hang together. They choose their own individual spots among the mountains and cast their shadows as distinctly as I've ever seen. I know I'm falling short trying to describe it. Not sure if anyone adequately can.

Not only is the land beautiful, so are the people. Absolutely the friendliest in the world! I'm from Texas, where 'southern hospitality' was born. But Texans don't have anything on Westerners....they are out-of-their-way nice!

The post is small but completely cute! All of the buildings are new. They have it set up like a little town square. The housing is new. Everything is walking distance. So, it's really nice to take walks together in the evenings. And my absolute favoritest part of this entire experience...THE DONKEYS! They come down from the mountains and out of the valleys and roam freely right alongside us. Who knew they come in so many colors???? Brown, black, gray, gray with black stripes, gray with white underbellies...they are beautiful! And oh my goodness, I really lose it when I see one of the fuzzy little babies!!! At any given moment, we can open up our front door and catch them walking down the sidewalk two feet from the door or see whole families of them (12-14) babies and all, grazing on the playground directly across the street while the children climb the slides and monkey bars right next to them. They are totally unimpressed with us humans! They don't even look up from their dinner when we walk by. Wild animals, but completely docile. I see them almost everyday but no matter how often I see them, no matter what I'm doing at the time, I have to pause and take in their awesomeness and the awesomeness of their Creator. Never seen anything like it!

Hands down the nicest, most beautiful, awe-inspiring place we've ever lived. Now church, something different! That's a whole other email ☺

We love and miss you! Looking to possibly make a trip in July. If so, I'll let you know.

Your family,

Verjuana & Lorenzo Foreman





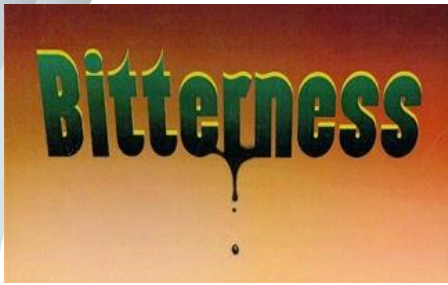
THE ROD OF MEN

By Trustee Stan Ridley

If there is one scripture in the Holy Bible that I know my parents adhered to, it was definitely, *“Whoever refuses to spank his son hates him, but whoever loves his son disciplines him from early on”*, [Proverbs 13:24 NOG](#). If there is one philosophy that I know my parents believed in it was ‘if you don’t correct your children, you don’t love them and if you love them, you will be quick to discipline them’. People who have not experienced the correction of the Father are not His children, *“If God doesn’t discipline you as He does all of His children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really His children at all”*, [Hebrews 12:8 NLT](#). My father didn’t actually use a rod but he did use that black belt that had no belt buckle in my mother’s linen closet. I am almost 50 years removed from that black belt that had no belt buckle and I can still see it in my mind’s eye sitting on the shelf in the hallway closet of my parents’ home. I’m not sure if my parents were using child psychology on us but I do know that every time I had to get a wash cloth or towel out of that hallway closet I had to look at that black belt sitting on the shelf at eye level so I couldn’t miss it. As a matter of fact, I know there must have been times where I never took my eyes off that black belt as I reached for a towel in the hallway linen closet. Every time I saw it I was reminded of the last time my father had to use it. The fact that it was the only belt in the house without a belt buckle gave it its signature purpose for discipline. If you ever thought that once you get out your parents’ home you are free from that black belt in your mother’s linen closet or free from whatever your parents used to correct and discipline the children in the house then think again. When the Lord defined the Biblical principles for children he made sure we knew that there are methods used for children and other methods used for adults but the basic Biblical doctrine is still the same, *“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons”*, [Hebrews 12:7-8 KJV](#). When God’s people move from childhood to adulthood they get a new ‘Disciplinarian’. God told King David that He was going to be his son Solomon’s Father and He would discipline him with ‘the rod of men’. If your parents rod didn’t straighten you out you had better believe that God’s rod will definitely get you straight one way or the other. If I had a choice between my earthly father’s belt and my Heavenly Father’s rod I think I would choose my earthly father’s belt every time. God’s rod may not be that black belt in mom’s linen closet but his rod of discipline is still very effective, *“I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men”*, [2 Samuel 7:14 KJV](#). What’s the rod of men? Ask Manasseh because he can tell you what it is ([2 Kings 21](#)). His mother was Hephzibah and she must not had a black belt without the belt buckle in her linen closet because the Holy Bible says that Manasseh did what the LORD said was wrong. Manasseh did the terrible things that the nations the LORD forced out of Israel’s country did. For some reason, some of us never get the message even when we see the consequences of disobedience in the lives of other people. The Holy Bible is true – *“men love darkness rather than light”*, [St. John 3:19 KJV](#). The Prophet Daniel told King Belshazzar that even though he knew

