Siloam Baptist Church
God’s House of Hope, Healing, and Wholeness
John 9:7

Sunday, June 11, 2017

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A History

1903-2017

Thursdays, “Maids Day Off,” was the beginning of gatherings from which grew the Siloam Baptist Church. Two Deacons from Second Baptist Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania would travel to Mrs. Perry’s Restaurant at 321 DeKalb Street. There they would conduct services with a few people from Norristown.

This group became larger and moved to the 500 block of DeKalb Street occupying the second floor of a Chinese laundry. Reverend Baxter was the first pastor followed by Reverend Coleman. Their next location was on the second floor of the Odd Fellows Hall on Airy Street. Ministers during this time included Reverend Perry and Rev. Howard. It was under Rev. Howard that a charter was issued which declared:

“The name of the corporation is Siloam Baptist Church. The purpose for the aforesaid corporation is the Worship of Almighty God, according to the faith, discipline, and usage of the Baptist Church of the United States of America.”

So, with a Charter, the people, temporary meeting places, but still no church home.

- For the sum of one thousand dollars, the officers bought four lots known as the Lewis Tract Farm on Willow Street in 1908.
- Reverend Howard built the basement walls of the church, which was all that Siloam could afford in 1908.
- Under Rev. J. R. Willis, the interior of the basement was completed, and worship services were held for the first time on Willow Street.
- The edifice was expanded under the administration of Reverend Reuben J. Johnston. He begged Peter Hoy, Norristown’s Fire Chief, for stones from a quarry which he owned. Stained glass windows were also installed during his years of service.
- The baptismal pool was installed under the term of Reverend J. B. Pratt. Also, he and the membership successfully completed the installation of the pews. Things that are taken for granted today had to be added one at a time and represented struggle, faith, and planning.

Siloam called Reverend Edward Caffee to be their next leader. He was an evangelist from Alabama. His vision was that of Siloam as a “social center for the colored people of Norristown.” He believed that “when the spiritual and moral needs of a people are properly served, that people can render better service on their jobs. During his tenure, Siloam became the first black church to host the “World Day of Prayer” and was well on its way toward becoming a social force in the community.

Then came the Depression. Reverend Caffee was called elsewhere. However, Siloam was fortunate enough to call Reverend Samuel Martin. He steered the church through financially troubled years. The mortgage had to be paid; repairs to the structure were needed. One hundred new members were added to the church roll.

When Reverend Martin left, Reverend William A. Nowlin took over the helm of the church. He came to Siloam from Pittsburg, PA with his wife, Marie, and their two children, William and Christine. He was a powerful evangelist and community leader. Many new members were added to the church; junior and youth choirs were formed, and new auxiliaries were added. Mrs. Nowlin was president of the Missionary Circle for fourteen years. The first church bulletins were compiled and printed under her direction. And – joy of joys – a pipe organ was dedicated on August 31, 1941.
On October 27, 1946, tragedy struck. A fire destroyed the interior of the church. Reverend Nowlin, without adequate insurance, led in the restoration and remodeling of the church. As part of the project, the basement was completed, and the pulpit was refurnished and carpeted.

Building on the work of those before him, he helped to give Siloam the status it enjoys in the community today. During his tenure, he served as a president of the Philadelphia Ministerial Alliance, the Greater Norristown Council of Churches, and the Norristown Ministerial Alliance. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Norristown Chapter of NAACP and the George Washington Carver Community Center.

In 1963, Reverend William R. Harris took over the duties of Pastor. He also came to Siloam from Pittsburgh, PA. He served on the Executive Committee of the NAACP and the Mental Health Clinic. He also served as a Norristown Area School Board Director for ten years.

Under Pastor Harris, the church restrooms and kitchen were renovated, the exterior and interior of the church were painted, new lighting in the sanctuary was added, making it a thing of beauty. The Wicks organ that the congregation now enjoys, was another achievement. It consists of 9 ranks and 645 pipes and was designed specifically for this church.

Siloam was fortunate enough to obtain Reverend David Minus as an Interim Pastor. He was an evangelist and powerful gospel singer. Under him, the membership grew and spirits were renewed.

Today, Reverend John H. West, III is the pastor and is a minister possessed with strong leadership skills. Beyond that, he is an evangelist and pastor. On October 3, 1993, he was installed as Siloam’s twelfth pastor. He came from Lincoln University where he served as Chaplain and Professor for 14 years. He is married to Patricia Lynn Murray and is the proud father of their daughter, Candace.

During his tenure, the church significantly increased membership; Powerful sermons – visionary eyes set on tomorrow; organized the business and running of the church using modern technology, established new ministries with a greater outreach into our community; and purchased three properties for future expansion. He also led in the development of a Mission Statement, which serves as a vision for the 21st Century:

“THE SILOAM BAPTIST CHURCH IS A WORSHIPING, SERVING FAMILY OF FAITH SHARING GOD’S HOPE, HEALING, AND WHOLENESS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD.”

