



Shiloh SDA Church

# Connection



## Welcome to Shiloh!

Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Smyrna, GA is a Christian community, and we would love to have you join our family. To learn more about what we believe, you can visit our About Us page. Please join us for Bible study, worship, and prayer.



Pastor &amp; Mrs. Harold Thomas III



### SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2023

Join our services In-Person, or via Shiloh APP, YouTube or Facebook at [www.shilohsda.org](http://www.shilohsda.org)

### SABBATH SCHEDULE

*Children/ Youth/ Adult Sabbath School*  
Sabbath 9:30am-10:55am In-Person at Shiloh

*Divine Service*  
Sabbath 11:00 am In-Person, or via our Shiloh APP, YouTube, Facebook or [www.shilohsda.org](http://www.shilohsda.org)

### PRAYER MEETING (Zoom only)

Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Zoom Login: <https://zoom.us/j/91387932398>  
or dial 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 913-879-2398

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### The Extension:

- Fridays, 12/1 & 12/15/2023, 7pm

#### Pathfinders/ Adventurers Club:

- Sabbath, 12/2/2023, 11am – 12pm
- Sunday, 12/10/2023, 10am – 12:30pm

#### Women's Prayer Breakfast:

- Sunday, 12/3/2023, 9am

#### Children's Day Program

- Sabbath, 12/9/2023, 11am

#### Grief Support Session:

- Holiday Check-in, Sabbath, 12/9/2023, 5pm

#### Adventurers/Pathfinders Soup Festival

- Sabbath, 12/9/2023, 7pm

#### Drive-Thru Food Pantry:

- Tuesday, 12/12/2023, 2pm – 5pm  
(No Pantry Dec 26)

#### Community Holiday Toy Distribution:

- Sunday, 12/17/2023, 2:00pm-4:00pm

#### AYM Youth Day:

- Sabbath, 12/30/2023, 4pm

#### New Year's Eve Program:

- Sunday, 12/31/2023, Sunset

## From the Pastor's Desk

***"They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart." Ecclesiastes 5:20 NIV***

Greetings Church Family,

As we enter the last month of the year, it's an opportune time to reflect on the past 11 months and look forward to the next 12. Let us take a moment to ponder on all the beautiful things that God has done for us in 2023. Despite our challenges, we have also witnessed great blessings from the Almighty. While reflecting, it's also essential to think about the things that didn't go as planned. What goals remained unachieved, and what do we want to focus on for the upcoming year? Analyzing our growth, identifying areas we need to improve, and setting new goals is crucial. Let's celebrate the blessings of this year and prepare for the coming one.

As we move ahead, I urge you to remember that the holiday season is an excellent opportunity to spread the cheer of **Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of all.**

**Christmas Blessings To You All!**

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# Church News

Shiloh SDA Church Women's Ministry  
Presents the 2023



**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

FEATURED SPEAKER: GLORIS SHAW

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
9:00 AM

**SHILOH SDA CHURCH**  
810 CHURCH STREET, SMYRNA, GA 30080

RSVP BY NOV 27 TO C. RIGSBY (917)459-0172 OR J. HARRISON (404)550-5425

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



**STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM**

DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 | 11:00 AM  
SHILOH SDA CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT  
810 CHURCH ST. SMYRNA, GA



The Shiloh SDA Church Office will be closed for CHRISTMAS Friday thru Monday, December 22-25, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

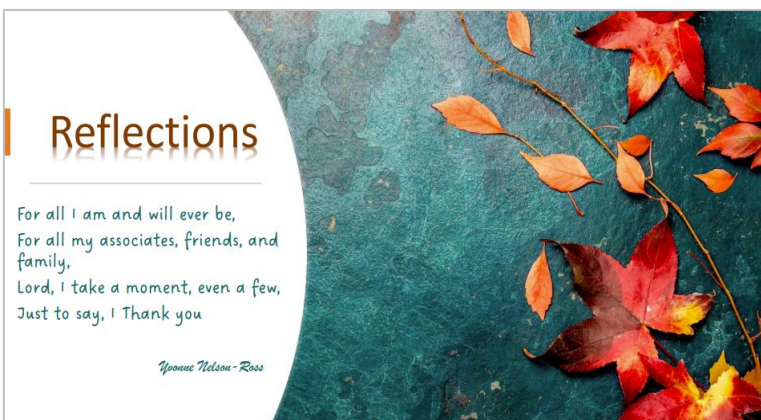


We will be  
**Closed**  
for the  
**Holidays**

**Reflections**

For all I am and will ever be,  
For all my associates, friends, and family,  
Lord, I take a moment, even a few,  
Just to say, I Thank you

*Yvonne Nelson-Ross*



Pathfinder & Adventurers Club  
Fundraiser

Join us for a  
**First Annual**  
**Shiloh Soup Festival**



**Favorite Soup Competition**

Registration fee required \$25  
Please register with QR code below.