about the consequences that his grandfather King Nebuchadnezzar suffered for pride and stubbornness King Belshazzar still refused to make himself humble before God ([Daniel 5:18-24](#)). We see the consequences that our family, friends and community suffer from because of drugs, alcohol, adultery, violence, crime and illegality and it still doesn’t deter us from doing the same things. Our disobedience is proof that Apostle Paul was right when he said, *“I don’t do the good I want to do, and I do the evil I hate”*, [Romans 7:15 ERV](#). We lie when we know we shouldn’t. We gossip when we know that gossip hurts others. We steal when all we have to do is ask. We do all the things that God hates⁴ when we know we should be doing the things that God says would allow Him to bless us. We say we want the blessing but it seems like we want the rod more, *“Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah...Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger”*, [2 Kings 21:11-12, 15 KJV](#). The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they refused to listen. So, the LORD brought commanders from the king of Assyria’s army to attack Judah. These commanders captured Manasseh and made him their prisoner. They put hooks in him and brass chains on his hands and took him to the country of Babylon. When these troubles came to Manasseh, he begged for help from the LORD his God. People always beg for help when the Lord finally lays down the rod in their lives. It’s not the black belt that my father got out of my mother’s linen closet but God’s ‘rod of men’ seems to always get people’s attention. Manasseh humbled himself before the God of his ancestors, *“And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers”*, [2 Chronicles 33:12 KJV](#). We need to keep in mind that there’s no glory in being punished for wrongdoing. We shouldn’t praise folks for suffering from consequences, *“...if you are punished for doing wrong, there is no reason to praise you for bearing that punishment. But if you suffer for doing good and you are patient, this pleases God”*, [1 Peter 2:19-20 ERV](#). God gets glory when we suffer for doing the right things, *“And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name”*, [Acts 5:41 KJV](#). The ‘rod of men’ is not necessarily a physical rod. It could be the jailhouse that men build for disobedient criminals. The ‘rod of men’ could be the hefty fines we get for disobeying the speed limits on the road. The ‘rod of men’ could be getting fired from our jobs when we continue to show up to work late. The ‘rod of men’ is what God uses to correct those that belong to him. For King Solomon, the ‘rod of men’ turned out to be men like Hadad the Edomite ([1 Kings 11:14](#)) and Rezon ([1 Kings 11:23](#)) and Jeroboam ([1 Kings 11:23](#)). King Solomon suffered from the ‘rod of men’ until he finally died. If we obey God and suffer then God gets glory and we grow spiritually. When we disobey God we only get shame and God will use the ‘rod of men’ to make us suffer punishments and consequences for our disobedience. In light of that, we should thank God that He is a merciful Father and we don’t always suffer the punishment and consequences that we should, *“We sinned against him, but he didn’t give us the punishment we deserved”*, [Psalm 103:10 ERV](#).

⁴ [Proverbs 6:16-19 ERV](#) - The LORD hates these seven things: eyes that show pride, tongues that tell lies, hands that kill innocent people, hearts that plan evil things to do feet that run to do evil, witnesses in court who tell lies, and anyone who causes family members to fight.



