



37TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

A People, A Place, A Purpose:
37 Years of Faithful Mission in Smyrna

Our Vision

*Reaching people with God's love through
hope, service, and discipleship.*

Our Mission

*Sharing God's love with everyone to
prepare for Christ's return.*

September 13, 2025

Congratulatory Letter from the Pastor & First Lady

Dear Beloved Shiloh Family,

Grace and peace to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy, gratitude, and humility that we extend heartfelt congratulations to the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church family on the occasion of our 37th Church Anniversary. Truly, we can declare, “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Psalm 126:3).

Our theme this year, “A People, A Place, A Purpose: 37 Years of Faithful Mission in Smyrna,” is more than words—it is our testimony. God has planted us in this community, and through His grace, we have remained steadfast in worship, service, and witness. We are a people chosen by Him, placed here to be a light in Smyrna, and purposed to proclaim His soon coming with hope and love.

As your pastoral family, we are honored to walk alongside you in this journey of faith. We celebrate the faithfulness of our pioneers, the dedication of our members past and present, and the bright promise of those who will carry the mission forward. Today, we not only look back with gratitude but also forward with expectancy, knowing that God has even greater things in store.

To every elder, deacon, deaconess, ministry leader, and member who has prayed, served, given, and sacrificed—thank you. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. To our children, youth, and young adults—you are the church of today and tomorrow. To our guests, community partners, and friends—thank you for journeying with us.

May this 37th anniversary be a reminder that we are called to live faithfully, love deeply, and serve boldly until Christ returns. With God’s help, let us press on with renewed hope, stronger faith, and a united purpose.

Congratulations, Shiloh family! This is your celebration, your testimony, and your victory in Christ.

With love and gratitude,

Respectfully,



Sister Juliette & Dr. Harold Thomas III, D.Min.
First Lady & Pastor
Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

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September 10, 2025

Dear Dr. Thomas and the Shiloh Family,

Congratulations on your 37th Year Anniversary. It is with a sadden heart that we, the Barber family, will not be able to physically join in your celebration; other commitments and responsibilities demand our immediate attention, but our hearts are exuberant over this magnificent milestone.

Just think about it, 37 years in **existent time**, is a long time. Shiloh, you have witnessed the tremendous moving of God in your ranks over these past 37 years. The ebb and flow of your personal and individual spiritual growth; the coming and going of new congregants, also the return of old ones; the upgrades of your aging property to retro-fit-it for beauty, greater functionality and 21st century ministries.

You have all been the highlight of my 43 years of pastoral ministry. Pastoring for 5 years, the most diverse church in the conference, prepared me to be a better servant to all people; so, thank you for the part you played in maturing me to be a better Shepherd.

Lastly on my bedroom wall hangs a picture of most of the children of Shiloh during my tenure with you. I stare with fondness, and heart felt remembrance of our time together but also how life and time does not stand still. Those little, joyful, shy and glowing faces are now young adults; some married with children; some have and other close to finishing their educational careers; some doing well in the workforce; and some have taken on leadership roles throughout the Adventist Nation.

It had been my delight to pray with you, assist in counselling and marrying, and even in times of hurting with you.

Once again thank you Shiloh and congratulations for 37 years of being God's City of Light sitting on the hill in Smyrna Georgia.

Yours in the Master's Service

Pastor Drake P. Barber and Family



SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE
o f S e v e n t h - d a y A d v e n t i s t s

*Office
of the
President*

September 13, 2025

Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church
810 Church Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

Dear Shiloh Church Family,

On behalf of the South Atlantic Conference, it is my joy to extend heartfelt congratulations to you as you celebrate your **37th Anniversary**. What a remarkable milestone in God's providence and grace!

Your chosen theme—**"A People, A Place, A Purpose: 37 Years of Faithful Mission in Smyrna"**—is a powerful testimony of God's leading through the years. Indeed, Shiloh has stood as a people committed to Christ, a place where lives are transformed, and a community with a clear purpose of lifting up the everlasting gospel in word and deed.

As you reflect on the journey from humble beginnings to this moment of celebration, may you be reminded of the countless souls touched, families strengthened, and lives eternally changed through your faithful witness. Truly, your presence in Smyrna has been both a light and a blessing.