**Saturday, December 9th, 2023**  
From 7:00PM - 10:00PM  
Email: [Info@shilohsda.org](mailto:Info@shilohsda.org)  
Phone Number : 770-434-4548  
810 Church St, Smyrna, GA 30080

All proceeds from the registration fee will go towards supporting the Shiloh Pathfinders and Adventurers's trip to the International Camporee - Gillette, WY

# Church News

MONETARY DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL

## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TOY DISTRIBUTION

SPONSORED BY CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

THIS YEAR, SHILOH PLANS TO PROVIDE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-18 FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

### HOW TO DONATE:

- Shiloh Online Giving ([ShilohSDA.org](https://ShilohSDA.org)), Click 'GIVE', Use Line Item: [ShilohCares](#)
- CASHAPP: \$ShilohCares4U
- Checks payable to "Shiloh SDA Church"  
Mail To: P.O Box 2045, Smyrna, GA 30081

EVENT DATE: SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH



THANK YOU, YOUR SUPPORT IS A BLESSING!



CHURCH STREET  
Community Resource Center

## We Need Your Input

Complete our brief survey to help determine what services will be offered by the new Church Street Community Resource Center.

Take Our Survey For  
A Chance To Win A  
\$50 GIFT CARD



<https://tinyurl.com/ChurchStCRCSurvey>

COMMITTED TO  
community

## COMING SOON!

If you live, work or assemble  
in South Cobb  
(Smyrna, Austell, Mableton, S. Marietta),

We are here for you!

CHURCH STREET  
Community Resource Center



Shiloh SDA Church

Learn more at  
[ChurchStreetCRC.org](https://ChurchStreetCRC.org)



## TOOLS TO BEAT THE

# Holiday Blues

It's the holiday season and many people are celebrating with their families. But during this time there are those who feel lost and alone. Some have lost a loved one and miss them, others may have lost a job and are unable to care for family like they want to. Feelings of sadness, sorrow or gloom during the holidays are not uncommon. But they don't have to overwhelm you. We were not made to experience loss. Grief and pain are results of sin, and sin and death were not in God's original plan. But if you find your heart hurting from grief or loss, here are a few ideas to help get you through the holiday blues.

### 01 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LOSS.

This is a necessary step to move forward. Cry or sit in silence if you need to. Take time to address what is making you feel bad. Acknowledging what is causing you pain can help you let it go.

### 02 CHOOSE POSITIVE RELIEF.

Each morning, whisper a prayer and be honest with God about how you're feeling. Daily time with God will keep you on a path to recovery.

### 03 HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Like Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Year's is a time for remembrance and reflection. But for many it can be a time to change direction. Use it as a time to readjust, pick up the pieces and keep moving forward.

### 04 FOCUS ON HELPING OTHERS.

Engaging in activities that embrace God's love and the spirit of giving can boost *your* spirit. And because loss is so great in our world today, during this season people are more willing to accept help. Below are a few ideas of how you can help others:

- Take a meal to a family in need
- Give out gifts at a children's hospital
- Sing Christmas carols with friends
- Spend time with others who've experienced loss
- Visit sick family or church members

Excerpts taken from *Grief S.O.S. – Source of Survival Handbook* by Laverna Davidson, LMSW, CAMS.

# Church News



**Shiloh SDA Church**  
SHARING • CARING • SERVICE

**Our mission** is sharing God's love with everyone to prepare for Christ's return.

**Our vision** is reaching people with God's love through hope, service, and discipleship.

## R.E.A.C.H.

**R**evival & Reformation

**E**ducation & Discipleship

**A**lignment in the Church

**C**ommunity Service & Evangelism

**H**ealthy Leadership

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## R.E.A.C.H. Ministries

### Revival & Reformation

Music	Ushers
Audio / Visual	Hospitality
Prayer Ministry	Greeters
Deaconess	Deacons
Historical Team	

### Education/ Discipleship

Children's Ministry	Education
Adventist Youth Ministries	Sabbath School – Lower & Upper Division
Pathfinders	Vacation Bible School
Adventurers	

### Alignment in the Church

Family Life	Singles Ministry
Men's Ministry	Disability Ministry
Women's Ministry	Grief Ministry
Seniors Ministry	Social Coordinator

### Community Service & Evangelism

Interest Coordinator	Comprehensive Health
Communication	Religious Liberty
Community Service	Personal Ministry
Community Resource Center	Bible Study Coordinator
Publishing Ministry	

### Healthy Leadership

Statistical Secretary	Stewardship
Administrative Coordinator	Treasury Assistants
Restoration 30	Finance Team
Facility Management	Safety
Clerk	Security

## LEARN MORE DECEMBER 2ND

The next **REACH New Member Orientation** will be held on **Sabbath December 2nd**, including a fellowship lunch. This is the opportunity for new members and friends of Shiloh to learn about the various ministries of the church and decide which ones they could join to get more engaged. We look forward to seeing you there!

