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## SO LONG, FAREWELL, THE McELROY FAMILY!

We thought that this day would not come on our watch! Not since our arrival at the Gospel Service at Fort Belvoir have we met, or been acquainted with, such a beautiful and Holy Spirit-filled First Family! We continue to thank God for allowing us the privilege of tutelage of Chaplain/Pastor (MAJ) (P) Debra, and to be friends with your

We congratulate you on becoming Semone), and Uncle (AJ) to your first eldest child, Whitney! We also congratulate you on your promotion to the rank of Lieutenant ALL the glory!

Chaplain Mac, as you are fondly known, came to Belvoir on a serious mission: To reach lost souls and to add to the kingdom of Jesus Christ! Without a shadow of a doubt, with due diligence, humility, and boldness, you set the Gospel Service on fire and gave us a burning desire to want to have a closer walk with Jesus! I often told people that "*Chaplain Mac preached with a sense of urgency!*" – because, I believe, you knew that our very lives depended on hearing the Word of God and having a closer spiritual elder

Under your leadership, the Gospel Service You allowed everyone with a "gift" to use Service, as long as God got the glory, the growth in the number of new ministries arrival, and are successfully thriving and abundantly blessed mem-bers of the Gospel walls of Woodlawn Chapel.

Between the two of you, you your counsel are better off for those

Brother Lionel and I thank you for serve the people of God! You have been such a blessing to us, to our daughter, Jacque, her husband, Simon, their daughter and our granddaughter, Jaynel, and our son, Jayson. Many of your Sunday sermons are in Florida encouraging and blessing Jayson. He tells me that he listens to them over and over, all the time! So many nuggets of scriptural/Bible-based truths you shared with us that we could directly and immediately apply to our individual life situations. We could not help but grow in the knowledge of God, under your leadership!

Words certainly cannot convey the bitter sweetness that we feel during this season of transition. The bitterness is because you and your family are departing; the sweetness is the blessed assurance that you will continue the work that is set before you because, like Fort Belvoir, there are many lost souls at Fort Bragg, also. You are the torch that will turn their darkness into in to light and harvest! Sweetness, because we know that you will maintain the same sense of *urgency* to breathe life into dead situations; give hope, to the hopeless; show love, to the love-less; strength, to the weak in spirit! Sweetness because we share in your joy of being promoted!

Christina, Semone, AJ, we will miss seeing your beautiful and handsome smiling faces around Woodlawn Chapel! In three years each of you grew up right before our eyes! You make your Mom and Dad, and big sister, Whitney, real proud – and you made us proud because you were our "First Children". Each of you has made many friends, some of which will last for your lifetime! Thank you for being gracious and patient when Mom and Dad were 'held up' at Chapel because "duty called". You guys are true troopers!

*May The Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace! Amen.*



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Grandparents, Aunties (Christina and Grandchild, befittingly enough, from your congratulate you on your selection for Colonel! Army Strong! Hooah! To God be

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soared to heights we never knew was pos-sible. their special gift in ministry in the Gospel honor and the praise! As is evident by the founded over the past three years since your growing in prominence. These ministries have Service congregation, and people outside the

brought much wisdom, and many who sought encounters.

allowing us the opportunity to unashamedly

## 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  
COL. Henry Mitnaul

(Submit names to [joneslw4126@msn.com](mailto:joneslw4126@msn.com))

### Upcoming Events – Chapel Activities –

Mark your calendars:

#### June

- 6 – Greeters/Ushers Fellowship – Griffith Park  
- Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" –
- WGCS Women's Ministry Team – POC Sis. Sara Simmons
- 8 - 12 - Hampton Preachers' Conference – POC Min. Annie Powell
- 22 – Married Couples Ministry – 1800 hrs
- 27 – Boys to Men 2 – Wells Gym  
- Men @ Arms: The GX – 1130 hrs  
- True Love Waits Part II 0900-1400 hrs
- Every Sunday – Wisdom for Life Seminar – 0930 hrs
- 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

#### July

- 18 – Married Couples Ministry Spirit of Washington – Gospel Lunch Cruise – Sign up required. POC Sister Shereda Jones
- 24 – 26 Youth Retreat – National Conference Center, Landsdowne, VA – POC Reverend Dennis Baldwin

