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## How God Builds Your Faith: Delay

by Rick Warren

*"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" (Habakkuk 2: 3 LB).*

Even as you make a decision to follow the dream God places in your heart, you can expect a delay. God will not fulfill your dream immediately because this is another step toward building your faith.

In Habakkuk 2, God says, "These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled."

In this step of faith-building you will most likely start asking the question, "When, Lord? When are You going to answer my prayer?"

And we hate to wait. We don't like to wait in a doctor's office, or in traffic jams, or at restaurants, or for Christmas presents, or for anything else. But what we hate worst of all is waiting on God.

Have you ever been in a hurry when God wasn't? It's so irritating! You're ready, but God isn't. God wants to work on you before He works on the project. Every believer must go through the University of Learning to Wait (ULW). Some of us are still working on our degrees from ULW!

- Noah waited 120 years from the time he started building the ark until it began to rain.
- Abraham was told he would be the father of a great nation and didn't have a child until he was 99.
- God told Moses he would be the leader to lead his people out of 400 years of slavery, but then made him wait in the desert 40 years.
- Joseph spent years in prison before God raised him up and he became the ruler God wanted him to be.
- God had David anointed as king, but then David waited for years until he actually got to be king.

We all have to go through these waiting periods. Even Jesus waited for 30 years in the carpenter's shop before setting out on his public ministry.

Why do we wait? It teaches us to trust in God. We learn that His timing is perfect. One of the facts we have to learn is this: God's delay never destroys His purpose.

A delay is not a denial. Children must learn the difference between "no" and "not yet," and so must we. Many times we think God is saying, "No," but He is saying, "Not yet."

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## Gospel Service Chapel Activities

### Opportunities To Join A Ministry

#### **ALTAR MINISTRY**

LEADER/ADVISOR: TBD

#### **BAPTISM AND DISCIPLESHIP**

LEADER: Deacon Calvin Taylor

#### **BELVOIR MEN OF FAITH – (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 0730 hrs-REC)**

POC: Deacon Adrian Clay

#### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

POCs: Brother Theodore and Sister Roberta Alridge

#### **BIBLE STUDY – TEENS – (Age 13+) (Thursdays 1930 hrs)**

POCs: Reverend Leonard Baldwin

#### **BOYS TO MEN – (4<sup>TH</sup> Saturdays 1000 – 1200 hrs)**

POCs: Brother Chris Hardnick and Reverend Leonard Baldwin

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

MINISTRY LEADERS: Minister Barbara & Brother Tony Burrell

#### **- CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during service)**

**Group 1** Pre Kindergarten & Kindergarten – Group Leader  
Sister Denise Baldwin

**Group 2** Grades 1- 3 – Group Leader – Sister Doris Wilson

**Group 3** Grades 4 - 6 – Group Leader – Sister Alice White

#### **- CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY (Pre Kindergarten & Kindergarten)**

Thursdays -1930 hrs

Group Leader: Sister Denise Baldwin

#### **- CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY**

(Grades 1, 2 & 3) Thursdays – 1930 hrs

Group Leader: Minister Barbara Burrell

(Grades 4, 5 & 6) Thursdays – 1930 hrs

Group Leader: Alice White

#### **DEACONS MINISTERS/TEAM LEADERS TRAINING**

(4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 0900 – 1300 hrs)

POC: Deacon William Collins

#### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (Sunday Mornings – 0845 hrs)**

POC: Sister Ruby Wilson

#### **FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY TEAM**

LEADER: TBD

#### **GUEST RECEPTION MINISTRY**

POCs: Sister Rita Williams / Sister Norma Taylor / Sister  
Jannie Wilson

#### **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – (AS ANNOUNCED)**

POC: Sister Sharon McNeil

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY – (Fridays - 1830 hrs)**

POC: Sister Peggy Hogan

#### **J7 FRONTLINE YOUTH MINISTRY – (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)**

(AS ANNOUNCED)

POC: Brother Sean Miller

#### **MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY – (4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 1800 – 2000 hours)**

POC: TBD

#### **MEN @ ARMS, THE GX – (4<sup>TH</sup> Saturdays immediately following**

Boys To Men Ministry)

POC: Brother Anthony "Tony" Bennett

#### **MINISTERS TRAINING – (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) (AS ANNOUNCED)**

POC: To be announced

#### **PARISH COUNCIL – (1st Sunday after Worship Service)**

POC: Sister Alice Ford

#### **PRISON MINISTRY - (TBD)**

POCs: Minister Marsha Morris / Sister Patrice Alston

#### **PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL**

POC: Sister Nilda Navarro

#### **SINGLES MINISTRY – (3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 1900 hrs**

@ Religious Education Center (REC)

