## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHESTER, PA

# NOVEMBER 2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS



"May You Experience The Unfailing Love of God, Comforting & Sustaining You In Every Situation."

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Adult Sunday School - (virtual)

Every Sunday from 8:00am

meet.google.com/scc-ghrd-cfh

Join by phone: +1 828-705-6092 PIN: 356 398 253#

Adult Sunday School - (in person)

Every Sunday 9:00 am

#### **Intercessory Prayer Call**

Monday - Friday 5:00am

meet.google.com/irg-ykcz-cfh

Join by phone: 650.779.0279

PIN: 205.702.116#

#### Every Wednesday **SBC Bible Study**

Noon (12:15pm) In Person Only 7pm In Person & Virtually

> Join Us via YouTube & Facebook

YouTube & Facebook

Saturday, November 4th





**HOW TO JOIN 10:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** 



YouTube



**Facebook** 

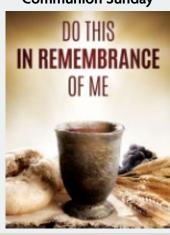


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Send your prayer request to: i.pray@shilohchesterpa.org

Sunday, November 5, 2023

**Communion Sunday** 



#### Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised; And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

During the on-line and conference call, Communion will be addressed and blessed. You are asked to make preparations to have juice/water and cracker/bread available to represent communion.



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to access SBC's website



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# From the Pastor's Desk...

"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth."

Ecclesiastes 7:2-4

During a recent time of grieving my grandmother in 2020, the Lord brought Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 to my remembrance. As I reflected upon the verse I knew the Holy Spirit was comforting me with the truth I was receiving. I couldn't get away from the phrase: "it's better to go into the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting."

For many they have not yet been able to join in on festivities of the holiday seasons as they approach or even engage in happy conversations. I was perplexed as to why I was so tired after a simple conversation and why I wasn't "snapping out" of the grief faster.

During a time of grieving, it is extremely hard to be happy. I recalled how hard it was to put on a smile and try to act like I was happy when inside I was extremely sad. It was even harder to be in a group of happy people and try to make yourself act happy. This was going against the core of my true emotional and spiritual state at the time of grief.

Our grief speaks of the level of the love and honor we had for the person we've lost.

When I am sad and grieving a loss, I am not real or authentic when I am putting on a happy face. It is taking more emotional energy for me to be happy. It's depleting me of valuable resources that I need right now to replenish. So, putting on a happy face when I am not happy is not authentic but fake.

It is not replenishing me; it's draining me of the emotional energy that I need to process my loss and grieve the passing of my friend. If I'm honest, sometimes it even makes me feel angry that I'm being forced to be happy when I shouldn't have to be.

Grief is not something to hide, it reflects love and honor. It's a time to reflect on what you loved the most or honored the most in the person, and the love and honor you want to give, but now you cannot give. The more you love someone, the more you grieve. All unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes when you recall the good memories. The happiness of the good memories is authentic but cannot come until you allow the sadness of the reality that they are no longer present. Grief is love with no place to go until you determine how to honor the person after they are gone. Then, all the love is poured into honoring by carrying on their legacy.

Many people remove anything from the home that would remind them of a loved one who passed. They don't know what to do with the feelings that come when they are constantly reminded of their loved one. When you're allowed to grieve properly, keeping cherished items and traditions reflecting honor, allows legacy to carry on, and keeps the love alive.

During this holiday season, take the time to remember the impact your loved one had, and reflect on how you can make the same impact on others.

Rev. Marvin E. Barner Jr.





## NOVEMBER 2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS



National Diabetes Education Week **National Nurse Practitioner Week Great American Smokeout** National Family Health History Day



QUIT SMOKING

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deborah Jackson 1st

6th Trustee Richard Slater

7th Deanna Mays

8th Nona Stallings

9th Gail McClary

11th Sherrell Carroll

15th Shirley Alexander

15th Tammy Thompson

Thomas Roten

16th Carrie Nelson

16th Tawina Thompson

20th Paulette McIntire

Donna Northern 21st

24th Min. Michele Speed

26th Shelly Thompson

27th Marla Dennis Copeland

28th Deacon Darnell Searcy

29th Rhoda Hamler

30th Kierah Gillis

30th Tamika Walls

30th Alice A. Davis



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

14th Trustee Colin & Dawn Walker

18th Michelle & Richard Hill

27th Trustee Patrice & Jeff Cunningham





#### **NEW Sunday** Schools Books

(December 2023 - February 2024) are available in the Church Office

Veterans Day Prayer Saturday, November 11, 2023

Lord WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD

open our eyes TO SEE THE NEEDS

OF Veterang IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

HELP US TO keep our eyes KIXED ON THE DAY WHEN your peace WILL Sweep OVER THE LAND.

#### **Prayer For Our Sick** & SHUT-IN

Almighty God,

you know that many great dangers surround us, and because of our human frailty we cannot withstand them.

Give us health of mind and body so that we who suffer may overcome and win the victory in you;

And through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, we pray for healing, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayer Request



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### Prayer for the Month



Heavenly Father, as we enter this month of November, we give you thanks for bringing us through our circumstances and trust you to continue to walk with us.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases: his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23



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#### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.







Thursday, November 16th 2024 Election forms due

Tuesday, November 14th SBC Scholarship Ministry Meeting at 6pm

Saturday, November 11th **Veterans Day** 

Friday, November 17th Senior Ministry Meeting at Noon

Tuesday, November 21st Pastor Support Ministry Meeting at 6:30pm

Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 27th Trustee Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Weekly Meetings

Mass Choir Rehearsal at 7:00pm