### 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

### June Birthdays

- 1 - June Sutherland-John
- 2 – DeMarquis Ferguson  
- Tricia Taylor
- 3 – Kera Williams
- 4 - JaVon Marye  
- Ruth "Nana" Rivera  
- Jeanette Spann
- 5 - Joshua Jones  
- Carol Ponds
- 6 - Elder Willie Ash, Jr.  
- Kuanisha Duncan  
- **Chaplain Antonio McElroy**  
- Dennis Neal  
- Jimeya Thomas
- 7 - Mercedes Courtenay  
- Darren Harris  
- Deacon Calvin Taylor  
- Gina Wilkerson
- 8 - DeAndre Anderson
- 9 - Vanessa Vargas
- 10 - Daniel Roper
- 11 - Darius Harris  
- Jerica Teal
- 12 - Minister Yvonne Kizer
- 13 – Vernon Craig  
- Jerome Edwards  
- Tiffany Morrison
- 14 - Kanome' Jones  
- Malik Prioleau
- 15 – Chalonde Carter  
- Chaplain Leslie Forbes-Mariani
- 16 - Abby Davis  
- Sheldon Duffy  
- Sonja Hall  
- Barbara Hebron
- 19 - Patrice Alston

- Hubert Johnson
- Chelcee Lee
- Regina Webb
- 20** – Sierra Thurman
  - Zion Williams
- 21** - Bethany Duff
- 22** - Alicia Oliver
- 23** - Lorenzo Duncan
  - Trinity Taylor
- 24** - Jonathan Duff
- 25** - Noy Austin
  - Sean Miller
  - Norman Solomon
- 26** - Christopher Anderson
  - Elisa Solomon
- 27** - William Flora
  - Jonathan Simmons
  - Justin Simmons
- 29** - Trinicia Flores
  - Raechyll Foster
  - Jordan Henderson
  - Jacque Pitts
- 30** - Anisha Brown
  - Dominique Collins
  - Veneika Coverson

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

**June Anniversaries**

- 2** - Aaron and Tricia Taylor - 8 yrs
- 4** - Donald and Aretha Hamilton - 21 yrs
- 5** - Cornelius and Veneika Coverson - 5 yrs
- 9** - Minister Terry and Peggy Hogan - 23 yrs
- 11** - Frank and Vivian Coleman - 24 yrs
- 16** - Deacon William and Cardelia Collins - 30 yrs
- 17** - Simon Jr. and Jacque Pitts – 1 yr
- 19** - Randall and Regina Webb - 23 yrs
- 20** - Anthony and Alyce Vargas - 9 yrs
- 23** – Arba and Kristol Williams – 8 yrs
- 24** - Elder Willie, Jr. and Deaconess Beverly Ash – 31 yrs
- 25** - Troy and Sonya Dunn - 15 yrs
- 29** – Michael and Yvette Sutton - ? 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.

**Farewell Nuggets –  
Words of Encouragement**



*"CH Mac & First have been such a family and we answering our you into our lives. continue to bless riches in eternity! miss your love much."* **The Willis Family**



*Lady Deborah, You blessing for our thank God for prayers and bringing May our Lord Jesus you richly from all His We love you and will and leadership very*

*"You may be gone but not forgotten. Continue to follow God's path of righteousness in His name sake. God Bless the McElroy's!"* **Debra White and Aaron Thomas**

*"We will miss you as our church leadership and as great neighbors. May God Bless you all as you continue to lead and serve."* Love, **The Sutton Family – Mike and Yvette**

*"I have enjoyed teaching Semone piano, and I will miss her. Semone, I hope you keep playing; you've made a lot of progress, and you're a great student."* Love, **Alexandria Sutton**

*"Semone is a good friend and she is nice and funny. I will miss her when she leaves and I pray that she gets there safely."* Love, **Rachel Sutton**

*"I will always and kindness that you showered on the "I will tell about all of sing of your*



*remember the Love and your family people of God!" your goodness and kindness." Ps 145:7.* **Sharon McNeil**

*"The Kinard thank Chaplain Debra for being a blessing for performing ceremony,*



*Family would like to Mac and First lady in our life. Thank you our renewal*

*and for the son, AJ. Thank many days of many words of encouragement. for the servant to God."* **The Kinards – Anthony and Jamillah**



*dedication of our you Deb for the listening ears and wisdom and Thank you Chap. Mac opportunity to be a*