POCs: Minister Yvonne Kizer / Sister Rosa Butler

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES) – (Every Sunday**

@ Religious Education Center (REC) 0920 – 1030 hrs)

POCs: Sister La Ticia Anderson / Sister Rita Williams /

Sister Sharon McNeil / Minister Daryl Duff

#### **USHERS AND GREETERS MINISTRY – (4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Worship Service)**

POC: Brother Calvin Brown

#### **WISDOM FOR LIFE SEMINARS – (Thursdays 1830 hrs & Sundays)**

ADVISOR: Minister Terry Hogan

#### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – (1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays 0900-1030 hrs)**

POC: Sister Sara Simmons

#### **WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY**

##### **- ADULT CHOIR – (Mondays & Wednesdays prior to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sundays 1900 hrs)

POC: Brother Crosby Bowens

##### **- BROTHERHOOD CHOIR – (Mondays prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sundays - 1900 hrs)

POCs: Deacon Fred Owens / Minister Robert Brooks

##### **- DANCE MINISTRY – (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1030 hrs)**

POC: Sister La Ticia Anderson

##### **- DRAMA MINISTRY – (TBD)**

POC: Sister Trevetta Bennett

##### **- STEP MINISTRY – (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1300 hrs)**

POC: Sister Valerie Ford-Miller

##### **- SUNSHINE CHOIR – (Thursdays 1830 hrs)**

POCs: Sister Stephanie Jackson / Sister Sylvia Harris /

Sister Michelle Williams

##### **- WOMEN'S CHOIR – (Monday & Wednesday prior to 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sundays) (AS ANNOUNCED) – 1900 hrs

POC: Brother Crosby Bowens

##### **- YOUTH CHOIR – (Thursdays 1830 hrs)**

POCs: Sister Alice Ford / Sister Valerie Ford-Miller

#### **YOUNG SISTERS OF FAITH – (4<sup>TH</sup> Saturdays)**

POC: Minister Annie Powell

#### **YOUTH LEADERS – Reverend Leonard Baldwin,**

Minister Annie Powell and Deacon Fred Owens

#### **YOUNG ADULT SINGLE & SAVED (YASS) –**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays – 1900 hrs)

POC: Minister Marsha Morris



Gunston Chapel (Then) / Woodlawn Chapel (Now)  
Fort Belvoir, VA - Photographs by L. Worthington Jones

## Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service VISION & VALUES

*"To develop devoted disciples who follow after Christ to fulfill the great commission."*

### The Five Values of the Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service

1. **Loving God through Worship: Matt 4:10**  
- Worship helps us to focus on God
2. **Knowing God through Fellowship: Eph 2:19**  
- Fellowship helps us face life problems
3. **Growing in God through His Word: Eph 4:12B-13**  
- Discipleship helps us to fortify our faith
4. **Serving God by Serving Others: Matt 22:36-40**  
- Ministry helps us to find our talents
5. **Sharing God with the Lost: Matt 28:19-20**  
- Evangelism helps to fulfill our Life's Mission

### SICK AND SHUT IN / PRAYER REQUESTS

Roberta Alridge  
Ted Alridge  
Thelma Gill  
Josephine Jones  
Candace Miller  
Bertha Roberts  
Chaplain Antonio McElroy  
Minister Debra McElroy  
Christina McElroy  
Semone McElroy  
AJ McElroy  
(Submit names to [joneslw4126@msn.com](mailto:joneslw4126@msn.com))

### Upcoming Events – Chapel Activities –

Mark your calendars:

#### August

- 1 – **Womens Ministry – 0900 hrs** POC Sister Sara Simmons
- **Praise Dance Rehearsal – 1030 hrs** – POC Sister La Ticia Anderson
- 3 – **Parish Council Meeting – 1900 hrs** – POC Sister Alice Ford
- 22 – **Men @ Arms: The GX – 1130 hrs** – “**Leading by Example**” – POC Brother Chris Hardnick
- Every Thursday**
  - **Mid Week Worship Service**, 1930 hrs
  - Mentoring Women** – A Discipleship class – 1800 hrs – POC: Minister Barbara Burrell
- Every Friday – Intercessory Prayer – 1830 hrs** – POC Minister Peggy Hogan

### CID/Volunteer Update Reminder - All CID/

- Volunteer Forms must be completed, signed and turned in to **Sister Patrice Alston, Gospel Service Parish**

**Coordinator**, for (ALL) Ministry Chairs/Team Leaders and Team Members, no exceptions! This requirement is for everyone working in the following areas: with children 18 years or younger, with food and/or with money. As new volunteers join your Ministry/Team, have them read, complete and sign the required forms prior to allowing them to work in your Ministry/Team. Turn completed forms into the Gospel Service Parish Coordinator.

