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Gospel Service Newsletter

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Christmas message from

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This Year, Give Loved Ones What They Need

In 1975, my paternal grandma, Helen McClain, mailed my Christmas gift as she always did. I was expecting a new Hot Wheels track that year, but when I opened the small box on Christmas morning, I quickly realized that she hadn't granted my wish. Instead, I found a children's version of the Holy Bible.

I can assure you that receiving a Bible for Christmas wasn't high on my list. Fortunately, my parents and other relatives gave me lots of toys and money, so I soon forgot about Grandma's Bible.

Fast-forward to 2005. I was preparing to deploy to Baghdad with my Army unit for a year. A few weeks before I was to leave, I searched through boxes looking for old pictures, cards and letters to accompany me on my trip. I stumbled across my old Bible tucked away in a box marked "miscellaneous stuff." I opened the front cover and read the words Grandma wrote to me: "May God Bless You Always." I blew the dust off the good book and packed it away for my trip to Iraq.

For years, this gift didn't make much sense to me. More than 30 years later, however, I understand Grandma's rationale. Instead of giving me what I wanted, she gave me what I needed. During some of my most difficult days in Iraq, I found comfort in the word of God. Grandma died of cancer in 1987, but her timeless gift and words remain in my heart and mind today.

As a society, we often spend too much time trying to give our loved ones what they want. This Christmas season, video game systems such as PlayStation 3, PlayStation (PSP Go), Nintendo Wii and DJ Hero have created long lines and short tempers at stores. Many adults will spend hundreds of dollars on these systems. Others have gone a step further, bidding thousands of dollars on eBay to ensure that their child won't be disappointed on Christmas Day.

My 12-year-old son has told me he wants a DJ Hero, too. He may or may not get one, but I know what he will get: a children's version of the Bible. I hope when he grows older and experiences some of the vicissitudes of life, he too will find strength and comfort in this eternal Book, as I have.

More than 2,000 years ago, Christians believe, God gave the world Jesus, an unforgettable gift born in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. For millions across the globe, this story has stood the test of time and inspired this season of giving.

So what unforgettable gifts will you give people this year? Before you scour the shopping malls and spend hours searching online for that perfect gift, ask yourself: Will it be what they want or what they need? Whatever it is — whether sacred, simple or even frivolous — I hope that the gifts you give loved ones will remain unforgettable in their hearts and minds.



Gospel Service Chapel Activities

Opportunities To Join A Ministry

ALTAR MINISTRY

LEADER/ADVISOR: TBD

BAPTISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

POCs: Deacon Calvin Taylor and Minister Tyman Wallace

BELVOIR MEN OF FAITH – (2nd & 4th 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 – (4TH 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 – (1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays during service)

Group 1 Pre Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Group 2 Grades 1- 3

Group 3 Grades 4 - 6

- CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays -1930 hrs

(Pre Kindergarten & Kindergarten)

(Grades 1, 2 & 3)

(Grades 4, 5 & 6)

DEACONS MINISTERS/TEAM LEADERS TRAINING

(4th 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 – (1st & 3rd Saturday)

(AS ANNOUNCED)

POC: Brother Sean Miller

MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY – (4th Mondays 1800 – 2000 hours)

POC: TBD

MEN @ ARMS, THE GX – (4TH Saturdays immediately following

Boys To Men Ministry)

POC: Brother Anthony "Tony" Bennett

MINISTERS TRAINING – (4th Saturday) (AS ANNOUNCED)

POC: To be announced

PARISH COUNCIL – (1st Sunday after Worship Service)

POCs: Sister Alice Ford / Sister LaKetha Prioleau

PRISON MINISTRY - (TBD)

POCs: Minister Marsha Morris / Sister Patrice Alston

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL

POC: Sister Nilda Navarro

SINGLES MINISTRY – (3rd 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 – (4th Sundays after Worship Service)

POC: Brother Calvin Brown

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

ADVISOR: Minister Terry Hogan

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – (1st Saturdays 0900-1030 hrs)

POC: Sister Sara Simmons

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

- ADULT CHOIR – (Mondays & Wednesdays prior to 1st & 2nd

Sundays 1900 hrs)

POC: Brother Crosby Bowens

- BROTHERHOOD CHOIR – (Mondays prior to the 3rd and 4th

Sundays - 1900 hrs)

POCs: Deacon Fred Owens / Minister Robert Brooks

- DANCE MINISTRY – (1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays 1030 hrs)

POC: Sister La Ticia Anderson

- DRAMA MINISTRY – (TBD)

POC: Sister Trevetta Bennett

- STEP MINISTRY – (1st, 3rd, & 5th 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 5th

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 – (4TH Saturdays)

POC: Minister Annie Powell

YOUTH LEADERS – Reverend Leonard Baldwin,

Minister Annie Powell and Deacon Fred Owens

YOUNG ADULT SINGLE & SAVED (YASS) –

(2nd 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
Bill Barron
Lois Barrow
Anthony Bennett
Trelandria D. Brown
Baby Caleb
Thelma Gill
Josephine Jones
Baby Lorenzo McLeod
Minister Nelson Jones
Vanessa Jones
Bertha Roberts
Aaron Taylor
Sherryl Vialdores
Elder Leroy Willis
William Wilson Sr.