As you look ahead, may the same God who has kept you for 37 years continue to empower you with fresh vision, renewed passion, and an unwavering commitment to mission. May Shiloh's next chapter be even more impactful for the Kingdom of God.

Congratulations once again on this significant anniversary. We praise God with you and pray that His Spirit will guide you into even greater service for His glory.

With warm regards,

Calvin. B. Preston
President



September 13, 2025

Dr. Harold Thomas III, D.Min.
 Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church
 810 Church Street,
 Smyrna, GA 30080

Dear Pastor Thomas and Members of Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church,

On behalf of the City of Smyrna, I am honored to congratulate you on the occasion of your 37th Church Anniversary. This milestone is a testament to your faith, your dedication, and your lasting impact on our community.

Your theme, *"A People, A Place, A Purpose: 37 Years of Faithful Mission in Smyrna,"* reflects the important role your church has played in strengthening families, serving others, and sharing God's love. Smyrna is truly blessed by your presence and the spirit of service you bring.

As you celebrate this special day, may you be filled with joy, gratitude, and renewed purpose for the years ahead. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Derek" being more prominent.

Derek Norton
 Mayor
 City of Smyrna, Georgia

Mayor | Derek Norton

City Council | Glenn Pickens (Ward 1), Latonia P. Hines (Ward 2), Travis Lindley (Ward 3), Charles (Corkey) Welch (Ward 4), Susan Wilkinson (Ward 5), Tim Gould (Ward 6 / Mayor Pro Tem), Rickey N. Oglesby Jr. (Ward 7)

8 September 2025

Dr. Harold Thomas III, Pastor
Shiloh SDA Church
810 Church Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Dear Dr. Thomas and
Shiloh Church Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of us, the family of Elder Joseph and Mrs. Carolyn Hinson, as you have planned the 37th Church Anniversary Celebration for Shiloh. You may be sure that the Hinson family will be represented on that Sabbath.

Your theme, **“A People, A Place, A Purpose: 37 Years of Faithful Mission in Smyrna,”** is so very appropriate. The Shiloh Church has always been a place with a purpose of faithful mission. It has held its doors open to all; it has nurtured so many families and has given them a place to regroup and reflect and grow; it has encouraged so many young people to find God’s calling in their hearts and to seek His ways in their lives—and they have done just that.

As for Daddy and Mom, the Shiloh Church was one of the last congregations in their ministry. It was their joy to serve. Nothing stopped Daddy from making pastoral visits; nurturing parents and children; young and old; calling and attending church board and business meetings, and also always encouraging faithful giving and fundraising when needed, starting with his own finances.

These activities came to a surprising pause with Elder Hinson’s heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery just at the start of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. His surgery was performed at the Crawford Long Hospital, exactly where Olympic athletes were treated! God took care of him, and took care of us. He was able to recover to the point of standing in the Shiloh pulpit to preach his final sermons before his retirement. Though his life was not the same, and though the “peace and quiet” in his life took a time of adjustment, he did come to enjoy many aspects of his retirement years until his passing in 2004.

Mrs. Carolyn Hinson remained a faithful Shiloh member for years herself, serving in various offices and capacities; also nurturing members of all ages. She returned for many special occasions to share fellowship and joy. An Alzheimer’s Disease diagnosis took her gradually, but didn’t take her personality or love for conversation until almost the final days before her passing in 2022.

As their children, Kyna, Lisa, Marla and Walter Fordham III, and grandchildren Selah and Logan Fordham, we will miss them always. We eagerly await the glorious day when Jesus will return, to bring more fellowship and joy, and to reunite us all. May God keep all of us and Shiloh in His love and care forever.

The Hinson Family

Shiloh Pastoral History



Pastor Harold Thomas III
Oct 2018 - Present



Pastor Drake Barber
April 2013 - Oct 2018



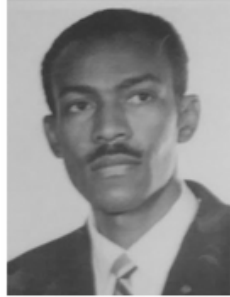
Pastor Melvin Preston
Interim
Mar 2003 - May 2003
Dec 2005 - Jun 2006
Oct 2012 - Mar 2013



