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Until The Lion Tells The story, The hunger will always be The hero — African Proverbs

Weekly Schedule

- Sunday School - 8 am
- Sunday Church Service - 9 am
- Weekly Zoom Prayer - Tuesday 6 pm
ID 941-301-1716 - Password 872111
- Zoom Bible Study - Tuesday 6:45 pm
ID 267 494 3546 - Password Shiloh
- Zoom Bible Study - Wednesday 7 pm
ID 813 8481 4270 - Password Shiloh
- Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday 9 am
- Women's Bible Class - 4th Saturday 10 am

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I ASKED FOR...

I asked for strength and
God gave me difficulties
to make me strong
I asked for wisdom and
God gave me problems to solve
I asked for prosperity and
God gave me brawn and
brain to work
I asked for courage and
God gave me dangers to overcome
I asked for love and
God gave me
troubled people to help
I asked for favors and
God gave me opportunities
I received nothing I wanted
I received everything I needed
My prayers have been answered

continued... Answered Prayer

This faithful pastor was teaching his people a lesson that when God answers our prayers, we should be quick to show our appreciation to Him. Our heavenly Father is pleased when we thank Him for answering our prayer.

Good Bye Sister Susianna We Love You!



In May, Susianna Smith, our long time Sister in Christ, bid us farewell to live with her oldest daughter in Hattiesburg,

Mississippi. Susianna has been a member of Shiloh since 1982. A very loving yet no nonsense child of God, she served as a usher and was head of our food ministry for over 20 years. Among her many talents, Susianna had a way of taming your growling stomach.

She cooked breakfast every Sunday morning; the Pastor's breakfast every third Saturday; and breakfast for the Women's Bible class on the fourth Saturday. And, no one, but no one could resist her famous fried chicken!

Where you ask did Susianna get her love for cooking for crowds?, the Army! She is a veteran of 28 years and was discharged in Sacramento

Happenings at Shiloh

- Church Anniversary, 55 yrs - June 11, 2023
- Church Clean Up Day - June 24, 2023
- Men's Annual Day - August 20, 2023
- Church Picnic - August 12, 2023*
- Cruise to Alaska - September 9-14, 2023
Departing from Seattle to Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm, Ketchikan and Victoria BC.



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*Date has changed

as a Master Segeant, finishing up in the Army Reserve. After the Army, Susianna also prepared food for the Juvenile Hall in San Leandro.

We pray for travelling grace for Susianna and look forward to hearing about her new life in Mississippi.



- April
- 11th Anthony Jackson - Birthday
 - 28th Artesia Dupree - Birthday
 - 28th Carlotta Parks - Birthday

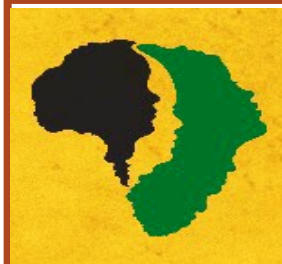
- May
- 2nd Stacey Armstrong - Birthday
 - 11th Shelia Davis - Birthday
 - 15th Gail Coates - Birthday
 - 18th Celeste & Willie Jones - Anniversary

- 27th Rylee Armstrong - Graduation
- 29th Alma Davis - Birthday
- 29th Qunicey Carr - Birthday

- June
- 11th Celeste Jones - Birthday
 - 19th Tyrone Leslie - Birthday

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Voices of Shiloh

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Message from Pastor Hill

Life can be great in the sense that if you are happy, healthy, financially stable (not rich), and



no major problems. As we pass through this life, we know that we will die someday, and after death we will be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus. The Bible tells us that life is short – just read James 4:14. It says “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeared for a little time, and then it vanisheth away”.

Life now is the most valuable gift we have! Too often we are wasting time, not doing the things that really matter to us. We need to live the rest of our lives from a “**No Regrets**” perspective. Let's start with if we died tonight, are there somethings you wish you had done before your death? Of course, there are!