(Submit names to joneslw4126@msn.com)

Upcoming Events – Chapel Activities –

Mark your calendars:

December –

- 1 - Choirs of Fort Belvoir Presentation of Handel's Messiah 2009 – Rehearsals –** Belvoir Chapel -1930 hrs
- 4 – Christmas Tree Lighting –** 1600 hrs – Belvoir Chapel
- 5 – Mandatory Dress Rehearsal –** 1300 hrs
- **1-Day Wisdom for Life Class –** 0830 -1630 hrs
– POC: Minister Terry Hogan
- 6 – Choirs of Fort Belvoir Presentation of Handel's Messiah 2008 –** 1930 hrs
- 5 – Womens' Ministry – 0900 hrs –**
POC: Sister Sara Simmons
- 7 – WCGS Parish Council Meeting –** 1900 hrs

5 & 19 - Praise Dance Rehearsal – 1030 hrs –
POC Sister La Ticia Anderson

12 - Boys to Men Ministry – "Effective Communication" – Lewis Village - POC Brother Chris Hardnick

- **Men @ Arms: The GX –** 1130 hrs –
Immediately following Boys to Men – POCs: Brother Tony Bennett & Reverend Leonard Baldwin

13 - Christmas Family Fellowship and Play –
POC: Sister Trevetta Bennett

14 – Married Couples Ministry – Christmas Fellowship - 1800 hrs – POCs: Sister Shereda Jones & Sister Jannie Wilson

24 – No Chapel Activities – Christmas Eve

31 – Watch Night Service – 2000 hrs

Every Sunday – Sunday School Classes - all ages – REC – 0920 – 1020 hrs

- **Financial Peace University –** 0730 hrs –
POC Sister Ruby Wilson

- **Guest Reception Ministry - Visitors Welcome Reception – Immediately following Worship Service – Choir Room –**
POC Sister Rita Williams

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. Gospel Service Chaplain 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 the Gospel Service Chaplain.

Courtesy of Gospel Service Parish Coordinator



December Birthdays

- 1 -** Norman (Alex) Solomon
- 2 -** Norman A. Solomon
- Connee Stuart
- 3 -** Allyson Abraham
- Curtis Bennett
- Eric Hall

- Samuel McKeown
- 4** - Jody Wilkerson
- 5** - Autumn Beasley-Odum
 - Christopher Fobbs
 - Sharon McNeil
- 6** - Deaconess Beverly Ash
 - Sherese Ponds
 - Jessica Prost
- 7** - De'Vonn Davis
- 9** - Olivia Dowdell
- 10** - Taiyana Terrell
 - Tae Terrell
- 12** - O'Maury Myles
 - Juan Odum
 - David Wilson
- 13** - Chalern Smith
 - Dominique May
- 14** - Aaron Taylor
- 15** - Cache Jackson
- 16** - Andre Austin
 - Michael Berekman II
- 17** - Chaplain Steve Prost
- 18** - EJ Alfred
 - Miranda Calhan
 - Noela Thomas
 - Randall Webb
- 19** - Clive Courtenay
- 20** - Bryan Alston
 - LaShonda Travis
- 21** - Tyrique Jackson
 - Michelie Roper
- 22** - Robert Prost
- 24** - Eddie E. Jackson
 - Mikaela Roper
 - Olivia Roper
- 25** - Patrick Barrow Jr.
- 26** - Alicia Catney
 - Shereda Jones
 - Michelle Saimbert
 - Nikita Webb
- 27** - Rev. Leonard Baldwin
- 29** - Jackson Abraham
 - Tyra Berekman
 - Anthoine Burrell
- 29** - Elizha Pinto
 - Eris Pinto
- 30** - Angela Romain
- 31** - La Ticia Anderson

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

December Anniversaries

- 4** - Tavoris and Latrice Myles - 6 yrs
- 5** - Lonnell and Simone Brooks
- 6** - Deacon Fred and Yong Suk Owens - 33 yrs
- 10** - Michael and Diane Edwards - 21 yrs
 - Charles and Kathy Atcherson - 15 yrs
- 12** - Richard Sr. and Cynthia Dix - 11 yrs
- 16** - Juan and Michelle-Odum - 9 yrs
- 19** - Nelson and Stephanie Jackson - 22 yrs
- 22** - Larry and Julia Vann - 34 yrs
- 24** - Eddie and Cathy Jackson - 25 yrs
- 27** - Don and Anita Smith - 33 yrs
- 28** - James and Vanessa Ames - 39 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 as soon as possible.