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SHILOH SDA CHURCH  
**HOLIDAY**  
 Grief Support Group Meeting  
 Saturday, December 9 @ 5 p.m.  
 www.shilohsda.org  
 Online meeting via Zoom  
 Meeting ID: 995 9151 6696 Passcode: 707836  
 Show Strength - Seek Help

Holidays can be hard for those who've lost a loved one. But Shiloh is here to help you cope with the grief.

**Shiloh T-Shirts** 2 for \$30  
 MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!  
 Get yours today while supplies last!  
 ORDER HERE

## Shiloh Community Drive-Thru Food Pantry

Tuesday  
 December 12, 2023  
 2PM - 5PM

Shiloh Food Pantry  
**MONTHLY REPORT**  
 NOVEMBER 2023

Distributed: 9,078 lbs.  
 Families: 394  
 Individuals: 958

**YOUR DONATIONS MATTER!**  
 Thank You!

# Conference News

South Atlantic Conference  
**MARRIAGE**  
 Retreat  
 February 16 - 18, 2024

Building and Engaging Marriages  
 for Eternity

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON, 9800 QUEENSWAY  
 BLD, MYRTLE SC, 29572

REGISTER ON ADVENTSOURCE.ORG

The South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
 Presents  
**SAC Church Leadership**  
*Virtual* Convention  
 Registration begins November 21, 2023  
 There will not be a workshop for church clerks on  
 January 14, 2024

*Christmas Prayer*  
 May God's love surround,  
 God's grace abound,  
 And heavenly peace  
 be all around.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bartley, Hemmerde	1
Haley, Gary	1
Harrison, Jr., Denzle	2
Mbugua, Naomi	2
Dixon, Lisa	3
Farrel, Alicia	3
Mason, Sue	3
Matalbert, Ida	3
Stephens, Juliette	4
Gabidon, Francea	8
Constable, Vevyette	9
Hunter, Brianna	9
McBean, Joel Pierce	9
Ross, Christopher	9
Baptiste, Dennis	10
Harrison, Sr., Denzle	10
Romer, Asprinie	10
Archer, Janae	11
Francis, Mychel	12
Weathington, Sandra	13
Herry, Jelani	14
Thompson, Toni Elizabeth	15
McPherson, Carmen	17
Sanchez, Ana Perdomo	18
Thompson, Annika	18
Hilton, Monalisa	19
Clarke, Wendell	19
Holloway, Bryashia	19
Hicks, Crystal	19

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anderson, Joseph	20
Grant, Judy	20
Byass, Sonja	23
Callender, Evelyn	23
Granger, Rawle	23
Smalls, Mary	23
Kiage, Samora	24
Holloway, Brittney	26
Carter, Carla	27
Digsby, Leslie	27
Makombe, Itayi	27
Byass, Jeremiah	28
Leonard, Dominique	28
Joseph, Vinel	29
Archer, Debbie	31
Archer, Samantha	31
Garvin, Charmaine Stone	31
Williams, Juanita	31

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Delva & Noel Page	4
Yvonne & Christopher Ross	5
Michael & Cherice Fraser	14
Crystal & Jelani Herry	16
Everton & Tanechia Brown	17
Omar & Christine Newell	22
Lucan & Novelett James	25
John & Vinel Joseph	30

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## Submit Your NEWS

Attn: Shiloh Ministry and Department Leaders:

Please submit your articles, graphics or info for the Shiloh Connection newsletter via email to [info@shilohsda.org](mailto:info@shilohsda.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Shiloh member news items are also welcome.

Looking forward to seeing yours next month!

# JESUS

IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY A SAVIOR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD\* (LUKE 2:11)

Monday  
December 25, 2023

## Nativity Word Search

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S  
 Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U  
 R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S  
 N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E  
 J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J  
 M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T  
 D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M  
 Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



- angels
- Christmas
- donkey
- innkeeper
- Jesus
- Joseph
- king
- manger
- Mary
- nativity
- salvation
- sheep
- shepherds
- star
- wisemen

## KID'S CORNER



## Church Mice