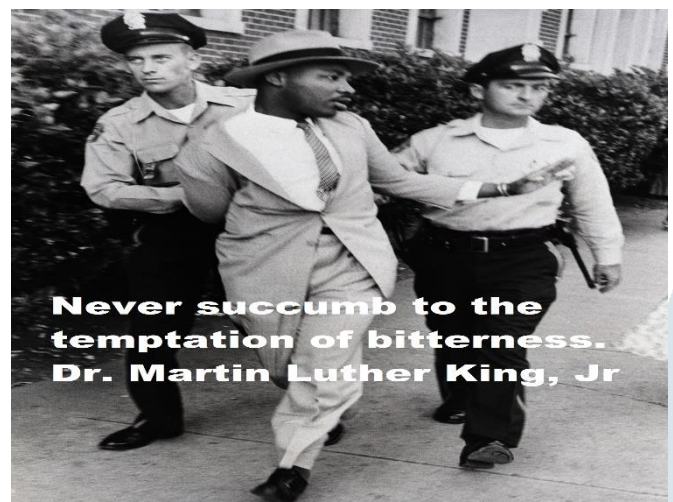
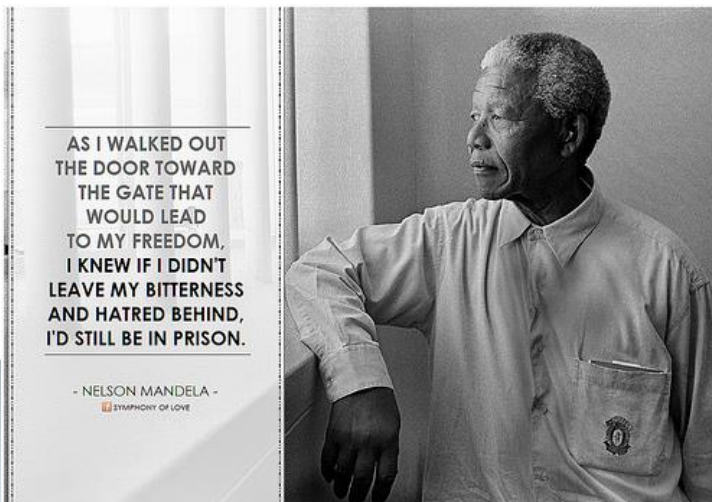
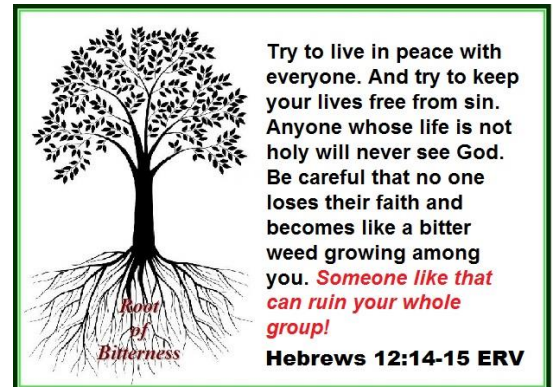
Consider This...

By Sis. Brenda Perry

Why is God's love not seen through His people (the church)? The problem could be bitterness, unforgiveness or fears tied up in our souls blocking God's love from flowing through us. The Holy Spirit has to overcome attitudes in our minds and desires and emotions to get through to our behavior and responses.

Perhaps these are some obstacles in your life.

1. Past experiences can equal patterns of defensive emotional responses.
2. Negative thinking equals selfish desires or selfish expectations.
3. Are we willing to be transparent?
4. Will we allow God's Word to change our thinking?
5. Will we forgive other's actions and attitudes toward us?
6. Love dwells in the believer's spirit.
7. Do you love yourself?