*"Thank you to Semone for being such a great friend."* **Destiny, Kayla and AJ Kinard**

*"I will miss telling scary stories after lights out with you but maybe we can talk on the phone a lot now."*

**Destiny Kinard**

*"NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1) .....*

*"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes...your destiny. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."* **The Kinards**

*"Ch Mc & Min Debra - You all have been a tremendous blessing to the congregation and to our family. We thank you for your leadership and your unyielding love for Jesus Christ. We will miss you and wish you the best in your future endeavors."* God Bless, **The Jarrett's**

*"Thank you so Sister Debbie encouraged and ways. We pray the windows of blessings to always be in our love you very*



*much Chaplain and your family has blessed us in so many that God would open heaven and pour out overflow. You will hearts and prayers. We much."*

**Greg, Jannie, Jessica, Jasmine and Jaren Wilson.**

*"Even though I have moved away from Fort Belvoir and have joined another church family. I want to give my deepest thanks to Chaplin McElroy. Good Luck on your next assignment.....Hoping that our Lord will continue to bless, guide and keep you no matter where you are..."*

**Deon Fortune-Canada**

*"For Our Pastor and First Lady – Thank you for blessing us with your love and your presence. Your hope for us has truly touched our lives and we are grateful. May you and your family always walk in the steps of the Lord."*

**Mike and Diane Edwards**

*"Pastor Antonio and Debra McElroy it is with sadness and joy that I write these words of love to let you both know how much of a blessing you have been to me and my family, you've both have been an encouragement to our hearts; I only wish that we could have had more fellowships over coffee or tea like in the beginning.*

*Nevertheless, be encouraged God has an even greater work for both of you and your children at Fort Bragg.*

*Having been stationed there before I know how much of a challenge an Airborne environment can be but the word says that God never gives us more than we can bare and as Lilley Tomlin on laugh in use to say **"And that's the truth!"***

*It is our prayer that your ministry continue to grow and win hearts and minds for Christ regardless of where you go.*

*Continue to be a thorn in the devils side and preach the gospel in season and out of season. We love all of you."* Love always, the **Deacon William and Sister Cardelia Collins**

*"Chaplain and First Lady McElroy, there are no words to really thank you for the love and support you showed me during a*

*very difficult time in my life. I simply pray that God repays you as only He can. Thank you for your wisdom, your Godly counsel and the Starbucks tea (Pastor Deborah). I love you and your family and wish you all of God's best."*

**Connie Miller**

*"Chap Mac and Pastor Deborah, Simply put, you and your family have been crucial in our walk towards and with Christ. Trevetta our walk with appreciative that Woodlawn Chapel under your lucky is an We are abundantly fortunate to have teaching, conversation and fellowship. May the Lord continue to bless your family and order your steps. God speed!"*



**Tony and Trevetta Bennett**

To the McElroy Family – *"It has been an experiencing three year's being in the fellowship and the Gospel Ministry with the McElroy Family. First of all I want to thank Chaplain McElroy for allowing me to*

*Wisdom for Life your ministry I the words of God to use me more as as He see the light shining in His Son's Street Baptist how I have God and have being a hospitality teacher and a choir member. Your sermons will always be remembered and I will forever remember through Wisdom for Life Seminar I was sent on my path following Jesus. You will always be forever remembered by: **Alice E. White***



*CH Mac and Deb, Words cannot express how much you two have truly impacted my life over the blessed Mac, truly impacted my life short 3 years I have been to know you both. CH you gave me the opportunity to showcase talents and exposed me and greater things. You me so much and worked to grow as a person and Lord. Your faith in me more to me than you will know. Deb, what can I*



*say? We didn't spend together, however, that we did, you me words of wisdom encouragement. You to open up to you and shoulders when for that, I will always thank you both for*



*of the beginning of my new married life and for providing Simon, Jaynel and I with Godly wisdom to help us build a strong family unit. Christina, Semone, and AJ, I have been blessed to see you guys grow up. Through every Christmas play, you guys will always be fondly remembered. I look forward to hearing*

wonderful things about you three as you grow. We will truly miss you, and definitely look forward to keeping in touch with you. Sincerely, **Jacqué Pitts (Simon, Jacqué and Jaynel)**

Chaplain McElroy,

We just want to thank you for being faithful to the call that God has on your life. Thank you for your vision. Thank you for your passion for the people of God and the things of God. Thank you for allowing us a place where we can utilize our God-given abilities to serve. Many in the traditional church frowned on us but you smiled and welcomed us. Thank you for telling it like it is. Thank you for preaching the Word of God with fire and compassion. God called you to shepherd the flock of

Chapel Gospel took you from made you to He's been with you've gone all your is not one standing. have yourself with God, He has Himself with you. God will household.