December is:

- Hi Neighbor Month
- National Stress Free Family Holiday Month
- Read A New Book Month
- Safe Toy and Gift Month
Check out my page for this special day!
- Universal Human Rights Month
- Write to a Friend Month
- **1** - Eat A Red Apple Day
 - National Pie Day
- - Rosa Park's Day - Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus in 1955
- - World AIDS Day
- **2** - National Fritters Day
- **3** - International Day of the Disabled Person
 - National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day
- **4** - National Cookie Day
 - Wear Brown Shoes Day
- **5** - Walter Elias (Walt) Disney's Birthday - Born in Chicago in 1901
- **6** - Ira Gershwin's Birthday - A Famous Composer born in 1896
 - Mitten Tree Day
 - St. Nicholas Day (International)
- **7** - National Cotton Candy Day
 - Pearl Harbor Day - Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941
- **8** - National Brownie Day
- **9** - Ball-Bearing Roller Skates Patented - In 1884
 - First Christmas Seals Issued - In 1907
- **10** - Emily Dickinson's Birthday - Born in 1830
 - Human Rights Day - United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights in 1948
 - Nobel Peace Prize Awarded
- **11** - National Noodle Ring Day
 - UNICEF Anniversary - Established in 1946
- **12** - Golf Tee Patented
- Hanukkah (Jewish) - Holy Day begins at sundown the day before this date
 - Hovercraft Patented - In 1955 by Sir Christopher Cockerill
 - Poinsettia Day
 - Virgin of Guadalupe (Mexico)
- **13** - National Cocoa Day
 - Santa Lucia Day (Sweden)
- **14** - First Miniature Golf Course Opened - in 1929
 - South Pole Discovered - In 1911
- **15** - Phonograph Patented - By Thomas Edison in 1877

- **16** - Boston Tea Party Anniversary - In 1773
- - Las Posadas
- - Ludwig Von Beethoven's Birthday - A Famous Composer born in 1770
- - National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- **17** - National Maple Syrup Day
- - Underdog Day
- - Wright Brother's Day - First flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903
- **18** - Wear a Plunger On Your Head Day
- **19** - Oatmeal Muffin Day
- **20** - Games Day
- **21** - First Crossword Puzzle in a Newspaper
- - First Day of Winter
- - Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
- - Humbug Day
- - Look at the Bright Side Day
- - National Flashlight Day
- **22** - First Christmas Lights for Sale - In 1882
- - Thermometer Was Invented
- **23** - Roots Day
- **24** - National Egg Nog Day
- **25 - Christmas**
- - National Pumpkin Pie Day
- **26** - Boxing Day
- - Kwanzaa Begins
- - National Whiners Day
- **27** - Visit the Zoo Day
- **28** - Card Playing Day
- - Chewing Gum Patented - In 1869
- - National Chocolate Day
- **29** - Bowling Ball Invented - In 1862
- **30** - Tiger Woods' Birthday - Born in 1975
- **31** - New Year's Eve

MEMBERS/SERVICE MEMBERS DEPLOYED OR TDY

- Rose Carter – Kuwait**
- Countee Collins II - Iraq**
- MAJ Nancy Henderson - Iraq**
- 1SG Darryl Miller – Kuwait**
- Georgette Morton - Egypt**
- SFC Steve Pomerlee - Iraq**
- SFC Aaron Slack**
- CSM Allison Smith - Afghanistan**
- MAJ Gregory Wilson – Korea**

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

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**Fort Belvoir Annual
Christmas tree-lighting**

Fort Belvoir's annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony is 1600 hours, December 4 at Belvoir Chapel.

FREE CONCERT



Fort Belvoir MWR and Fort Belvoir Chapel present **The Navy Sea Chanters and Country Current In Concert** at **Wallace Theater on Friday, December 4, 2009**. Concert begins at 1900 hours. Come out and join featured guests **Ms. Lisa Baden, WTOP Morning Traffic, and Mr. Doug McKelway, ABC News Good Morning Washington News Anchor**. Pick up tickets at Belvoir Chapel, or contact Minister Daryl Duff.