Ministry/Team Leaders be aware that any volunteers not in compliance with this Department of the Army requirement **IS NOT** allowed to volunteer in areas involving children, handling food or money. CH McElroy will be notified accordingly. Allowing any volunteer who has not complied with this requirement to work in your Ministry/Team is in violation of this DA requirement and could adversely affect the Gospel Service's ability to minister to the congregation. Direct all concerns and/or questions to CH McElroy.

Courtesy of Gospel Service Parish Coordinator

### August Birthdays

- 1 - Marcus Daniel  
- Darren Gaddy  
- Tyman Wallace, Jr.
- 2 - Jordan Gray  
- Jordan Henderson  
- Alexandra Walker
- 3 - Kim Bailey  
- Semone Brooks  
- Anthony "Sean" Jackson
- 4 - Jae Boddie  
- Donnie Hamilton  
- Jennie Sharpton
- 5 - Addley Saimbert
- 6 - Reginald Darby  
- Ronnell Foster Jr.
- 7 - Cheryl Steele
- 8 - Alzeta Davis  
- Nina Simone Sharpton  
- Ruby Wilson
- 9 - Gabriel Grayson  
- Natashya Jackson  
- Kelvin Steele Jr.
- 10 - Cynthia Chaney  
- Quchee Collins  
- Alfonzo Doctor  
- Brendy Martinez
- 12 - Paris Alston  
- Christian Bentley  
- Karen Hardnick  
- William E. Wilson
- 13 - Yvonne Jones
- 14 - Robert Booker  
- Emile Walker
- 15 - Isiah Hall  
- Jayson Jones
- 16 - Ke'Shaun Davis  
- Quentin Hogan
- 17 - Lakayla Hughes
- 18 - Carnell "CJ" Barrett Jr.  
- Josie Bell  
- Leonard Chester  
- Jeffrey Green
- 19 - Trini Gaddy  
- Whitney McElroy-Jackson
- 20 - Tony Harvey
- 21 - Anthony "Tony" Bennett  
- Karen Penn-Brown

- Cardelia Collins
- 23** - Samuel Duffy
  - Wayne John
  - Mikhail Scatliffe
- 25** - Jody Jackson II
  - Dyanah Rivera
- 26** - Tim Murden
- 27** - Sheryl Madison
  - Daniel Terrell
- 28** - LaShield Evans
  - William R. Wilson
- 29** - Damaris Carr
  - Deaconess Glinda Wallace
  - Kristol Williams
- 30** - Amaya Barrow
  - Delone Barrow
  - Nelson Hankins
  - Yonas Mekonen
- 31** - Franqui Pierce
  - JaShonda Pouncy
  - Jordan Tutt
  - Andrew Walker

*Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday, God Bless you,  
Happy Birthday to you!* 🎵

### August Anniversaries

- 1** - Keith and LaShield Evans - 19 yr
  - Jon and Allison Smith - 13 yrs
- 2** - Nelson and Kirsan Hankins - 5 yrs
- 3** - Robert Jr. and Min. Marticia Booker - 24 yrs
- 4** - Deacon Harold and Min. Cynthia Hughes - 12 yrs
- Anthony "Sean" Jackson and Whitney McElroy-Jackson - 1 yr
  - Sean and Valerie Miller - 2 yr
- 6** - Tim and Michelle Jarrett - 15 yrs
- 10** - Patrick and Felicia Alston - 5 yrs
- 17** - Amos and Regina Clemons-Montgomery - 2 yr
- 18** - Norman and Cheryl Solomon - 19 yrs
- 20** - Clevester. Sr. and Jewelz Granville - 4 yrs
  - James and Elizabeth "Liz" Momon - 10 yrs
- 23** - Ronnie and Joyce Foxe - 24 yrs
- 31** - Countee and Jackie Collins - 28 yrs
  - Darren and Jan'na Gaddy - 7 yrs

### *Congratulations!*

**NOTE: You too can have yours and your family's special days published. Send e-mail with dates and event to Sister Shereda Jones at [joneslw4126@msn.com](mailto:joneslw4126@msn.com) as soon as possible.**