Pastor Moses Edwards
Aug 2008 - Oct 2012



Pastor Norman Snipes
Interim
Dec 2007 - Aug 2008



Pastor Fred Nealy
Interim
October 2007



Pastor Dante Tobias
May 2003 - Sept 2007



Pastor Gregory Saunders
Aug 2000 - Feb 2003



Pastor Gary Ashford
Interim
Jun 2000 - Aug 2000



Pastor Michael Miller
May 1997 - Apr 2000



Pastor C.D. Henri
Interim
Oct 1996 - Mar 1997



Pastor Joseph Hinson
Founder
Jun 1988 - Oct 1996



Shiloh SDA Church

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Shiloh Church History

Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church is the first Black Adventist church in Cobb County, Georgia. It was established through the vision of Pastor Joseph Hinson. He was concerned about the young people in the Lemon Street area of Marietta. With the help of Mr. James Ellerbe and Dr. Gary Ashford, he conducted a youth empowerment meeting in 1988 and another one in 1989. From the meetings, twenty people were baptized and Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church was born.



At first, Shiloh worshipped at 264 Fowler Circle in Marietta, Georgia. In 1993, the worship location was changed to Harvest Time Fellowship Church in Smyrna, Georgia. On March 17, 1997, Shiloh purchased Harvest Time Fellowship Church which is currently our church home at 810 Church Street, Smyrna, Georgia.

Shiloh's membership grew and more demand for space became evident. Plans were made to expand the sanctuary and add to the building. In 2000, the Hinson Family Life Center was erected and on April 21, 2001 the first service was held in the renovated sanctuary. Shiloh's youth quickly took advantage of the gym in the Hinson Family Life Center to host basketball games and other activities. Sabbath lunches became regular fellowship opportunities. The mortgage used to finance the building and renovation project was paid off in approximately ten years. A Mortgage Burning celebration was held to commemorate the occasion.

As Shiloh grew, a small group started a branch Sabbath School in Kennesaw, Georgia. Thirty-six individual from Shiloh branched off and became the charter members of the Mount Pisgah Company which is located at 1210 Wooten Lake Road, Kennesaw. On September 15, 2007, Mount Pisgah became an independent company. Ten years later, on September 22, 2017, Mount Pisgah purchased its own church building at 2751 South Main St, Kennesaw, Georgia. Mount Pisgah membership has grown from 36 members to over 100 members Shiloh and Mount Pisgah maintain a close relationship.

Shiloh has also grown significantly. Each Sabbath, members, frequent guests and visitors worship together. Shiloh has grown from the original twenty members to over 400 members. To God be the glory!



Divine Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer Sis. Carmen Duncan

Welcome Sis. Rashunda Saint-Elie

Clerk's Announcements Sis. Debby Archer

Pastoral Remarks Pastor Harold Thomas III

Anniversary Highlights & Recognition Special Guests

Hymn of Worship #341 *To God Be the Glory* Congregation
***Congregation stands

Call to Worship / Sabbath Commandment / Invocation Pastor Stephen Ruff

Scripture Reading *Joshua 18:1* Bro. Chris & Sis. Loraine Owalabi

Children's Story Sis. Nikki Rose

Offertory Eld. Dennis Baptiste

Musical Selection Sis. Jessie Nwanyi

Intercessory Prayer Eld. Beverly Brown

Praise & Worship Gospel Messengers

Sermon ***"A People, A Place, A Purpose"*** Pastor Harold Thomas III

Appeal Song Shiloh Praise Team

Closing Remarks & Benediction Sis. Ann Mbugua



***Please join us for a fellowship lunch immediately
following service in the Hinson Family Life Center***

Shiloh Church Members

A People, A Place, A Purpose





CHURCH STREET
Food Pantry

810 Church St, Smyrna, GA 30080
www.churchstreetcrc.org

One of Shiloh's most exciting accomplishments has been addressing food insecurity in South Cobb with our food pantry, which was established in 2003. After partnering with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, it has since grown to feed over 600 families per month!

We Need Your Help !

Costs to continue this critical work have been rising. Please use this code to donate to the food pantry today !



Hours of Operation:

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm



CHURCH STREET
Community Resource Center

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

JOIN MAILING LIST



MAKE A DONATION



BECOME A VOLUNTEER



SHARE WITH FRIENDS



www.churchstreetcrc.org