Courtesy of Minister Daryl Duff

Tulley gate to close for repairs - Fort Belvoir's **Tulley Gate** will be completely closed to traffic starting at 0600 hours on Saturday, December 5, and will reopen at noon on Sunday, December 6. The gate must be closed in order for road crews to complete work which began in mid-November. Barring any unforeseen complications or bad weather, the work should be completed this weekend. **Pence Gate** will be **open 24 hours** to handle visitors while Tulley is closed. Department of Defense vehicle decal holders should use **Kingman or Walker Gate** to avoid congestion.



Day of Discovery television is debuting a brand new Christmas special that is unlike any you've ever seen before! Come along on an exciting adventure as you travel back in time to follow a Christmas journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad.

Join acclaimed vocalist Wintley Phipps and actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand as Harriet Tubman in this musical docu-drama. Based on true events in the life of Harriet Tubman, a slave named Joe (Wintley Phipps) journeys to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Through this profound journey, you will discover how the humble birth of Jesus gives hope and freedom to all mankind.

Included in this presentation are beloved Christmas songs such as "O Holy Night" and "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" sung by Wintley Phipps. It also features fascinating insights on slavery by historian Dr. Allen Callahan.

Broadcast dates for this series are **December 6, 13, and 20, 2009**. **Day of Discovery** airs on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on **Ion-TV**. Day of Discovery airs at 0730 Sunday on **WPXW 66 (TV)**.

**Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service
Drama Ministry**

Presents:

A Child Is Born, A Son Is Given

Date: Sunday, 13 December 2009

Time: 1600 hours / 4:00 pm

Where: Woodlawn Chapel



“For unto us, a child is born; unto us, a son is given...” Isaiah 9:6
Show your support - Bring the family!



TomJoynerCollegeFair.com is a new site that allows visitors to conveniently explore higher educational opportunities online. The **Virtual College Fair** provides users with access to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Traditional Schools, Community Colleges, and more.

ACCESS college planning resources you need!

REGISTER - It's easy!

BE ENTERED to win a lap top computer!

YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION ONE STOP SHOP

Finding information about schools that fit your financial budget and your future career goals is now made easier with the Virtual College Fair. Whether you are a high school senior or you're considering advancing your education we invite you to visit the Virtual College Fair to find schools that want you! For further information, visit

<http://shows.fusionexperience.com/tomjoynercollegefair>.

PLUS, CHECK THIS OUT...

To assist you we've included a link to the Common Black College Application that will be useful for applying to HBCUs. Feel free to fill out the application for a small fee and you can submit it to several HBCUs to make the application process easier. To find out more visit:

<https://counselorlogin.com/application.asp>.

Education Starts Here!

Our participating schools:

HBCU - Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Gold
Traditional Colleges and Universities in Blue
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Alabama State University
- Albany State University
- Arkansas Baptist College
- Atlanta Metropolitan College
- Baylor University
- Bennett College for Women
- Bethune-Cookman College
- Central State University
- Claflin University
- Concordia University Chicago
- Coppin State College
- Cornell University
- Dillard University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fisk University
- Florida A & M University
- Florida Memorial College
- Grambling University
- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Huston-Tillotson College
- Indiana University
- Indiana University Purdue University - Indianapolis
- Jackson State University
- Jarvis Christian College
- Kentucky State University
- Lane College
- Langston University
- Lemoyne-Owen College
- Lincoln University of Missouri
- Martin University
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Norfolk State University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rust College
- Savannah State University
- Shaw University
- Southern University @ New Orleans
- Spelman College
- Stillman College
- Talladega College
- Tennessee State University
- Texas A&M - Commerce
- Texas Southern University
- Tougaloo College
- Tuskegee University
- University of Alabama
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- University of Iowa
- University of Kentucky
- University of North Florida
- University of North Texas
- University of Phoenix
- University of Wyoming
- Vincennes University
- Virginia Union University
- West Point Academy
- Wilberforce University
- Xavier University of Louisiana





- **November 29** - First Sunday of Advent
- **December 6** - Second Sunday of Advent
- **December 13** - Third Sunday of Advent
- **December 20** - Fourth Sunday of Advent

In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is the last, or fourth Sunday of Advent.



December's birthday flower is the Narcissus



Veterans Graduate Faster - Attention

Veteran, Take fewer classes by applying your service in the Army towards a college degree. In addition to graduating faster, your GI Bill will cover over **\$49,000** of the costs.

Don't wait to use your benefits. Connect with hundreds of schools that offer college credit for military service. **Request free information from military friendly schools now.** To find **Military Friendly Schools** visit www.military.com.