#### **August is:**

- American Artist Appreciation Month
- Foot Health Month
- Home Business Month
- National Catfish Month
- National Golf Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Water Quality Month
- 1st Week - National Clown Week
- 2nd Week - Elvis Week
  - National Apple Week
  - National Smile Week
- 3rd Week - Air Conditioning Appreciation Week
  - American Dance Week

- 1** - Francis Scott Key's Birthday. Born in 1779
  - MTV Debuted in 1981
  - Respect for Parents' Day
  - Sport's Day
  - Switzerland Founded - in 1291
- 2** - First Income Tax - Congress enacts first income tax in 1861
  - First Lincoln Penny Issued - in 1909
  - National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
  - National Mustard Day
- 3** - American Family Day
  - Columbus Set Sail on His 1st Voyage in 1492
  - Friendship Day
  - National Watermelon Day
- 4** - Coast Guard Day - Established on this day in 1790
  - National Chocolate Chip Day
  - Picnic Day in Australia
  - **President Barack Obama Birthday – Born in 1961**
- 5** - National Waffle Day
  - Neil Armstrong's Birthday - Born in Ohio in 1930
- 6** - Alfred Lord Tennyson's Birthday - Born in 1809
  - Odie's Birthday - Garfield the Cat's friend
  - Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 7** - Sea Serpent Day
- 8** - Dollar Day - The US dollar was created
- 9** - Betty Boop's Birthday - Created in 1930
  - International Day of the World's Indigenous People
  - National Rice Pudding Day
- 10** - First Steam Locomotive
  - Herbert Hoover's Birthday - Born in 1874, in West Branch, IA
  - S'Mores Day
- 11** - Hulk Hogan's Birthday - Born in 1953 in Venice Beach, CA
  - Play in the Sand Day
- 12** - IBM PC Announced - In 1981
  - Middle Children's Day
- 13** - Annie Oakley's Birthday - Born in 1860
  - International Left-Handers Day
  - National Filet Mignon Day
- 14** - National Creamsicle Day
- 15** - Julia Child's Birthday - Born in Pasadena, CA in 1912
  - National Relaxation Day
- 16** - Joke Day
  - National Homeless Animals Day
  - Roller Coaster Day - Roller coaster patented in 1898
- 17** - Archeology Day
  - Davy Crockett's Birthday - Born in Tennessee in 1786
- 18** - Bad Poetry Day
  - Wizard of Oz Premiered - In 1939
- 19** - Former President Bill Clinton's Birthday - Born in Hope, AR in 1946
  - National Aviation Day
  - Orville Wright's Birthday - Born in 1871
  - Potato Day
  - Snuffleupagus's Birthday - Sesame Street Character
- 20** - National Radio Day
- 21** - Wilt Chamberlain's Birthday - Born in 1936 in Philadelphia, PA
- 22** - Be An Angel Day
- 23** - First Photograph of Earth From the Moon – Taken by Lunar Orbiter in 1966
  - Happily Natural Day - On this day refrain from displaying chemical or heat processed hair. If you cannot wear your natural hair because of roots or whatever, then wear a hat or African

head wrap.

- National Sponge Cake Day
- 24** - National Peach Pie Day
  - Strange Music Day
  - Waffle Iron Patented - In 1869, invented by Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, NY
- 25** - Kiss and Make Up Day
  - National Banana Split Day
- 26** - National Dog Day
  - Women's Equality Day - The anniversary of women getting the right to vote
- 27** - Mother Teresa's Birthday - Born in 1910
- 28** - Dream Day – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave the "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963.
  - National Cherry Turnover Day
- 29** - First Scout Camp Opened - In 1934
  - Speedy Gonzales' Birthday - Debuted in 1953
- 30** - Herry Monster's Birthday - Sesame Street Character
  - National Toasted Marshmallow Day
- 31** - Alan Jay Lerner's Birthday - Born in 1918, New York
  - National Trail Mix Day

#### MEMBERS/SERVICE MEMBERS DEPLOYED OR TDY

Rose Carter – Kuwait  
 1SG Darryl Miller - Kuwait  
 SFC Steve Pomerlee - Iraq  
 MAJ Gregory Wilson – Korea

(NOTE: Notify Sister Shereda Jones by e-mail to [JonesLW4126@msn.com](mailto:JonesLW4126@msn.com) as soon as possible when any individuals deploy or go TDY and upon their return from deployment or TDY)



"Gifts from the Homefront" CertifiChecks now allow you to send a gift certificate to a loved one, family member or dear friend associated with the military all year long. Now **ANYONE** can purchase gift certificates for troops downrange. These certificates are redeemable by authorized patrons of AAFES, NEX and the Coast Guard Exchange. Gift certificates come in denominations from \$5 to \$50 and can be redeemed at all locations around the world including deployed areas. If you're looking for the perfect gift to give that special individual anytime and anywhere, then "Gifts from the Homefront" CertifiChecks are the perfect choice. For more info call 1-877-770-4438 or visit <http://www.aafes.org/>.



