

2000 - The Present

Vision

Rev. Lee A. Earl (1997-2013)

In 1997, the Rev. Lee A. Earl became the eleventh pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. The Mission Statement was reformulated, and the Value and Vision Statements were added.

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During the years of Rev. Earl's pastorate, physical growth was evidenced by the increase of our borders. An office building at 346 Commerce Street, known as the Warring-Hearns Christian Life Education Center; the Armstrong property at the rear of the church, used for parking; the American Statistical Association office building at 1429 Duke Street next door to the church; and townhouses at 223 and 207 South West Street all increased the Church's real estate holdings.

For several years, Shiloh collaborated with Saint Coletta School, a school for children and young adults with physical and mental disabilities, in the use of the Warring-Hearns building. The former TESST office building at 1400 Duke Street, a lease/purchase, housed Happy Home Pre-School and the Agape Christian Academy. The office building at 1429 Duke Street became the administrative offices, the Church School, and the Shiloh History Museum. The Beasley Center, at 1323 Duke Street, became known as the Beasley Square Senior Center. The center provides affordable housing for senior citizens.

In 2006 the church changed from a lease-purchase agreement to a purchase agreement for the Shiloh Worship Center at the rear of 1400 Duke Street. The old Historic Sanctuary at 1401 Duke Street became the Youth Church with Minister Kelon Duke as the Youth Minister. The Rev. Joyce Thomas became the first woman at Shiloh to complete her seminary studies and be ordained in the ministry.

As the second decade of Rev. Earl's pastorate began, a new vision for the church unfolded, which was "Loving Others as Christ Loves Us." Eliminating the church debt was a major priority, and we sold the Warring-Hearns building. The ministry areas were re-evaluated and internalized the new vision for the church. As examples - the Deacon Ministry provides leadership to the Tribal Family ministry effort; the Deaconess Ministry continues to visit and commune with the sick and shut-in; the Church School, besides providing weekly study classes, continues to participate with the Alexandria Church School Union; the Women's Ministry fosters Christian fellowship among the membership; the College Ministry provides spiritual and emotional support to college students through open communication and retreats; the Mable T. Lyles Library provides high-quality Christian library materials and state-of-the-art technology training; and the Shiloh History Museum continues to preserve the information and artifacts as part of the church legacy.

Rev. Earl retired on August 2013.

Rev. Julian Dangerfield served as interim pastor from January 2013 to July 2015

Rev. Taft Quincey Heatley (2015-Present)

On September 23, 2015, Rev. Taft Quincey Heatley became the twelfth pastor of the Shiloh Baptist. A new motto for the church, "One Church Advancing the Kingdom of God," was developed along with a new vision and mission statement. Our vision is to spread the message of faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ by equipping disciples to engage the community, locally and globally, for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God.

Under the spiritual and compassionate pastorate of Rev. Taft Quincey Heatley and our blessed First Lady, Krystal Heatley, Shiloh continues to create a legacy on the foundation of its ancestors.

We praise God from whom all our blessings flow!