



Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Senior Pastor

**Shiloh Baptist Church
515 West Fourth Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060**

A Brief History

- Shiloh has been serving God and the Plainfield Community since 1908.
- “Born” from Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, NJ, Shiloh was organized on May 17, 1908 under the pastorate of Rev. M. A. Alexander.
- The property at our current location, 515 West Fourth Street, was purchased in 1914.
- Construction on the next building began in 1931 under the pastorate of Rev. L. E. Keiser. Services were held in the basement for several years until the rest of the building was completed. Construction took place during the great depression and took nearly a decade. It was completed under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Johnson.
- The acquisition of adjacent properties began in the 1940s under the pastorate of Rev. A. Ross Brent. The property was extended through to Fifth Street. The Parish House was added in 1950 to provide classroom space.
- In 1961, Shiloh became a charter member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Shiloh continued to grow numerically and financially.
- The property known as the “Queen City Lounge” on the corner of Fourth and Liberty Streets was purchased and demolished in the early 1980s under the pastorate of Rev. Jerry W. Henry. It was under his pastorate that the membership grew dramatically and many ministries were introduced to meet the spiritual needs of the growing membership including a cable TV broadcast “Celebrating the Gospel.”
- The visionary leadership of Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D. began in 1997 and many new ministries and spiritual opportunities were introduced. More adjacent and nearby properties were purchased and in May of 2003, the former church facility was demolished and construction on our current church facility began. During the period from November 2002 to March 2005, worship services were held at Plainfield High School.
- The Union County TEAMS Charter School (UC TEAMS) opened in September 2005 (initially housed in the lower level of the new Shiloh facility), and SHEELD, Shiloh’s 501(c)3 CDC (nonprofit community development corporation) was organized.
- In December 2009, Shiloh purchased the adjacent facility, formerly the Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, and that facility, now known as the “Shiloh Annex”, houses one of our outreach ministries, The Lord’s Kitchen, feeding over 1,000 families monthly.
- Rev. Thomas retired in August 2015 and in March 2017, Rev. Hodari Kenneth Hamilton, Sr. began his tenure as senior pastor. Rev. Hamilton established and hosted a weekly prayer conference call of Wednesdays at 7:14am. Rev. Hamilton resigned in October 2019.
- Shiloh’s best chapter began with the call of the Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown who became Shiloh’s tenth senior pastor on October 3, 2021!