**March 2 Success Online Test Preparation - for Various Exams – Useful and Valuable Information for Parents of and High School Students to Know - March 2 Success is an on-line**

test preparation course that will provide help with taking standardized tests, and improve math, language arts and science skills. What is it? The **March 2 Success** program is an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA (M&RA)) funded initiative. It is a highly interactive program designed to provide high school and college students easy access to on-line test preparation training. **March 2 Success** allows young men and women to participate through this web based program to assist them with improving their performance on tests of math, science, and English, ACT and SAT preparation, state standardized tests, and overall test-taking skills. Diagnostic tests help students identify their strengths and weaknesses. Each lesson also includes on-line drills that reinforce the lesson's material.

Other on-line test preparation courses have been available to high school students for some time, but this is the first time a program of this caliber has been offered free of charge. There is absolutely no obligation. If a student chooses to be contacted by a recruiter, he or she can indicate this during the online course registration. By developing and offering this program the Army is extending its commitment to success for young adults still in school by becoming partners in education.

**March 2 Success** is designed primarily for **11th graders through college students** to assist you if you're

- \*taking college entrance exams
- \*taking a trade school entrance exam
- \*taking assessment exams
- \*applying for a job
- \*taking the ASVAB military entrance exam

**March 2 Success** is available at any time and is **FREE!** There are on-line tests, self-paced courses, assistance in taking standardized tests, and help with improving English and math skills.

**March 2 Success** will help students prepare for:

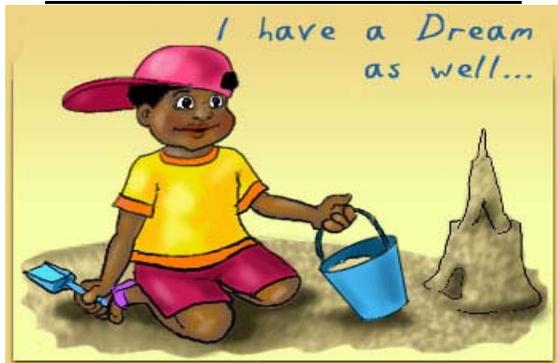
- SAT/ACT college entrance test
- College placement tests
- State assessment or exit tests
- Trade School entrance tests
- Military entrance test
- Applying for a job

For more information and to register, copy and paste url to your browser: <https://march2success.com/index.cfm>. Also check out **March 2 Success Zero Hour Threat - College Entrance Exam Preparation game** at: <http://www.cofcontests.com/March2Success/ZHT/>



*An Angel says, 'Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.'*

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### How to Get a Project Working Mom Scholarship-

By Alina Bradford, eHow Editor, Project Working Mom: Have you ever tried to go back to school, but didn't have enough time, money or confidence? *You're not alone.* Women unable to pursue education because of life circumstances often become trapped in a cycle of underemployment. eLearners.com established Project Working Mom, to lead the way in providing resources to moms everywhere. Putting Education to Work is a \$2 million full-ride scholarship campaign just for moms. It gives selected women the ability to afford to go back to school and get a good paying job. Here are tips to help you apply for the scholarship.

1. Go online to the website. Click on the link in the upper right-hand corner that says, "Win a Scholarship to Back to School Online."
2. Fill out the form and read the "Terms and Conditions." Check the box that confirms that you have read the terms and conditions.
3. Next, you will need to write an essay, in 1500 words or less, that describes why you need or want a degree. To read some essays that have won this contest go online again. Scroll down to page 14 to see the essays.
4. Push the "Submit" button.
5. "Scholarship winners will be selected based on the strength of the essay, which will be judged on the applicant's ability to clearly articulate why an online education fits into their personal and career goals," says Representative Jenny Foust. "The selection committee will pay special attention to the applicant's desire and motivation for education and any indicated instances of triumph over adversity. Applicants must be a working mom, at least 21 years old and interested in online education. Scholarship applicants must also meet the minimum requirements of each member school."