Woodlawn Service. God Arkansas and lead His people. you everywhere and has cut off enemies. There enemy left Because you concerned the things of concerned the things of establish your When you are

Chaplain and First the Lord prepare move on to another vineyard where the We pray that you re-settle quickly find many open arms of friendship at your new assignment. God Bless.



Lady McElroy: May the way as you area in the laborers are few. and your family will and that you will and welcoming

**Lionel and Shereda Jones**

#### June is:

Clean Air Month  
Dairy Month  
Great Outdoors Month  
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month  
National Adopt-A-Cat Month  
National Aphasia Awareness Month  
National Drive Safe Month  
National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month  
National Iced Tea Month  
National Rose Month  
National Safety Month  
National Scleroderma Awareness Month  
National Tennis Month  
Potty Training Awareness Month  
Turkey Lovers Month  
Zoo and Aquarium Month

1st Week - National Fishing Week  
2nd Week - National Clay Week  
4th Week - National Camping Week  
- Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

- 1 - Donut Day  
- National Cancer Survivors Day  
- Oscar the Grouch's Birthday-Sesame Street Character  
- Stand for Children Day
- 2 - Radio Was Patented - In 1896
- 3 - Egg Day  
- First U.S. Spacewalk - By Ed White in 1965
- 4 - Aesop's Birthday  
- Cheese Day  
- First Ford Made - Henry Ford made his first operational car in 1896
- 5 - First Hot Air Balloon Flight - By the Montgolfier brothers in 1783  
- National Gingerbread Day  
- Richard Scarry's Birthday - Author of children's books, born in 1919  
- World Environment Day
- 6 - First Drive-in Movie Theater Opens - In New Jersey in 1933  
- National Applesauce Cake Day
- 7 - The Amazing Mumford's Birthday - Sesame Street Character
- 8 - Frank Lloyd Wright's Birthday  
- Race Unity Day
- 9 - Donald Duck's Birthday
- 10 - Ball Point Pen Day  
- Iced Tea Day  
- Judy Garland's Birthday - Singer and actress born in 1922. Started in the Wizard of Oz  
- National Yo-Yo Day
- 11 - E.T. Movie Premiered - In 1982
- 12 - Anne Frank's Birthday - Born in 1929 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
- The Baseball was invented - In 1839  
- Magic Day
- 13 - Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen's Birthday  
- Weed Your Garden Day
- 14 - Caldecott Medal First Awarded - In 1937  
- Flag Day  
- "Pop Goes the Weasel" Day  
- Race Unity Day  
- Sand Paper Invented - Invented by I. Fischer Jr. in 1834  
- World Blood Donor Day  
- World Juggling Day
- 15 - Fly A Kite Day - Ben Franklin's Kite Experiment in 1752  
- Power of a Smile Day
- 16 - National Fudge Day
- 17 - Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 18 - International Picnic Day
- 19 - Garfield's Birthday - Debuted in 1978  
- Juneteenth
- 20 - Bald Eagle Day  
- Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21 - **Father's Day**  
- First Day of Summer
- 22 - US Department of Justice Established
- 23 - Edward VIII - King of England's Birthday - Born in 1894  
- Johannes Gutenberg's Birthday - Born in 1400  
- June Carter-Cash's Birthday - Born in 1929  
- National Pecan Sandies Day  
- National Pink Day  
- Soap Opera Day  
- Typewriter Patented - In 1868  
- United Nations Public Service Day
- 24 - U.F.O. Day - First documented UFO sighting on this day

- 25 - Eric Carle's Birthday - Author of several children's books  
 - LEON Day - LEON is NOEL spelled backwards. It means six months until Christmas
- 26 - Bicycle Patented - In 1819  
 - National Chocolate Pudding Day  
 - Toothbrush Invented - In 1498
- 27 - Captain Kangaroo's Birthday  
 - Helen Keller's Birthday - Born in 1880  
 - Melody for Happy Birthday Song - Written in 1859  
 - National HIV Testing Day
- 28 - Paul Bunyan Day
- 29 - Camera Day
- 30 - Meteor Day  
 - Superman's Birthday

