

# The Shiloh Spirit



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## Reading Through The Bible

### March 8:

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*

### March 15:

*Exodus 20:1-7, Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*

### March 22:

**Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107 103, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21**

*New Members Received by  
Golden Deed Circle*



## The Pastor's Pen

March is Women's Month. We thank God for the women of our congregation, and of the Nation, for the way they have provided significant leadership in and out of the home. Many have cared for their babies, applied ointment to bruises, calmed children's fears of nighttime terrors, attended sports events, acted as chauffeurs etc., while still holding down positions in every public or private sector, blue collar or white. We thank God for these women who have led church and nation in extraordinary ways.

This year we are especially grateful that we, as a people, can look to an outstanding example of a woman who gets it done, in first lady Michelle Obama. She is an outstanding attorney and community leader, but has chosen to put her agenda on hold for the sake of her family. We salute her this day, not only in Women's Month but through the days and years of her time in the White House. We thank God for her tremendous example of a true Christian woman.

We welcome to our pulpit today, Dr. Anne Lightner-Fuller, one of this nation's most powerful and effective pulpiteers. We thank God for her presence and we pray that God will speak to Shiloh in a mighty way through her words to us.



# *Dr. Ann Farrar Lightner-Fuller*

*Guest Speaker*

*7:45 & 10:55 a.m. Worship Service*

The Reverend Dr. Ann F. Lightner-Fuller is the esteemed Pastor of Mt. Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Towson, Maryland. A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, her pastoral ministry began in April 1983 following ordination as an itinerant Deacon. Reverend Lightner-Fuller preached her initial sermon in 1981 at Bethel A.M.E. Church (Baltimore, MD) under the pastorate of her father in the ministry, now Bishop John R. Bryant. In twenty-six years of ministry, she has served in both rural and urban settings.

Since her appointment to Mt. Calvary the membership has grown from 150 to 2001. Under her spiritual leadership the members of Mt. Calvary liquidated a one million dollar mortgage in just five years. In September of 2003, Reverend Lightner-Fuller and her congregation purchased property adjacent to the church to construct an Education and Family Life Center. This facility will house numerous programs aimed at strengthening families and making Mt. Calvary the hub of the Towson community.

Reverend Lightner-Fuller currently serves as a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference Board of Examiners, a Conference Trustee, and as the Second Episcopal District Treasurer for General Conference Sustentation. In July of 2004, during the 47th Session of the African Methodist Episcopal General Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana, she was appointed to serve on the General Board of the A.M.E. Church. God continues to call Reverend Lightner-Fuller to a higher level of service within the African Methodist Episcopal Church and around the world. In February 2006, Reverend Lightner-Fuller was selected to represent the A.M.E. Church at the World Council of Churches in Brazil.

Reverend Lightner-Fuller is a woman of many “firsts.” She served as the first coordinator of Women in Ministry for the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church; she was the first woman to preach the Annual Sermon in the historic Baltimore Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1990 and she was elected the first woman to serve as President of the Baltimore A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance. She was also the first woman to preach at the Morning Worship Service at the historic Hampton University Ministers Conference in 1996.

Reverend Lightner-Fuller received a Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship to attend Boston University, where she received her undergraduate degree in communications. She holds a Master’s in Theology from St. Mary’s Seminary, the Ecumenical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland. She received her Doctorate of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where, as a Dr. Jeremiah Wright/Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu Scholar, she focused on Afrocentric Preaching and Pastoring. She has done further study at Harvard University. God has so expanded the territory of Reverend Lightner-Fuller’s ministry. She can be seen on the Ann Lightner Fuller Ministries television broadcast, which airs on the Word Network and on Sunday mornings as co-host of Baltimore’s ABC Channel 2 Grace and Glory television show. Additionally, she is the author of two books, **And Your Daughters Shall Preach: Developing a Female Mentoring Program for the African American Church, and Desperate People: Sermons for Times Like These**. Her sermons have also been featured in **the African American Pulpit**, the **AME Reviewer**, and several other publications.

Reverend Lightner-Fuller is married to Reverend Stanley Fuller, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Together, the Fullers have four children, one daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, Aliyah Brooke and Lawren Victoria.

In October 2005 Rev. Fuller declared her candidacy for the office of Bishop in the A.M.E. Church. She proclaims the joy of the Lord as her strength and loves being in the service of the Lord. She confesses that her life had no real meaning or direction before accepting Christ as her personal Savior. Now, He has made something beautiful out of her life.

# *This Week at Shiloh*

## **Sunday, March 8, 2009**

Morning Prayer Service (7:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
Alpha Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Class (9:30 a.m.).....	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Class (9:30 a.m.).....	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Class (9:30 a.m.).....	208/FLC
Littlejohn Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Class (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
Young Adult Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes (9:30 a.m.).....	LLA&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes (9:30 a.m.).....	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class (9:30 a.m.).....	RBC/FLC
Senior High Class (9:30 a.m.).....	TF/FLC
<i>Adah Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
<i>Bethel Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>208/FLC</i>
<i>Berean Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>216/FLC</i>
<i>Calvary Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
<i>Hill Climbers Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
<i>Mt. Sinai Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>HHN/FLC</i>
<i>Phoebe Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
<i>Queen Esther Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>COH/FLC</i>
<i>Unity Circle Meeting</i> .....	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
Miriam Missionary Group Meeting.....	LL/FLC
Mary E. Robinson Missionary Group Meeting.....	Library/FLC
Guest Hospitality.....	HHS/FLC
Membership Update.....	HHS/FLC

## **Monday, March 9, 2009**

10:00 – Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
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## **Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
1:00 -Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:15 - Wallace Charles Smith Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Choir Room