Courtesy of Deacon William Collins

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Deadline for New "Military/Extension Internship Program" Extended

A new initiative and partnership between the Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Defense has provided the funding for a national, **Military Childcare/Youth Development Internship Program**. Through this initiative, students and recent graduates will have the opportunity to develop professional skills in childcare and youth development through practical work experience with military children, youth, and families. Interns' compensation will include travel to and from the internship site and housing for the duration of the placement. Interns will be placed on military installations

across the United States.

The **Military Extension Internship Program** will continue to **accept applications** for its inaugural term through **December 7th** for placements beginning January 11, 2010. More information and application materials can be found at www.extension.purdue.edu/military, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Application materials for summer 2010 internships will be available after December 21st. For more information contact: Renee McKee, Assistant Director and Program Leader, 4-H Youth Development, Purdue University, e-mail: rmckee@purdue.edu, or call 765-494-8422/FAX: 765-496-1152.

Summer Employment Opportunity

U.S. Department of State 2010 Summer Clerical Program - Now accepting applications for 2010 Summer Clerical Program We are pleased to inform you that we are accepting applications for the U.S. Department of State 2010 Summer Clerical Program. Visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SCP> for more information, and to start the online application process. Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is January 4, 2010. To qualify for a Summer Clerical position, you must be:

- * a U.S. citizen, age 16 or older at time of appointment.
- * be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree (diploma, certificate, etc.,) seeking student.
- * taking at least half-time academic/vocational/or technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2-year or 4 year college or university, graduate or professional school.
- * able to complete a background investigation to determine eligibility for a security clearance.

Please read the entire vacancy for qualification requirements and other information.

We appreciate your interest in a career with the U.S. Department of State. <http://careers.state.gov>

Courtesy of Brother Tim Jarrett

What Is Angel Food Ministries?

<http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>

With a heart to help others and a generous spirit, Pastors Joe and Linda Wingo founded **Angel Food Ministries** in 1994 to provide food for friends and neighbors who were struggling financially. Today the **Angel Food** program now is helping provide food relief to more than 500,000 families each month.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 35 states. **Angel Food Ministries** crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Blessings by the box

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh

and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. **Angel Food Ministries** also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

Everyone Qualifies

There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Some churches even encourage participants to apply the money they saved to help someone else in need.

How It Works

Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites. Orders are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. These orders are then turned in to the **Angel Food** main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the host site either picks up the food from **Angel Food's** 160,000 square feet warehouse to fill the orders on Distribution Day or, because this ministry is growing nationwide, food is delivered to the host site by a pre-arranged delivery mode. In most cases, as long as there is a truck headed in the direction of a community who wants this program and sees its ministry influence, there are no extra transportation costs. Check each host site website below or call the phone number listed for more information.

Sample Menu for Month of December:

http://www.angelfoodministries.com/menu_0912en2.asp

1 lb. New York Strip (4 x 8 oz.)
 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Roast
 1 lb. Chicken Breast Fajita Strips
 1 lb. Ground Beef
 1.5 lb. All White Chicken Tenders
 1 lb. Baked or Fried Fish Sticks
 1 lb. Hickory Smoked Center Cut Ham
 1 lb. Frozen Baby Lima Beans
 1 lb. Frozen Green Beans
 2% Shelf Stable Milk
 Dozen Eggs
 Dessert

ALL THIS FOR THE LOW PRICE OF JUST \$30!
Providing a Hand Up – Not a Hand Out!
It's both a Bargain and a Blessing!

Northern Virginia Host Sites:

<http://www.angelfoodministries.com/host.asp?id=8650>

South County Mountaintop

Lorton Fire Department
Lorton, VA 22079
 703-975-0016

www.christchapel.org

Christ Chapel
 13909 Smoketown Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192
 703-463-1784

www.fbcwoodbridge.org

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge
 13600 Minnieville Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22193
 703-494-3868

www.parklandimmanuelcoq.org

Parkland Immanuel Church of God
 8709 Parkland St
Manassas, VA 20110
 703-945-8862

www.centerpointchurch.com

Centerpointe Church at Fair Oaks

4104 Legato Rd
Fairfax, VA 22033
 703-591-4284

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Together, we can save a life

American Red Cross

"Holiday Mail for Heroes" Campaign – The American Red Cross is accepting Christmas cards through Monday, December 7th, 2009. Send your cards to the address below, and please read guidelines very carefully. Send a touch of home to the real heroes of America and their families. Address cards to:

Holiday Mail For Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

All cards must be postmarked no later than Monday, 7 December 2009. Cards postmarked after this date will unfortunately be returned to the sender. This deadline ensures enough time to sort and distribute cards before the holidays.