### 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/>

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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

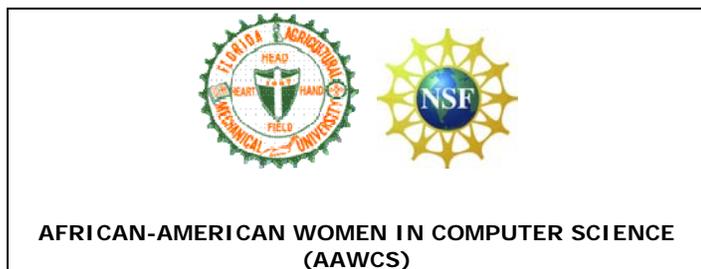
By Alina Bradford, eHow Editor, Project Working Mom: Have you ever tried to go back to school, but didn't have enough time, money or confidence? *You're not alone.* Women

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



**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 Pre-College and Summer Programs



**With the Right Plan,  
College is Within Reach for Any Student**

Summer Programs for middle/high school and college students. There are programs free and at cost so you'll have to weave your way through them. Take a look and help our youth achieve academic success. Some of the programs even pay them for their due diligence. With one click, you have access to hundreds of programs for students from middle to high school and college students. Copy and paste url into your browser: <http://accessandequity.org/id19.html>

### 2009 SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**FREE!! MIT announces its MITES Program, (Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science)**, a challenging 6 week summer program that prepares promising rising seniors for careers in engineering and science. If you are selected, all educational, housing, meals and activity costs are covered. You must, however, pay for your own transportation to and from MIT. To apply, go to <http://mit.edu/mites/www>

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Science & Engineering Apprenticeship program (Summer)** - This program places academically talented H.S. students (at least 16 yrs old, sophomores/ juniors) with interest in science & math in Dept. of Defense laboratories for an 8-wk period over the summer. This is an invaluable experience in the world of scientific research, with hands-on exposure to scientific & engineering practices not available in the HS environment. It is a paid apprenticeship (\$2,000) and the students are assigned a scientist or engineer as their mentor. To apply online or get more information about the program: <http://www.usaeop.com> <<http://www.usaeop.com/>> . Students must submit their transcript (minimum GPA 3.0) and teacher recommendation to the program director for consideration and daily transportation is the student's responsibility. **Program runs from June 22 - August 14, 2009.**

**FREE!! Princeton University announces its Summer Journalism Program** for low-income sophomores or juniors with at least a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) who have an interest in journalism. The cost is free including travel costs to and from Princeton! Apply now! Go to [www.princeton.edu/sjp](http://www.princeton.edu/sjp)

**FREE!! The National Center for Health Marketing's Global Health Odyssey Museum** is pleased to offer the

**2009 CDC Disease Detective Camp (DDC).** DDC is an academic day camp for students who will be high school juniors and seniors during the 2009-2010 school year. Campers will take on the roles of disease detectives and learn how CDC safeguards the nation's health. The camp will be offered twice from June 22-26 and July 13-17. For more info and to apply to go [www.cdc.gov/gcc/exhibit/camp.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/gcc/exhibit/camp.htm).

**FREE!! The American Legion sponsors a week-long summer leadership program called Boys State.** This year's program will be held at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland from **June 21-27**. If you are a junior interested in a leadership opportunity see your guidance counselor right away for more information.

**The Leadership Center at Morehouse College presents the 2009 Coca-Cola Pre-College Leadership Program.** There are 2 programs, one for male students completing their sophomore or junior year, and the other for male students completing their senior year. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). The curriculum focuses on personal and interpersonal leadership skills. **The program runs from June 20 to June 26. The cost is \$400.00.** To apply, go to [www.morehouse.edu](http://www.morehouse.edu). Application access is listed under "Events at the Leadership Center."

**NASA sponsors the National Space Club Scholars Program**, a 6 week summer internship at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. It is open to students who will be 16 years old and have completed the 10th grade by June 2009, have demonstrated high academic success, and have an interest in space science or engineering as a career. Applicants must be US citizens. Applications are available in the Career Center or online at [www.education.gsfc.nasa.gov/pages/placement.html](http://www.education.gsfc.nasa.gov/pages/placement.html). Apply now!