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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



OUR SICK & SHUT-IN



Please contact the church office at 516-764-8311 for a list of our Shiloh Baptist Church members that are sick and shut-in.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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) – 8 PM: April 6, 20; May 4, 25; June 8, 22
Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time - Wednesday, 7 PM
Men's Fellowship - Every Monday, 7 PM
Kidzspace (ages 5-12) – Sunday mornings following offering
EPIC Youth Group (EYG) – 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 topics and issues important to women.

Be on the lookout for Bro. David James Health Seminars each month.
Visit David's website at dwjames.myorganogold.com for products and health information.

Please listen to Pastor Washington and **“Strength for Life's Journey”**
Every **Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM** on www.churchtalkradio.com

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Please send interesting materials for the church journal to:

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UPCOMING DATES TO KEEP IN MIND



July 1st to July 31st, 2018

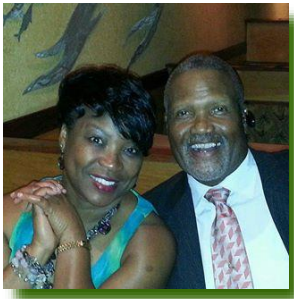


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July 1st, 11 AM

Pastor Herman Washington

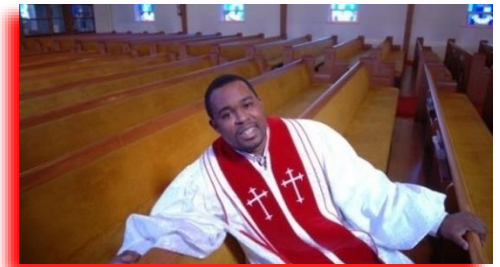
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July 8th, 11 AM

Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor

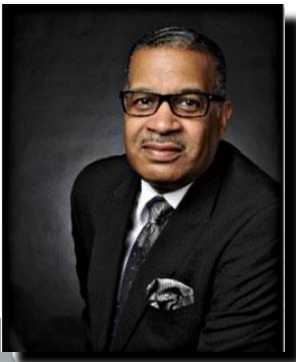
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN



July 15th, 11 AM & 4 PM

Rev. Dr. Sedgwick V. Easley, Pastor

Union Baptist Church, Hempstead, NY



July 22nd, 11 AM

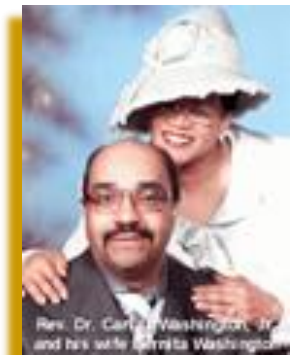
Rev. Dr. Eric C. Mallette, Pastor

Greater Second Baptist Church, Freeport, NY

July 22nd, 4 PM

Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Pastor

New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Harlem, NY



Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Jr. and his wife Bernita Washington

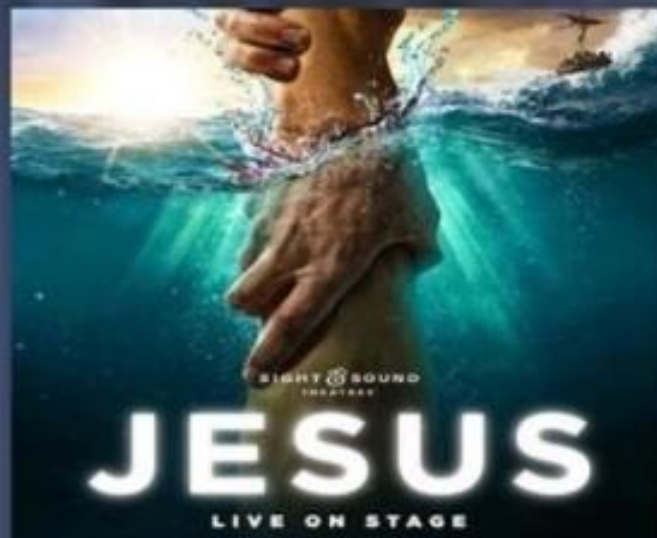
July 29th, 11 AM

Bro. Julius Jones, EPIC 4:13

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July 14, 2018

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