## **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach.....	216/FLC
11:45 - Mid-Week Bible Study.....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Senior Citizens Club.....	HH/FLC
5:00 - Male Youth Project.....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Gospel Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 - <b>Al-Anon Family Matters Meeting</b> .....	208/FLC

## Thursday, March 12, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
10:00 - Needle Arts & Knitting Class .....	LL/FLC
1:00 - Time of Contemplation.....	Sanctuary
5:00 - Male Youth Project .....	Gym/FLC
6:30 - Prayer & Praise Service .....	Sanctuary
7:15 - Bible Institute.....	Sanctuary

## Friday, March 13, 2009

10:00 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach .....	216/FLC
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## Saturday, March 14, 2009

8:00 – Male Youth Project College Fair .....	HH, TF, Gym/FLC
9:00 – Debutante Workshop .....	208/FLC
10:00 – Village Council Meeting.....	COH/FLC
10:00 – Gideon Circle Meeting.....	Library/FLC
10:00 – Boy Scout Meeting.....	216/FLC
11:00 – Deaconess Board Meeting.....	LL/FLC
11:00 – Step Team Practice .....	RBC/FLC
12:00 – Gospel Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room
2:00 – New Generation Praise Dancers.....	RBC/FLC

## Sunday, March 15, 2009

Early Morning Prayer Service (8:00 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
DCCF Credit Union .....	LL/FLC
New Members Workshop (9:30 a.m.).....	Deacons' Room
Alpha Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Caleb Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/P Street Side-Rear
E.L. Harrison Class (9:30 a.m.) .....	COH/FLC
Ever Ready Class (9:30 a.m.) .....	Library/FLC
Excelsior Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/Center
Genesis Class (9:30 a.m.).....	RBC/FLC
John A. Miles Class (9:30 a.m.).....	208/FLC
Littlejohn Class (9:30 a.m.) .....	Gym/FLC
Silent Mission Class (9:30 a.m.) .....	Gym/FLC
Waldron/Gill Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Walker Memorial Class (9:30 a.m.).....	216/FLC
Young Adult Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Gym/FLC
Nursery & Pre-K Classes (9:30 a.m.).....	LLA&B/FLC
Elementary & Upper Elementary Classes (9:30 a.m.).....	LL/FLC
Jonathan Class (9:30 a.m.).....	Sanctuary/Balcony
Middle School Class (9:30 a.m.).....	RBC/FLC
Senior High Class (9:30 a.m.).....	TF/FLC
Guest Hospitality .....	TF/FLC
<i>Antioch Circle Meeting .....</i>	<i>216/FLC</i>
<i>Eula Mae Harrison Circle Meeting .....</i>	<i>Library/FLC</i>
<i>Ever Ready Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>HHN/FLC</i>
<i>Grace Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>COH/FLC</i>
<i>King's Messengers Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>LL/FLC</i>
<i>Haggai Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>RBC/FLC</i>
<i>Hope Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>208/FLC</i>
<i>Pilgrim Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>Gym/FLC</i>
<i>Victory Circle Meeting.....</i>	<i>Choir Room</i>
Membership Update Session .....	HHS/FLC

# Thank You

Thank you Shiloh – it is wonderful to be a part of a seriously praying congregation. Your prayers are responsible for bringing me through my surgery and subsequent rehabilitation with flying colors. My doctors and therapists are all amazed at how quickly I have responded and progressed. I particularly want to thank my Pastor, Reverend Felton, the Senior Choir, the Gospel Choir and Fellowship Circle for their support. I hope to return to you really soon.

*Barbara Williams Whitener*

## Circles Receiving New Members

March 8.....Golden Deed Circle  
March 15.....Golden Rule Circle  
March 22 .....Grace Circle  
March 29 .....Haggai Circle

## Circles Serving Breakfast

March 8.....Eula Mae Harrison Circle  
March 15.....Ever Ready Circle  
March 22.....Excelsior Circle  
March 29.....Faith Circle

## Circles Leading Prayer & Praise Service

*(Thursday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.)*

March 12 .....Golden Rule & Grace Circles  
March 19.....Haggai & Helping Hand Circles  
March 26.....Hill Climbers & Hope Circles

## Membership Database Update

We thank our Shiloh members for working so well with us as we have worked to update our Shiloh membership database. During the month of March, we hope to update all the members who have not submitted information to-date. For the first Sunday, there will be only one session after church until 2:00 pm. All other Sundays we will have two sessions: the first from 9:30 am to 10:30 and the second from after church until 2:00 pm. The location is always Heritage Hall South unless you hear otherwise. Thank you.

## The Ushers' Corner March 2009

*For training call Charlotte Bolton-Hicks  
(301/499-0628)*

**Sunday, March 8 – Unit #4 Serves  
Women's Day  
Reverend Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller**

**Thursday, March 12  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#4  
Bible Institute**

**Sunday, March 15 – Unit #5 Serves**

**Thursday, March 19  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#5 Serves  
Bible Institute**

**Sunday, March 22 – Unit #6 Serves**

**Thursday, March 26  
6:30 p.m. – Prayer & Praise Service, Unit  
#6 Serves  
Bible Institute**

**Sunday, March 29 – Unit #1 Serves**

## *The Women's Ministry at Shiloh*

On Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., we will once again join with the Women in Prayer Ministry for fasting, prayer and praise as part of the annual celebration of Women's History Month. We invite you to join us as we pray for children, families, the military, our leaders and churches. We believe that prayer changes things and through prayer we can individually and collectively be change agents for Christ.

Women, men, children and youth are invited to attend. You are encouraged to fast on Friday evening (as your health permits). There will be a light repast following the service. Please come – our worship experience will be enhanced by your presence. If you have questions or need more information please call Thelma Pugh (202/232-1430) or Hazel Bland Thomas (202/491-9245).

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints*

Ephesians 6:18