**University of Maryland, College Park: Women in Engineering, [E2@UMD](mailto:E2@UMD), July 12-18 or July 19-25;** rising juniors and seniors. Go to [www.wie.umd.edu/precollege](http://www.wie.umd.edu/precollege) or call [301-405-3283](tel:301-405-3283). University of Maryland Young Scholars Program targets rising juniors and seniors who have a strong academic record and a desire to excel to experience college life while earning three academic credits. **14 courses are offered for three weeks from July 12-31, 2009.** Visit [www.ysp.umd.edu/pr](http://www.ysp.umd.edu/pr)

**CITY YEAR, WASHINGTON DC (AmeriCorps)** - Graduating seniors who are not sure what they want to do after high school should consider applying for a paid community service position with City Year, Washington, DC., a group of 17-24 year olds committed to full-time service for ten months in the Washington, DC community. Benefits include: living stipend (\$200 per week), health care coverage, free metro pass, and \$4,725 educational scholarship. For more info: [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org) or email: [cmurphy@cityyear.org](mailto:cmurphy@cityyear.org) <[http://us.mc01q.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=cmurphy@cityyear.org](mailto:us.mc01q.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=cmurphy@cityyear.org)> DC or call: 202-776-7780, Amanda Seligman. **Recruitment open houses will be held once a month at their headquarters: 918 U Street, NW, 2nd floor, Washington, DC 20001.**

June 21, 2009  
June 21, 2009

Happy  
Father's  
Day

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**



## Student Internship Program – US

**Department of State** - (DoS) is now accepting applications – copy and past link

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobId=75619932&AVSDM=10%2F31%2F2008+1%3A22%3A04+AM> to start the online application process. **Note that the deadline to submit completed applications for Spring 2010 Internship is July 1, 2009.**

What could a student internship mean to you at the US DoS? It's an opportunity for you to get an inside look at the different types of positions and responsibilities available in foreign affairs. Think of it as taking a career test ride before you actually have to decide what you are going to do with your life. You can also gain valuable work experience that will help you in virtually every endeavor, whether you choose to work in government or in the private sector. Then there's the added benefit of feeling good about knowing you are really doing something worthwhile for your nation.

At the U.S. Department of State, we like to say we're the face of America to the world. As an intern, you will be, too. Some of our students work in Washington, DC, and others have the opportunity to work at an embassy overseas. Positions are both paid and unpaid, and many are available during spring, summer or fall.

For internship program details such as duties of an intern, participating offices and bureaus, types of internships, salary/benefit/housing information, please download the [Student Internship Information Brochure](http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf) at [http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0\\_Student\\_Intern\\_brochure.pdf](http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf)

### Eligibility requirements

You must be:

- **a U.S. citizen.** U.S. citizenship and good academic standing are required, along with the successful completion of a background investigation, and the ability to receive either a [Secret or Top Secret clearance](#). Random drug testing will be performed.
- **a Student.** A student is an individual who has been accepted for enrollment, or who is enrolled as a degree-seeking student in an accredited college or university
- **a full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student (including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school.)** An applicant is considered a junior if he/she will have completed all sophomore credits (60 or more hours or 90 quarter hours) by the time the internship begins will be entering at least the junior year immediately completion of the internship.

**IMPORTANT:** You are eligible to apply for the Department's internship program if you have not yet completed your registration at a college or university for graduate or post-graduate studies (including law school) or are awaiting an admissions determination for graduate or post-graduate studies (including law school). However, if selected for an internship, you must provide proof that you have registered, or have been accepted for enrollment, for studies in the semester or quarter immediately following the internship before you can begin your internship.

A broad range of academic majors is sought in areas such as Business, Public Administration, Social Work, Economics,

Information Management, Journalism and Biological, Physical or Engineering Sciences; intern duties and responsibilities vary according to post or office assignment, from scientific/technical tasks to administrative projects to logistical support.

For overseas assignments, applicants must present evidence of medical insurance coverage. All students must be available to begin their internship within the appropriate application timetable.