After the mailbox closes, the cards we receive will be screened for hazardous materials by Pitney Bowes and then reviewed by the Red Cross volunteers working around the country. Then the cards are sent out to recipients in time for the holidays.

Guidelines:

Do –

- Sign all cards
- Entitle cards "Dear Service Member" "Family" or "Veteran"
- Limit the number of cards to 15 from one person, or 50 from any once school class, business or group.
- Bundle groups of cards in single, large envelopes



You are cordially invited to

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: Every day. Traditionally, December 25 but He's always around, so the date is flexible...

Time: Whenever you're ready.

(Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!)

Place: In your heart.... He'll meet you there. (You'll hear Him knock.)

Attire: Come as you are... grubbies are okay. He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

Tickets: Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone...

(He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it anyway... it cost Him everything He had. But you do need to accept the ticket!!)

Refreshments: New wine, bread, and a far-out drink He calls "Living Water," followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!

Gift Suggestions: Your life. He's one of those people who already has everything else.

(He's very generous in return though. Just wait until you see what He has for you!)

Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, Contentment, and much more! (All "G" rated, so bring your family and friends.)

R.S.V.P. Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Party being given by His Kids (that's us!!) Hope to see you there! For those of you, whom I will see at the party, share this with someone today!

Cleaning for a Reason™ - One Less

Thing to Worry About - Assistance for Women Undergoing

Cancer Treatment - Fighting cancer is difficult enough, but living with it is even tougher - and that's where the

Cleaning for A Reason™ Foundation steps in.

This newly formed nonprofit offers free professional housecleaning, and maid services to improve the lives of women undergoing treatment for cancer - **any type of cancer. If you are a cancer patient, locate your state and submit an application at**

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/maidservice.php>. At this time the Foundation has accepted over 2,000 applications in the past two weeks. **They have suspended accepting applications until Monday, December 7, 2009.**

Cleaning for a Reason™ will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. For more information, visit <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

Please pass this information on to women going through cancer treatments. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. So pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. If you know a maid service, encourage them to join **Cleaning for A Reason Foundation** and become Partners with a heart and soul for free house cleaning for those undergoing cancer treatment.

Courtesy of Sister Cynthia Swift

Let's Talk "Wellness", "Cellular Health" and "Nutrition"

It's good to Know the Difference between a Cold and H1N1 Flu

Symptoms:

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cold</u>	<u>H1N1 Flu</u>
Fever	Fever is rare	Temperatures of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days
Coughing	A hacking (mucus-producing) cough is often present	A dry cough is usually present
Aches	Slight body aches and pains	Severe aches and pains
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present	Stuffy nose is not commonly present

mail JLG8325@MSN.COM.



Men @ Arms Ministry –

Monthly men’s fellowship and workshop. We show you how to work with the tools God gives us using your “66 Magnum” (The Bible)! We meet on the 4th Saturday, immediately following the “Boys to Men” Ministry meeting, at Lewis Village Community Center. We invite all WCGS men to come out and fellowship with your Brothers-in-Christ. **POCs: Brother Tony Bennett and Reverend Leonard Baldwin.**



Prison Ministry - Mission - Our

mission is to provide material and spiritual support for those incarcerated. We intend to introduce, empower, and transform prisoners through the sharing of Gods word.

Objectives -

- To effectively minister to the needs of those incarcerated
- Facilitate studies lead by the Holy Spirit
- Present the Gospel in clear and comprehensible terms
- Touch lives by showing God’s love
- Introduce the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Provide discipleship and mentorship
- Preach and teach sound doctrinal principles through Gods infallible word.
- For each individual to understand the relationship that God desires to have with his creation.

Foundational Scriptures:

Mark 6:15- *He said to them, "Go into the entire world and preach the good news to all Creation.*

Matthew 25:36 - *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

Prison Ministry is seeking men and women who have a heart for reaching people outside of the four walls of the church. It’s an opportunity to effectively minister to the needs of those incarcerated, facilitate studies lead by the Holy Spirit, touch lives by showing God’s love and introduce the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prison Visiting Dates: Dates and frequency are subject to change according to how the mentoring sessions go and if we decide to conduct a worship service.

