

# Siloam Baptist Church - PROCLAIM

## God's House of Hope, Healing, and Wholeness—John 9:7

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### “THE GREATEST GIFT - JESUS”



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### From the Pastor's Desk...

**THE GREATEST GIFT** - As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I am reminded of the words of John 3:16: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

No matter how many times you read or recite these words they have the power to lift one's spirit. These 25 words remind us of the Great God, who says to all humanity- I Love You. I want to help you. I want to give myself to you. I want to share my very best with you.

As we share in the giving and receiving that is so much a part of these times; and bask in the joy that comes from our connection to family and friends- we remember that the greatest gift comes from God. For God's Son, laid down his crown in heaven, took off his royal robes and became a man; a real man just like one of us. He had it all, but he gave it all up for you and me.

Now, that's love. In fact, the greatest gift is not found under the Christmas trees in our homes. The greatest gift occurred in the little town of Bethlehem where love came down through the dark chasm of time to show us how to love God and one another.

**Thank you God for your incredible gift....your indescribable love....your unfathomable grace.**

**"Merry Christmas to the Siloam Baptist community"**

**Pastor West**

#### **NEW MEMBERS CORNER**

***Welcome to our New Members January to December 2012***

- Xavier J. Chandler
- Alvin Clark Sr.
- JoAnne Clark
- Maurice M. Howard
- Constance 'Connie' Howell
- Renee' B. Jackson
- Rodney Jones
- Carl S. Lake Sr.
- Tammy A. Lites
- Robert H. Massie
- Andre J. Newsome
- Victoria D. Perry
- Kevin D. Thomas Sr.
- Rochelle White

#### **Upcoming Events**

- ◆ Christmas Eve Service  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Watch Night Service,  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 p.m.
- ◆ MLK Annual Service,  
Jan 20, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
Siloam is the host church.





***“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”***  
**Isaiah 9:6**

#### GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:

*To your enemy . . . forgiveness.  
 To your opponent . . . tolerance.  
 To a friend . . . your heart.  
 To a customer . . . service.  
 To all men . . . charity.  
 To every child . . . a good example.  
 To yourself . . . respect.*

-Author Unknown

## Sisters of Siloam Women’s Retreat 2013

***“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”***  
 Ephesians 3:20

**Date: Friday to Sunday;  
 March 1-3, 2013**

**Location: Black Rock Christian Retreat**

- **Imagine More**  
The Invisible!
- **Expect More**  
The Impossible!
- **Receive More**  
The Miracle!

## Siloam’s - Youth in Action



In September 2012, 8 student authors and illustrators of **“Leading Healthy Change in Our Communities”** from the Norristown Area School District were a part of a book-signing event at ShopRite of East Norriton. Our own Sis. **Rebekah Wilford** was one of the illustrators. Please check out the website: [www.HealthyNewsWorks.org](http://www.HealthyNewsWorks.org) for interesting information and news on our area youth.

## Sis. Annette Collins - Grandson in Law School

Brother Albert Collins and Sister Annette Jones-Collins are happy and proud to announce that their grandson, Randall Collins is a student at Rutgers Camden Law School. Thank God for hearing and answering prayers.

Submitted by Annette Jones-Collins



## Sis. Fannie Samuels - 100 years old



On July 24, 2012 Sis. Fannie Samuels celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in East Norriton for all the July birthdays at Towne Manor East.

She was the 2nd of 10 children and relocated to Norristown in the 1970s.

Sis Samuels loves to sing and pray and fellowshiped with Siloam until her health did not allow her to.

Even though this is a late birthday wish, every day is a celebration of life.

## Patricia Smith - Retires



**Patricia M. Smith** retires after 30 1/2 years of being employed by Montgomery County and serving as the second black female in the Sheriff's Department (Corporal Vivian Griffin was the first). Sister Smith was the first female to rise to the rank of Sergeant; which was not easy. When you're the first person to step into any kind of role you're going to run into issues; but she dealt with them day to day and addressed them and moved on.

During her tenure she supervised in the Courts, Transportation Civil, and Warrant Divisions; she always had a listening ear and to help those in her charge to reach the expectation of the Sheriff's Dept. Deputies new they could come to her and their concerns would be heard. It's her hope that she fostered good work ethics in those she supervised. She takes with her fond memories and relationships.

Sister Smith plans for retirement are to spend time with her children and her granddaughter Morgan, who now lives in Delaware; which is much closer than North Carolina. To do a little traveling to catch up with friends that has moved away from the

area. Also to volunteer her time at Siloam with Meals of Hope and in the Office.

Sister Smith says, "To **God** be the **Glor**y for the things **He** has done."

## A Mother's Love & Gratefulness

On December 2, 2012 Jerica Smith successfully completed the National Society of Leadership and Training Program at Lincoln University. Her mother, Sis. Sylvia Smith wrote to her daughter Jerica, "I am very proud of you, You've come a long way and didn't give up, even when things and situations were hard to bear. You prayed and gave it to God and your perseverance is a great accomplishment. You pushed through times of bereavement and family crisis and I love you. Your grandma and your Pop - Pop are smiling down at you from heaven, I can see their smiles. Continue to follow your dreams and lean on Jesus. Remember: All things through Christ Jesus, who strengthens you". Go ahead, you did it!!

Love, Mom



*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*  
I Corinthians 13:13

## PROCLAIM News Staff



Sis. Vickie Hodo, Sis. Stacey Browning, and Sis. Kathy Burns express our gratitude for your news in 2012.

To join the Proclaim staff in 2013, contact Sis. Vickie Hodo at [vdhodo@aol.com](mailto:vdhodo@aol.com)

***We wish you, your family and loved ones, neighbors, and friends, God's infinite blessings, a glorious Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous, healthy New Year!***

**HEALTH CARE MINISTRY**  
**TURKEY BURGERS WITH SWEET POTATOE FRIES**

**Ingredients:**

1 Yellow Onion  
Ground Turkey Pack  
Some Mushrooms  
1 Red Sweet Pepper  
2 Eggs  
¼ cup Natural Ketchup  
¼ cup Honey Mustard  
Salt 'n Pepper  
2 Whole Grain Rolls  
2 Sweet Potatoes

**Preparation:**

First, turn the oven on 375 degrees to get it warmed up. You'll need 2 baking trays. One for the burgers and the other for the sweet potatoes.

**BURGERS:**

Cut up onions, mushrooms, sweet pepper and throw in bowl. Mix in the ground turkey meat, 2 eggs, ketchup, mustard and salt n pepper. Use your hands and mix the concoction until all ingredients are well blended. Create your patties and place them on your baking tray. Make bigger ones for your love, and portion control ones for you. Remember, you're still on your healthy program!

**SWEET POTATO FRIES:**

No you will not be frying these ... You will be baking them. Cut up your sweet potatoes into your desired strips. Season them and place in the 2nd baking tray.

Place the two trays in the oven, one on top of the other. 15 minutes later, switch the trays from top to bottom and vice versa. Total cooking time should be around 30 minutes, but depending on the thickness of your patties, you may need to watch it.

If clear juices come out of your burger when you poke them, it means they are ready.

Serve the turkey burgers on whole grain Rolls and dress them up with lettuce, Tomatoes and whatever floats your boat. Place a few sweet potato fries on the side and enjoy your dinner and let us know how it goes!

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