For more information, copy and paste link:  
[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_2194730\\_project-working-mom-scholarship.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_2194730_project-working-mom-scholarship.html)



### AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (AAWCS)

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM What Is AAWCS?

The **African-American Women in Computer Science (AAWCS)** program provides financial, academic and professional support to women enrolled in the Computer and Information Sciences (CIS) department at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, in an effort to:

1. serve as a financial incentive to continue matriculation to the baccalaureate degree;
2. create a significant support structure within the department to strengthen academic ability and awareness of career paths in the computing disciplines;
3. build a sense of identity and unity among underrepresented women in the computer science (CS) and information technology (IT) fields; and
4. expose the students to graduate programs and corporate laboratory environments to provide them with better opportunities for success in the field upon graduation.

While African-American women are the focus group for the program, the program will not be limited to African-Americans, but will seek to service all groups of women enrolled in CS or IT.

#### Financial Support Provided:

- 19 undergraduate FAMU CIS students selected as *AAWCS Scholars* per year
- Student stipend between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per semester, depending on financial need

#### Academic and Career Support Provided:

- Must be a FAMU Undergraduate Student (either Entering Freshman, Current Student or Transfer)
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be enrolled in Computer and Information Sciences (CIS), Computer Engineering, or Mathematics
- Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA at the time of applying
- Must show evidence of Financial Need

#### To Apply, submit the following:

- 2 letters of recommendation (at least one from an instructor)
- Current AAWCS Advertisement
- AAWCS Application
- AAWCS Financial Need Form (Download Here - To be Completed By Financial Aid Office)
- Official Transcript
- Statement of Purpose - Why YOU should be selected for AAWCS (minimum 500 Words)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING** (applies to whatever year you are applying):

- **If planning for Fall Enrollment: August 1 of that year**

- **If planning for Spring Enrollment: December 1 of the previous year**

To submit paperwork, either e-mail [aawcs@cis.famu.edu](mailto:aawcs@cis.famu.edu) or mail to:

AAWCS Scholarship Program  
 CIS Department  
 Florida A&M University,  
 Tallahassee, FL 32307

For further information, contact the AAWCS Scholarship Office at 850-561-2250 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday) or e-mail the AAWCS program at [aawcs@cis.famu.edu](mailto:aawcs@cis.famu.edu). AAWCS is a sponsored program of the National Science Foundation, DUE-0807116



### Grad Prep Academy An Initiative Focused on Preparing for Doctoral Study in Education

- Penn GSE has made a serious commitment to preparing promising undergraduate scholars for admission to and success in Ph.D. programs in the field of education.

We are seeking to identify talented undergraduates who are entering their junior year for participation in our Grad Prep Academy, a program that includes a four-day visit to the University of Pennsylvania in November 2009. We will select 10 college juniors and cover all their travel expenses, lodging, and meals. During their visit to our campus, the selected scholars will learn more about applying to and succeeding in graduate school; hear about the excellent research of our faculty; interact with our graduate students and alumni; and tour Philadelphia. Next spring, we will pay for Academy participants to take a three-month Kaplan course valued at \$1,200 to prepare for the Graduate Record Exam (the GRE is required for admission to most education doctoral programs). Additionally, each Academy participant will be paired with a current Ph.D. student in education at Penn GSE or elsewhere who will offer mentoring throughout the graduate school application process, feedback on essays and other application materials, and advice on where else to apply besides Penn GSE. Lastly, Academy Scholars who apply for Fall 2011 admission to one of our Ph.D. Programs at Penn GSE will receive an application fee waiver; that deadline is December 1, 2010.



Because a master's degree is not required for admission to Ph.D. programs at Penn GSE, our goal is to enroll as many of the Academy participants as possible in our doctoral programs in Fall 2011, the semester after completion of their undergraduate degrees. Each of our Ph.D. students is fully-funded for 4 years and supported by paid research assistantships with faculty. Academy participation in no way guarantees eventual admission to the University of Pennsylvania. If not at Penn GSE, our larger aim is for all 10 scholars to enroll in highly-selective graduate programs in education at top research universities in Fall 2011.

**THIS PROGRAM IS FOR JUNIORS ONLY** — those who are starting their junior year of college in Fall 2009 and anticipate earning bachelor's degrees at the end of Spring 2011. Applications are invited from students across all

majors, not just education. However, only those who have intellectual interests that are somehow related to education (the study of teaching and learning, human development, educational psychology and counseling, history of education, K-12 or higher education leadership, sociology or philosophy of education, language and literacy, educational disparities that disadvantage certain populations, education finance, research methodologies applied to education, student affairs and college student development, or K-12 or higher education policy) should apply.