Time: Between 0930-12:00 subject to change

Prison Ministry meeting: (TBD)

Projected Dates 2009-2010:

- December-13**
- January-17**
- February-21**
- March-14**
- April-11**
- May-16**
- June-13**

Prison Ministry needs you! Please join us!
POCs: Minister Marsha Morris 571-265-6249.
 Email: mljesus@yahoo.com, and
 Sister Patrice Alston, Email: saltlake2202@aol.com



Wisdom for Life Classes – 2009 –

One-Day class scheduled for Saturday, 5 December 2009, 0800 – 1700 hrs.
POC: Minister Terry Hogan



Worship Arts Ministry

Leader: Brother Crosby Bowens



Drama Ministry – Join us for the **WCGS 2009 Christmas Fellowship and Play production on Sunday, 13 December.**

Still seeking a host of volunteers to assist with making this a joyful and successful production.

POC: Sister Trevetta Bennett,
 e-mail wcgsdrama@yahoo.com.



Music Ministry - Recruiting for voices of all ages – come out and join a WCGS singing group:

Adult Choir / Mass Adult Choir/ Women’s Choir / Sunshine Choir / Youth Choir / The Brotherhood



Adult Praise and Worship

Ministry – Our desire is to do holy

dances to transform the atmosphere and usher in the Holy Spirit during the period of Praise and Worship at the beginning of Worship Service. If you have a heart and desire to praise and

worship the Lord through dance, we invite you to join us.

POC Sister Trevetta Bennett.



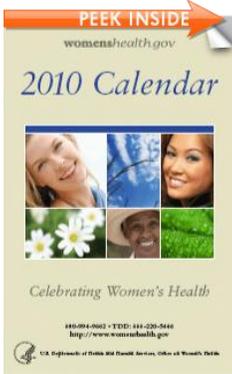
Youth Praise Dance

Ministry - Rehearsals on 1st

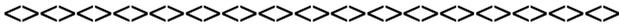
and 3rd Saturdays beginning from 1030 to 1230 hours.

POC: Sister La Ticia Anderson





The US Department of Health and Human Services is currently accepting single copy requests for the **2010 Calendar** via this form. This year, Spanish calendars are available as well. You may order a single copy of the English and/or the Spanish calendar. Duplicate orders and orders from customers who have already placed an order for the 2010 Calendar will not be honored. **Please note:** Your order may not ship until December 2009. The shipping date is contingent on printing deadlines, which are subject to change. Place your order early. Contact our call center today at 1-800-994-9662 if you would like to order the calendar in bulk quantities. For more information visit <http://www.womenshealth.gov/pub/calendar/>



May God give you.....

*For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends,
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer!*



Zeta Phi

Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Xi Zeta Chapter (Alexandria, VA), aims to acknowledge the accomplishments of women who have made outstanding contributions to our community with our annual **Nu Xi Zeta Woman of the Year Award**. The **Nu Xi Zeta Woman of the Year** should be a woman who serves the Alexandria community and possesses

exemplary educational, community, or professional credentials.

The deadline for nominations is **January 5, 2010**. Nominees under consideration will not be notified of their nomination. The selected nominee will be notified by February 15, 2010 and will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on March 14, 2010. Nominations forms are available at www.nuxizeta.org. **For more information please contact Mrs. Lakeshia Pride at 703-593-0818 or email publicity@nuxizeta.org.**
Our Mission:
Empower ourselves to successfully implement our national sorority's initiative, Zetas Helping Other People Excel (ZHOPE) within the Alexandria, VA community.

Courtesy of Sister La Ketha Prioleau



WPAS Washington Performing Arts Society **WCGS Member**
On Stage at The Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Washington, DC – Shaanan Burrell will perform on stage in the Washington Performing Arts Society (WPAS) **Children of the Gospel (COTG) Choir on Sunday, 31 January 2010** in the **2009-10 WPAS Men, Women and Children of the Gospel Choir Concert**. Calling on all WCGS members to come out and support Shaanan, and former WCGS member, **Jaynel Jones**, as they perform with the COTG Choir on stage at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC. Reserve your tickets early. Visit <http://www.wpas.org/tickets/eventholder/menwomenchildrenofgospel.aspx?location=minicalendar>.



Support Dress for Success | Send One Suit S.O.S. - Send One Suit – Weekend Save the Date!

S.O.S. – Send One Suit – Weekend 2010 will take place February 25 - 28.

Every year, **Dress for Success** issues an S.O.S. to all women nationwide: Donate one new or nearly-new business suit to help another woman enter the workforce!

By dropping off your suit donations at any dressbarn store across the U.S. during **S.O.S. - Send One Suit** - Weekend, you are giving a disadvantaged woman the confidence to take the first step towards economic independence.

dressbarn, one of America's premier specialty retailers of women's casual and career fashions, has been the national drop-off site and title sponsor of the **Send One Suit** efforts for seven years. To date, more than 200,000 suits have been donated by consumers through dressbarn during this national campaign.