Under Pastor West, Siloam has launched into a building program for the expansion of ministry into the community. With the help of two Capital Campaigns: “BY FAITH BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM” Psalm 127:1. and BY FAITH WE BUILD TOGETHER Nehemiah 2:18, along with a loan from the American Baptist Extension Corporation, Siloam has completed a 1000 square foot extension which will house the Church Offices, three classrooms, lavatories and an elevator. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

So from a small room on DeKalb Street, with two lay leaders, and a dozen or so members, to the present location and edifice, Siloam has grown “BY FAITH”. Now, with a fresh vision and expanded space for the new millennium, the Siloam Baptist Church looks forward to a bright but challenging future.

Researched and written by Sister Alice Davenport
Rev. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. D.Min

Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. is the President and CEO of Amachi, Incorporated, a nationally acclaimed faith-based program for mentoring children of incarcerated parents; and Chairman and CEO of Self, Incorporated – a nonprofit corporation dedicated to serving more than 600 homeless men and women. He is a Senior Fellow at the Fox School at the University of Pennsylvania. He became the City’s first African American Mayor in 1984 and served two terms. Because of his innovative and ground-breaking work, he received two prestigious awards in 2006: the Civic Ventures Purpose Prize, and the Philadelphia Inquirer’s Citizen of the Year Award. He is an ordained Baptist Minister since 1999 with more than 63 years of service at the First Baptist Church of Paschall located in southwest Philadelphia.

Dr. Goode has served as an officer in the United States Army. He led ground-breaking work in faith-based housing, assisting churches in building more than 2,000 units for low and moderate income persons. And, he was the first African American member and Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. He broke racial barriers again with his appointment as Managing Director for the City of Philadelphia. He subsequently spent 7 years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education in the Clinton Administration. He left that position in 2000 to organize the Amachi program which has now served more than 300,000 children in 50 States.

Dr. Goode is Chairman of the Philadelphia Leadership Foundation. He is a Board Member and Former Chairman of Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region, and the Free Library of Philadelphia, He is also former Chair of Partners for Sacred Places and the Cornerstone Christian Academy. He is a Board Member of America’s Promise Alliance, Community In Schools of Philadelphia, and Eastern University. He is Chairman Emeritus of Leadership Foundations, and Emeritus Trustee of Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School.

Dr. Goode has earned degrees from Morgan State University (BA), the University of Pennsylvania (MA), Palmer, Theological Seminary (D. Min.), and fourteen conferred honorary doctorates. He is a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Dr. Goode and his wife of 56 years have one son, two daughters and two granddaughters.
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ORDER OF SERVICE

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ACTS OF WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER
PRAISE & WORSHIP
MUSIC SELECTION
WELCOME
OFFERING
REMARKS:
INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER
MUSIC SELECTIONS
MESSAGE
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

DEACONS
PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM
BROTHER LAWRENCE LIVERS
BROTHER FODAY KABBA
BROTHER ROBERT MASSIE
MRS. VALARIA CHEEK
PASTOR WEST
GOSPEL CHOIR
REV. DR. WILSON GOODE

ACTS OF DEDICATION

VIDEO OF THE JOURNEY
INTRODUCTION OF BUILDING TEAMS
PRESENTATION OF KEYS
LITANY OF DEDICATION
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
BENEDICTION

BROTHER JOSEPH MILLIGAN
BROTHER JOHN WOOLFOLK
TRUSTEE EVELYN HAMPTON
PASTOR WEST
REV. DR. BENJAMIN GREENE
PASTOR WEST

All are invited to tour the building and to share in the refreshments provided in the Fellowship Hall.
LITANY OF DEDICATION

Having prospered by the hand of Almighty God, and enabled by His grace and power to construct this building for Christian service.

We dedicate this building to the glory of God.

As a people, charged to Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you; and lo I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.

We dedicate this building to the spreading of God’s Word.

For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of our youth, and respect for our elders.

We dedicate this building to the nurture of family relationships.

For the building of character, for the giving of hope and courage to human hearts, for the teaching of morality, temperance and justice, for the extension of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth,

We dedicate this building as a light in a dark world.

As one people, serving the One true God in the bond of Christian love and goodwill to all

We dedicate this building to the unity of all God’s children.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church, in loving remembrance of all those who have finished their labors in hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We dedicate this building to Him who is the beginning and the end.

We now, the people of the Siloam Baptist Church, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, do dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Almighty God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be the power, glory and honor forever and ever....
Amen...Amen...Amen
OUR KNOWN SICK & SHUT-INS
ENCOURAGE THEM THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS & VISITS

PRAYER LIST
“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.”
Psalm 145:18

Jane Bearden
Belinda Carter
Betty Corley
Dorothy Culbreath
Edna Dixon
Robert Dixon
Cyrus Ellis
Kenneth Ellis
Constance Howell
Gloria Johnson
Lynn Johnson
Kishi Lisane
Lawrence A. Livers, Sr.
Virginia Livingston
James Moffatt
Elmira Norrell
Joan Norris
Victoria Perry
Elise Queenan
Rosemary Samuel
Deacon Mark Scott
Marjorie Scott
Lionel Tucker