**All application materials must be submitted electronically (using the form below) no later than 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Friday, August 21, 2009.** Each applicant will receive a decision within four weeks. Please direct all questions to the Grad Prep Academy Co-Directors, Professor Shaun R. Harper ([sharper1@upenn.edu](mailto:sharper1@upenn.edu)) and Penn GSE Dean Andrew C. Porter ([andyp@upenn.edu](mailto:andyp@upenn.edu)). Cut and paste link to access the online application and other information needed for the application process: [http://www.gse.upenn.edu/grad\\_prep](http://www.gse.upenn.edu/grad_prep)

Courtesy of Sister Doris Wilson



**Harvard University Announcement** - Harvard University announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

Courtesy of Sister Adelene "Lynn" Flores



**e-Learning from NASA:** The Space Agency is making available a free Web-based educational product to learners of all ages across the country. NASA eClips consists of more than 55 short, 5-10 minute video segments, which are available on-demand via the Internet. NASA eClips features many of the agency's missions and engages learners in the excitement of science and engineering. Check it out at: <http://www.nasa.gov/education/nasaclips>

## Ensuring Access and Equity







Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- \* Accept that some days you're the pigeon,  
And some days you're the statue.*
- \* Always keep your words soft and sweet,  
Just in case you have to eat them.*
- \* Always wear stuff that will make you look good  
If you die in the middle of it.*
- \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be  
"Recalled" by their maker.*
- \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.*
- \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again,  
It was probably worth it.*
- \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to be kind  
to others.*
- \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,  
Because then you won't have a leg to stand on.*
- \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well.  
Just get up and dance.*
- \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep  
late.*
- \* The second mouse gets the cheese.*
- \* When everything's coming your way,  
You're in the wrong lane.*
- \* Birthdays are good for you.  
The more you have, the longer you live.*
- \* You may be only one person in the world,  
But you may also be the world to one person.*
- \* Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.*
- \* We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some  
are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and  
all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same  
box.*
- \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a  
detour.*

is the lender. Federal direct loans covered by the option include Stafford, Grad PLUS, or consolidation loans.

Public service employees with federal loans in the Guaranteed Federal Family Education Loan program, where lenders are private entities such as Sallie Mae or Citibank, will be able to consolidate their loans into the Direct Loan program to qualify for loan forgiveness. Information on how to consolidate loans can be found at <http://loanconsolidation.ed.gov>.

"College should be a realistic goal for every family," Sarbanes said. "This helps ensure stability for student borrowers, allowing them to embark on careers in public service, especially when our country needs public service employees the most."

Federal and other public service employees with both government-run direct loans and guaranteed loans also may be eligible to lower their payments under the new Income-Based Repayment (IBR) plan. Under this plan, a fed could reduce his loan payments to 15 percent of earnings that exceed 150 percent of the poverty level. The employee would make those reduced loan payments for a decade, after which the balance of the loan would be forgiven. A calculator at [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org) helps employees determine if they qualify for this plan and how much they might save.

Anyone who earns less than 150 percent of the poverty level for their family size would not have to make monthly loan repayments under the IBR plan until they started earning at least 150 percent of the poverty level.

Sarbanes' office said some feds and other public servants could save hundreds of dollars a month on the reduced payment plan, and could have tens of thousands of dollars of outstanding debts forgiven after 10 years of service. His office was unsure how many people would be eligible for this program.

The loan forgiveness program is retroactive to October 2007, which means the earliest that a federal employee can have his federal loan forgiven would be October 2017. The Education Department will decide whether someone is eligible to have a loan forgiven, but has not yet set up a formal application process. Sarbanes' office said that anyone interested should save all his loan repayment receipts and pay stubs to prove he has been repaying his loans while in an eligible career.

Sarbanes' office said the program could be a good tool for the government to recruit and retain skilled employees.

People who work for state, local or tribal governments, public schools or universities, nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or are enlisted in the military would also qualify for loan repayments.

Employees of labor unions, political organizations or religious organizations would not qualify.

There is no limit on how much can be forgiven. The 10-year service required to qualify for loan forgiveness does not have to be consecutive, meaning someone could take a break from public service and later return to complete his 10 years of qualifying service.

