



Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:30am

89th Anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Our History



In April 1932, the church was organized at the home of the late Rev. E. B. Morris. All persons present resolved solemnly to constitute themselves an Independent Church, adopting a Church Covenant and Articles of Faith. The name Shiloh was accepted from Mrs. Bessie Brodie.

In the beginning, worship services were held at the Ben Theater (now St. Luke Church), 4th and Central Avenue every Sunday. Having a desire for weekly service, the group rented the old Metropolitan Church building at 9th and Tilghman Streets and move in on Easter Sunday morning 1933. A Council of recognition was held, followed by the sermon by Rev. C. H. Gordon, Pastor at Temple Baptist Church. The Hand of Fellowship was extended and Shiloh became a Missionary Baptist Church.



On March 10, 1943, a down payment was made on the lot at 8th and Central Avenue and balance paid in October that same year. In March 1947, a fire to warm the church filled the building with smoke. After inspection, the church was immediately condemned and we found ourselves with no place to worship. However, we rallied together and had ground breaking Ceremonies at 8th and Central Avenue and was able to proceed with the building of our basement. While this was being done, our worship service was held at the Ruth L. Bennett Homes, 2nd and Reaney Streets, for one (1) year.

One April 11, 1948, the members marched from 9th and Tilghman Streets to 8th and Central, and we worshiped in the basement for five (5) years.



Our History



In March 1954, the church was completed and furnished. The opening service was held on the first Sunday in April 1954. The church mortgage was paid off in April 1961.

On August 17, 1970, the congregation called Rev. Merland McKnight as Pastor. During his Pastorate, the Redevelopment Authority notified Shiloh that the area was being revamped and our present structure was not up to present day standards. After much prayer and deliberation, the spirit moved us to “Venture in Faith” and build another House of Prayer. We wholeheartedly accepted God’s plan for giving and Shiloh became a Tithing Church.



In November 1975, the Building of Our Future was completed and furnished fully equipped and dedicated to God as “A Soul Saving Station”. We extend our grateful appreciation to Trustee William E. Northern for having served us successfully as Chairman of the Building Committee for both Churches and the Parsonage. Shiloh has the distinction of being the only Church in this City that built a Parsonage and Two Churches from the ground up.



Shiloh Baptist Church has been blessed through 89 years, You are invited to read our rich history in its entirety at <https://www.shilohchesterpa.com/history> or by clicking the button below:

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About the Messenger



PASTOR LAVINA JOHNSON SMITH is the youngest of eight children born to Fred and Maggie Johnson. She attended school until the fourth grade in South Carolina and continued her education with many accomplishments in the Chester Schools graduating from Chester High School in June 1968. Pastor Smith has studied for over twenty eight years as the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, completing all classes for Christian Education and graduating with Family and Marriage certification.

Professionally she worked for forty-three (43) years in education. Retiring July 1, 2016, she feels that she has never worked a day in her life because she loved every moment that God blessed her to serve his precious children and their parents.

Pastor Smith was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Chester, PA for forty-three years. She was the first Director of Christian Education, the first woman Ordained in the Shiloh Baptist Church and the New Hope Baptist Association. Pastor Smith also served as the first Assistant Pastor that Shiloh has ever had for four years before coming to serve as the Interim Pastor of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church. She has served in practically every capacity in the church and she continues to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

She became the Pastor of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church in March 2006. God has allowed many accomplishments through this ministry under this leadership. The Church is alive and well and God is blessing through prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving. It is a church where Everybody is Somebody, and Christ is the Head.

Pastor Smith is married to Garfield R. Smith, Sr. for forty-seven years (August 19, 1972). Through this union they are blessed with four sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Her motto is, "If I can help somebody as I travel day by day, then my living shall not be in vain."

Her favorite scripture: "Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Her favorite song: "Precious Lord" and "God Specializes".

Her favorite thought is: "The situation itself is only ten percent, how you HANDLE the situation is ninety percent."

In Memoriam

(SBC MEMBERS WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED SINCE APRIL 2020)

Countess Galloway

Deacon

Arlington Russell Northern

Cynthia Byrd

Ollie Dale Saunders

Dalphine Bullock

*Deaconess Louise McClairen**

Edith W. Hilton

*FORMER MEMBER



Remember Me...

REMEMBER ME, WHEREVER YOU SEE A SUNRISE, REMEMBER ME WHENEVER
YOU SEE A STAR.

REMEMBER ME WHENEVER YOU SEE A RAINBOW OR WOODS IN AUTUMN
COLORS FROM AFAR.

REMEMBER ME WHEREVER YOU SEE THE ROSES OR SEAGULLS SAILING HIGH
IN THE SKY OF BLUE.

REMEMBER ME WHENEVER YOU SEE WAVES SHINING IN THE SUN

AND REMEMBER I'LL BE REMEMBERING YOU.

Unsung Heroes



**DEACONESS
GWENDOLYN SMITH**



**SIS. DAWN
WALKER**

Shiloh Baptist Church acknowledges the dedication and love shown to its membership by Sis. Dawn Walker and Deaconess Gwendolyn Smith. Their acts of serving the church and community as frontliners, putting themselves and their families at risk by providing COVID-19 vaccines to thousands in Delaware County is to be commended. We are grateful and honored to salute our very own Unsung Heroes!

Mercy unto you, and peace and love be multiplied...Jude 1:2

Activities/Meetings

WEEK OF APRIL 19-24



Monday - Friday, 5:00am

Intercessory Prayer

Dial-in: 650.779.0279

Access Code: 205.702.116#

Tuesday, 7:00pm

SBC Elected Officials Meeting

Wednesday, 6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

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Google Meet/Video link:

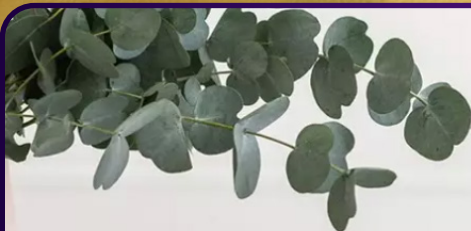
meet.google.com/irg-ykcz-cfh

Wednesday, 7:00pm

Bible Study

Join by phone 1 401-594-2823

PIN: 764 229 666#



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ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

A Prayer for the Frontliners

Father, thank You for those caring for and serving our communities. Thank You for servant leaders who daily risk their health and safety for others.

Please protect them, Lord. Give them courage and strength, and let them feel Your presence as they are working.

Provide all that they need to serve others, and provide for their loved ones. Send people to help and support them and their families.

You said we would have troubles, but You have overcome this world. Please work together with our frontliners to bring about the best possible outcome.