SHUT-IN
“Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.”
Isaiah 49:13

Eva Bearden
Alice Davenport
Marie Ellis
Donna George
Ida Holliday
Jimmie Hubert
Marion Jackson
Debra Mayer
Ernestine (Tina) Murphy
Lloyd Scott

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Please notify the church office if you are sick or if you know of a church member who is sick or shut in.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Colin Lewis
3 Joseph Milligan
6 Kathy Burns
9 Lawrence Livers, Sr.
10 Loretta Beach
10 Sherri Davis
12 Inez Livers Carter
13 Hayleigh Blount
14 Felix Smith
17 Carolyn Johnson
18 Alyssa Johnson
19 Gregory Dawkins
19 Rodney Williamson
20 Lucille Burse Aliu
21 Rich Logan
22 Nicole Ball
26 William McClennon
29 R. Louise Tucker
29 Barry Wilford
We’re in the final week of our
By Faith, We Build Together Campaign

Today, June 11th we celebrate a great milestone in the life of Siloam Baptist Church.
OUR NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

You will have the opportunity to tour the new classrooms, offices and the elevator will be in use.

You also have the opportunity to help end the campaign strong with your $100 donation to the By Faith We Build Together Campaign. For your generosity, you will receive a special gift that you will cherish of our journey. A Siloam Baptist Church customized logo umbrella!

When you give, make sure you use the “By Faith” envelope with a separate donation from your general offering
OR give online at https://onrealm.org/siloambc/SignIn and select “Capital Funds Campaign”
or Text your donation to siloambc to 73256.
“God Has Given Us the Power to Succeed”
For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
2 Timothy 1:7

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Saturday, June 17, 2017
11:30 AM

Westover Country Club
401 S. Schuylkill Avenue, Jeffersonville, PA 19403

~ Keynote Speaker ~
Dr. Raymond E. Janifer, Sr., PhD
Professor of English and Ethnic Studies, Shippensburg University

Stalwart Christian Award
Sister Annette Jones Collins

Community Service Award
Brother Percy & Sister Tammy Thompson

Banquet Tickets:
$50 - Adults / $25 - Youth to age 12 years
(Tickets sold after June 1st $55 - $30)

Sponsored by The Siloam Baptist Church Education Ministry
Sister Lynn S. Johnson, Education Ministry Banquet Chair
Brother Robert Massie, Education Ministry Chair
Reverend John H. West III, Pastor

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ALTAR FLOWERS † The flowers on the altar today are given by Brother Robert & Sister Yvonne Massie in celebration of our 46th Wedding Anniversary (June 12). We also celebrate the 95th Birthday of our parents, Brother Lawrence A. Livers, Sr. (June 9) & the late Barbara R. Waldrop Livers (June 19) and the graduation of our daughter, Dr. Jennè S. Massie from Drexel University on (June 12) with her DrPH in Public Health. “All Glory to God!

CHILDREN’S CHURCH † All children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in our Children’s Church in the Fellowship Hall. Children should go downstairs following the morning offering. Parents, you must sign in children ages 4-6. Our Children’s Church starts a summer break next week and resumes on Sunday September 10th. We need additional staff. If you are interested in helping with our Children’s Church contact the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS! We salute our 2017 graduates....
*Lindsay Johnson - Perkiomen Valley High School (Philadelphia University)
*Foday Kabba - Renaissance Academy Charter School (Temple University)
*Destinee Thomas - Neumann - Goretti High School (Lincoln Memorial University)
*Rebekah Wilford - Norristown Area High School (Robert Morris University)

Dear Pastor and Mrs. West and The Siloam Baptist Church Family: The Culbreath and Bell Family would like to say Thank You for your prayers, support, expressions of your love and condolences on the loss of our beloved Aunt, Sister, Mother and Grandmother Sister Barbara Ann Culbreath-Armstead. Thank you all for the cards and phone calls. We Love You! The Culbreath and Bell Family

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers are extended to Sister Elisabeth Gordon-Booker on the passing of her aunt Sister Vernice G. Quattlebaum. Her funeral service is at Siloam on Tuesday, June 13, viewing 9:00 am and service at 11:00 am.

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers are extended to Sister Debra Urban on the passing of her dear friend, Brother Howard Strickland.

Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers are extended to Sister Lillian Coleman and Brother Fred Wells & Family on the passing of their nephew, Darnell Tanksley of Buffalo, NY.
MISSION STATEMENT

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A Church Where JESUS Is LORD!

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

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Sis. Kelly M. Davis  Chair, Personnel Ministry
Bro. Dannie Evans  Chair, Property Ministry
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http://www.internationalministries.org/teams/51-borquist

Bro. Joseph R. Milligan  Church School Superintendent
Sis. Stacey D. Johnson  Church Treasurer
Sis. Yvonne L. Massie  Administrative Secretary

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

† Let us reverence and honor God’s house of worship.
† Please remember no eating or drinking in the sanctuary.
† Parents: please feed your children their snacks in the Fellowship Hall.
† Please do not leave the service until the Benediction is given.

WEB CALENDAR † For daily updates check our church online calendar at http://www.siloambc.org

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