Courtesy of Ms. Elaine Swearingen



## Program reduces employees' student loan tabs

By STEPHEN LOSEY

July 15, 2009

A new program allows people who work in federal and other public service jobs to reduce their monthly federal student loan payments and have the balance of those loans forgiven after 10 years of service.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Option, announced July 1 by Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., and Office of Personnel Management Director, John Berry, will cover full-time federal and other public service employees with federal student loans in the direct loan program, where the Education Department



- Establishing a MyCAA Account and signing the MyCAA Statement of Understanding (SOU)
- Choosing a portable career and establishing a career goal
- Developing a career plan (selecting courses, exams, other needed services)
- Looking up school(s) of choice in the MyCAA AI Portal
- Requesting that a new school be added if the school of choice is not already listed
- Requesting up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to pay for courses of study or related licensing and credentialing services provided by other agencies (e.g. Bar or CPA exams, state certification exams for teachers and nurses, finger printing, drug testing, security checks, etc.)

For spouses who experience technical difficulties using the MyCAA website or have forgotten their password, please contact [MyCAA@InvernessTechnologies.com](mailto:MyCAA@InvernessTechnologies.com).

**Who Can Help Schools Become A MyCAA Partner?** For schools that need MyCAA program information or want to participate in the MyCAA AI Portal electronic billing process, please request assistance from [MyCAASchools@MOSCenter.us](mailto:MyCAASchools@MOSCenter.us).

**Is MyCAA Training Available for Program Participants?** YES. Webinars are periodically scheduled to assist individuals in learning how to participate in the MyCAA program. Schedule information will be posted on the MyCAA AI Portal website (<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>) when it is available.

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**Empowering Women Now - Women's Retreat, "Rejuvenate Mind, Body and Soul" – September 18 – 19, 2009, Williamsburg, VA**

Speakers: Pastor Deborah Dukes and Bishop-Elect Lyles Dukes, Harvest Life Changers Church, Woodbridge, Virginia; Pastor Lorene Poindexter, Love of Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, and Reverend Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, Senior Pastor, Bronx Christian Fellowship Church in Bronx, New York

Join women from across the world as they come together to experience life-changing empowerment, transformation, encouragement and motivation! With all the demands pulling on us as women, we sometimes get overwhelmed with



Metropolitan Washington

# Backpacks & Ice Cream



## Free Event, while supplies last!

Gearing up for back to school. USO can help! Stop by any location and time listed below and pick up a free back to school backpack to include supplies. Backpacks are available for school aged students (K thru 12) who has a parent E1 thru E6 serving on active duty status.

Enjoy a popsicle or ice cream sundae while gearing up for the new school year.

### Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>:

Bolling AFB: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Fort Meade: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:

Fort Belvoir: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Aberdeen Proving Grounds: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:

Bellevue: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Quantico: 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Fort Myer: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- 1 per child present

- Must attend event to receive back pack

### Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:

Indian Head: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Dahlgren: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:

Andrews AFB: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Patuxent River: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



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# Location Addresses

## Metropolitan Washington

### Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>:

Bolling AFB: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Fort Meade: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

USO Outreach Center  
7007 A Baker Street  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

### Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:

Fort Belvoir: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Fort Belvoir Community Center  
Bldg. 1200, Taylor Road  
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060  
Aberdeen Proving Grounds: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:

Bellevue: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Bellevue Navy Housing  
USO Outreach Center  
1 Cargo Court, SW  
Washington, DC 20032

### Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Cont'd:

Quantico: 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Lincoln Military Housing – Community Center  
13201 Perkins Street  
Quantico, VA 22134

Fort Myer: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

228 McNair Road – Bldg. 405  
Fort Myer, VA 22211

### Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:

Indian Head: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

USO Outreach Center  
14 Strauss Avenue  
Indian Head, MD 20640

Dahlgren: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

USO Outreach Center  
720 Sampson Road  
Dahlgren, VA 22448

### Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:

Andrews AFB: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

4700 Yuma Road  
Andrews AFB, MD 20762

Patuxent River: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Guest Speaker  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale



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Guest Artist  
Maurette Brown Clark



\$50.00 Registration Fee  
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September 11-12, 2009

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem  
and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth"*  
Acts 1:8

To register, visit First Mount Zion Baptist Church between the hours of 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or immediately after the 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services. No on-site registration during conference. Conference for women 18 and over.



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Reverend Tracey Holley



Reverend Deloris Brown

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6:00 p.m. Doors Open  
6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Check-in  
7:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Evening Session

Saturday, September 12, 2009  
5:30 a.m. Doors Open  
6:00 - 7:30 a.m. Rise and Shine Worship Service  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
8:30-11:00 a.m. Morning Session  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
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