I have a recommendation – make a list of everything you want to do before your time is up down here. Once you make the list, put a date by it and plan to get it done before the date you selected. Some things are more important than others, so get it done. If you follow my recommendations you will one day go to be with our Lord with “**NO REGRETS**” from this life.

Theme of the Year

Drama Free in 2023

Some people love drama, but they would be wise to leave the yelling, tears, backstabbing and gossiping to the “Real Housewives” reality television franchise.

People who bring drama have made it a large part of their everyday life, so much so that their interactions with others becomes less and less. For example, if you say the sky is a beautiful blue, a negative person would respond by saying, “yeah, but it's so cold outside”. Or, if you get a compliment from someone, he or she may follow it up with some sort of criticism. Who

wants to be around someone who is always bringing shade to sunshine and rainbows? Ephesians 4:29 says, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”



When you focus on drama, you're so invested in it that you're not even bringing your best to the table anymore. Good people are attracted to other good people, and don't want to be around negative people. Good mostly goes hand-in-hand with “drama-free”.

Letting go of a friend, distancing yourself from a co-worker or becoming estranged from family -

no matter how melodramatic they are, is never easy. But, shedding drama is like a caterpillar turning into a butterfly: a complete rebirth.

Some people don't even realize they're the ones bringing drama to the situation. But, be assured that instead of gossiping, complaining and getting swept up in frivolous, momentary emotions, once you're free of drama, you're also free to do things that feed your soul. Once you find people who will enrich your life rather than feed off your pain, you will have the first step to real inner peace.

Thanks For Answered Prayer

by David Egner, Our Daily Bread (excerpted)

In a seacoast town where ships often departed stood a small church. At the end of each year, the pastor printed a statistical report for his congregation. One year the parishioners noted an unusual entry. Among the records was this notation: “Missing at sea: nine.”

The members of the congregation didn't know of any of their number who had been lost at sea, so someone asked the pastor what he meant. “Well,” he replied, “during the year, eleven of you asked me to pray for family members or friends who were going out to sea. Because I heard only two of you ever publicly thank the Lord for the safe return of your loved ones, I assumed the remaining nine were still missing.

So, I included them in the report.”



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Even at our lowest point, we can lift our eyes to the Lord

On March 19, 2023, Pastor Hill and First Lady Elaine celebrated their 2nd-year anniversary as leaders of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Rev. Joe Smith from Good Hope Baptist Church in Oakland brought the message.



Passion Week

Isaiah 53:5 "... he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

I remember being curious about the term Passion Week when the movie "The Passion of the Christ" came out. It made me more intrigued about Passion Week — the days between Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday. I found out more detail about each day of the week representing the things Jesus experienced leading up to his crucifixion. This is a brief accounting:

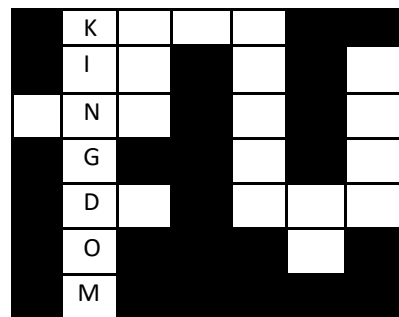
Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Passion Week commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm branches were laid down as Jesus approached and the people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Holy Monday is the day Jesus cleansed the temple of those that bought and sold, saying you have made my house "a den of thieves".

Holy Tuesday is when Jesus visited the Mount of Olives three times during the last week of His earthly life. He delivered the Olivet Discourse

Word Mix

How many words can you make from Kingdom?



Puzzle created by: Gail Waters Coates

this day, telling His disciples "many shall come in His name to deceive"; sharing a parable about the wise and foolish maidens awaiting the bridegroom's coming; the parable of the talents; and He prophesied the destruction of the temple.

Spy Wednesday is traditionally thought of as the day Judas Iscariot conspired with local authorities to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He did so some say because of greed, other say it's because he grew disillusioned with Jesus' refusal to revolt against the Roman powers who governed Judea.