The Style Network has supported the **Send One Suit** efforts as a title sponsor for the past four years. For further information visit http://www.dressforsuccess.org/supportdfs_SOSweek.aspx.

"One Love Gospel Cruise 2010" -BOOK NOW! Get on Board! - **Radio One** would like to personally invite you to join the Radio One family on what promises to be the best cruise ever...Radio One's sixth annual **"One Love Gospel**

Cruise 2010! This year we'll embark on a six-day cruise that will take us to **Ocho Rios and the Grand Cayman Islands - April 12 - 17, 2010**, leaving from Miami, FL.

Once again, we're taking over the entire cruise ship! We'll sail on one of the finest cruise lines in the world. **Norwegian Cruise Line aboard Norwegian Sky** out of the port of Miami. You will be wowed by the exceptional customer service and delicious food found in the seven different restaurants onboard. In addition, you will enjoy all the freedom and flexibility of Norwegian's Freestyle Cruising, which lets you eat where you want, when you want and with whomever you want - and there's the perfect menu for you no matter what you are craving. This year's cruise will be by far our most grand sailing to date.

You will be invited to join in on activities that lift the spirit and inspire the soul. Whether you're a Gospel Cruise veteran or joining us for the first time, you'll be treated to some of the finest entertainment available, from nationally renowned comedians to the best sounds in Gospel music today from award winning entertainers.

However, the cruise goes beyond entertainment encouraging you to join in on activities that can lift you to a higher level. Through health and wellness seminars, as well as morning bible study, we hope to motivate you spiritually, mentally and physically. In addition, years past activities will carry on such as bingo, beach parties and infamous karaoke performances.

We hope that you will join us on what promises to be the most exciting and most rewarding cruise you'll ever go on! So don't wait...sign up today, we do anticipate a complete sell out!!

For further information and make reservations, visit <http://www.onelovecruise.com/#>.



HEIDELBERG REUNION - 17-20 June 2010

Westin Hotel near the Atlanta, GA airport. Rooms are available for **\$99 a night** if we can get 100 rooms reserved. All events will be hosted at the Westin. Here is a

brief of what you can expect:

A coach bus will be available to transport you to all the activities scheduled. Food and beverages will be provided at Friday and Saturday night events. All events will be held in the hotel, so a rental car is not necessary. The cost per person for the events will be \$175 per person. You will need to pay for your own hotel. Rooms will be made available **1 November 2009 thru 1 June 2010**. After 1 Jun, the room rate will be \$179 per night - please plan accordingly. The proposed schedule is subject to change.

When calling the hotel, ask for the **"Heidelberg Reunion"**- a number will be available before the 1 November start of registration. **For further information contact Ms. Deborah McClanahan at deborahmclanahan@hotmail.com**

Severe Weather Updates - Fort Belvoir generally follows guidance issued by the Office of Personnel Management when severe weather threatens the area. The Installation Commander reserves the right to keep Fort Belvoir open, or close the installation as conditions warrant. Updates concerning the installation's operating status are also posted on the **Fort Belvoir Information Hotline**, which can be reached by dialing **703-805-3030**. Messages can be heard on **NBC 4, News Channel 8, CBS 9 and Fox 5**. Radio stations throughout the region will also air information about Belvoir's status. Stations on the **FM** dial airing our messages are **WTOP 103.5, WFLS 93.3, WHUR 96.3**. **AM** Station with Belvoir information are: **WMAL 630, WAGE 1200, WFVA 1230**. All Chapel activities are suspended when the installation is closed.

God's Advice to You for 2010:

My Children,

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order so that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know..... I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them! But follow these guidelines, also:

1. QUIT WORRYING!

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST!

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the One to take care of the problem for you

3. TRUST ME!

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask

4. LEAVE IT ALONE!

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple! You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do My job!

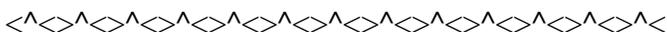
5. TALK TO ME!

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice.

6. HAVE FAITH!

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing.

7. SHARE!



You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies.

8. BE PATIENT!

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, met thousands of people, and experienced so much. Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect.

9. BE KIND!

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you.

10. LOVE YOURSELF!

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by Me for one reason only - to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache. When I see you so angry with yourself then things go wrong. You are very precious to Me. Don't ever forget that!

With all My heart I love you,

**Your Heavenly Father,
GOD**

Deadline for submitting articles for newsletter to Joneslw4126@msn.com is NLT 3rd Sunday of month, in subject line: "Gospel Service Newsletter". Feedback is encouraged and appreciated.