On **Maundy Thursday**, Jesus celebrated His final Passover and instituted the Lord's Supper. "Maundy" is a Latin word which means command — Jesus telling his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me."

Good Friday is the day Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's death. Carrying His cross, Jesus walked the Via Dolorosa (Latin for 'Sorrowful Way') processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem on the way to His crucifixion. The act of Jesus' crucifixion was not "good", but Christ's death saved us from our sin. On this day Christians proclaim the cross

and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation.

Holy Saturday. The only biblical reference to what happened on Holy Saturday is found in Matthew 27:62-66. After sundown on Friday—the day of Preparation—the chief priests and Pharisees visited Pontius Pilate. They asked Pilate for a guard for Jesus' tomb, remembering that Jesus said He would rise again in three days. They wanted to prevent that.

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) honors the resurrection of Jesus three days after His death. Christ rose from the grave on this day. It signifies Jesus Christ's triumph over death. His resurrection means the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.

Quips, Quotes and Mother Wit

You can't make me doubt Him because ... I know too much about Him!



March 2023 During an outing with the Oakland Cinnamon Girls Book Club, Bailey Guyton smiles with Vice President Kamala Harris.

Interested in playing golf with Shiloh? Contact Pastor Hill, Brother Coates or Minister Leslie



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Praise has the power to lighten our heaviest burden

Black History - All Year Long

If you don't know your history, You won't appreciate your future

Now!, I Can See



O, say can you see is the opening verse of the Star Spangled Banner, America's National Anthem. Did you know there are four stanzas to that song? I was taught only the first stanza in elementary school -- you know, the one performed at sports events, political campaigns and national celebrations.

When I started hearing that the National Anthem was racist, I tried to figure out what part of the stanza I learned

in school could people be taking about. I didn't understand until I researched it. Clearly the third stanza was not written to proclaim black folks were free in this land or that

our brave patriots would be welcomed back home.

Francis Scott Key, a lawyer, author and slave holder wrote the song in 1814 believing Black people were "an inferior race of people." His song became the National Anthem by Congress in 1931.

Some say it was just another attempt for America to hide the fact that our country was built to

be a separate and unequal country. Others, like Mark Clague, professor at the University of Michigan argues that "the American forces at the battle consisted of a mixed group of White Americans and African Americans, and that "the term 'freemen', whose heroism is celebrated in the fourth stanza, would have encompassed both. Funny, he mentions the fourth stanza, however, there is no statement wherein he provides an argument for the third stanza, which is the most degrading.

Throughout the years, black

(Third Stanza) "And where is that band who so vauntingly swore, That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a Country should leave us no more? Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave, And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

athletics have demonstrated, bringing attention to the hypocrisy of the anthem itself, people like Jackie Robinson in 1947; Muhammed Ali in 1966; John Carlos and Tommie

Smith in 1968; Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf (formerly Chris Jackson) in 1995; Dion Waiters in 2014; and Colin Kaepernick in 2016. Gwen Berry, 2020 Olympic hammer thrower said, "My purpose and my mission is bigger than sports... "I'm here to "represent those ... who died due to systemic racism..."

It wasn't until the end of World War II that NFL commissioner Elmer Layden formalized the practice of

"If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best colored man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him somebody to look down on, and he'll empty his pockets for you."

Lyndon B. Johnson 36th President 1963-1969

Faith

honoring the Anthem declaring "the playing of the national anthem should be as much a part of every game as the kickoff." So, now you know how that got established. Even Frank Sinatra in 1969 said, "It's a terrible piece of music, ... "If you took a poll among singers, it would lose a hundred to nothing."

Of course, everyone should be able to respond to the Anthem however they choose, just remember, the LORD controls all the "marbles." (Interpretation of Key's third stanza: **the "foul footsteps" of slaves who fought with the British have polluted America.**)