**Applications must be RECEIVED by the appropriate deadline: SPRING INTERNSHIP – JULY 1**



**WPAS Summer Performing Arts Academy - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual WPAS Children of the Gospel (COTG) Vocal Workshop and WPAS Summer Steps with Step Afrika Camps! –**

Dates: July 13-July 25, 2009 - **WPAS COTG Vocal Workshop** - 9am - 3:30 pm daily at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington DC - WPAS' Children of the Gospel Vocal workshop provides vocal students ages 9-18 the opportunity to strengthen and enhance their vocal technique with the area's leading choral/gospel music professionals, through activities that focus on stage presence, advanced choral studies, songwriting, solo clinics, etc, while preparing for a culminating performance at the end of the two week program. **WPAS Children of the Gospel Choir** is a vocal music camp so they are looking to enhance vocal student's abilities ranging from beginner -advanced, ages 9-18. Some knowledge of singing in a group (i.e., choir) is helpful. **The application fee is \$60.00**

August 3- August 8 - **3rd Annual WPAS Summer Steps with StepAfrika** – WPAS presents Summer Steps with StepAfrika! is a six day program which explores the tradition and instruction of stepping to dance students ages 9-18. Through high energy step routines and other percussive dance styles resulting in tools to help build stronger learning outcomes; leadership and teambuilding skills. The **Summer Steps Program** is designed for dance students who are interested in learning this particular percussive dance style. The program is available for beginners through advanced. Some knowledge of dance (i.e., dance class, community group, church or school program, etc.) is helpful. **The application fee is \$35.00**

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION READY? - All new applicants

must submit a letter of recommendation from a vocal teacher/director or dance instructor for both programs. Since all our summer programs require the recommendation letter for new members, please use this time to speak with your teacher or director for the recommendation letter, in order to complete this process. The letter of recommendation should speak on the young person's dance level or vocal ability and experience primarily and why the teacher recommends the program for them. The letter can highlight any skills they would be bringing to the program and the development skills that the program can

offer the student. This letter shouldn't be long - a few sentences (one paragraph) is fine, for each candidate. Call WPAS hotline at (202) 533-1865 to register your name and e-mail address so they can contact you directly with notification about both camps.

**DEADLINE DATE FOR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS MONDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Brother Sean's (Miller) Music** - Check him out! Copy and paste link then click to play songs from seanISrael on **ReverbNation**:

<http://www.reverbnation.com/tunepak/1279881>

## 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. June orders due: Sunday, June 14, 2009. Distribution Day/Pick Up: Saturday, June 20, 2009. Check each host site website below or call the phone number listed for more information.

### Sample Menu:

- 4 lb. IQF Leg Quarters
- 4 oz. Beef Back Ribs
- 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders
- 1.5 lb. Bone in Pork Chops (4 x 6oz.)
- 1 lb. Ground Turkey
- 18 oz. Stuffed Manicotti (Cheese)
- 12 oz. Smoked Sausage
- Betty Crocker Seasoned Potatoes
- 7 oz. Cheeseburger Dinner
- 16 oz. Green Beans
- 16 oz. Baby Carrots
- 2 lb. Onions
- 1 lb. Pinto Beans
- 1 lb. Rice
- 7 oz. Blueberry Muffin Mix
- 10 ct. Homestyle Waffles
- Dessert Item

**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](http://www.christchapel.org)

#### **Christ Chapel**

13909 Smoketown Rd  
**Woodbridge, VA 22192**  
 703-463-1784

[www.fbcwoodbridge.org](http://www.fbcwoodbridge.org)

#### **First Baptist Church of Woodbridge**

13600 Minnieville Rd  
**Woodbridge, VA 22193**  
 703-494-3868

[www.parklandimmanuelcog.org](http://www.parklandimmanuelcog.org)

#### **Parkland Immanuel Church of God**

8709 Parkland St  
**Manassas, VA 20110**  
 703-945-8862

[www.centerpointechurch.com](http://www.centerpointechurch.com)

Centerpointe Church at Fair Oaks

4104 Legato Rd

Fairfax, VA 22033

703-591-4284

<http://www.rhemaword.org/>

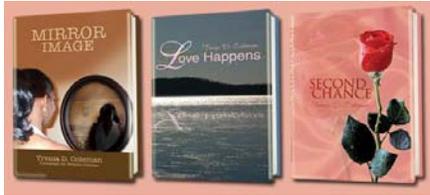
Washington Apostolic Church

11800 Braddock Road

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-609-8048

Sister Trenia D. Coleman has released her third novel,



"Second Chance". For more information and place orders, visit <http://www.treniacoleman.com/>. Congratulations, Sister Trenia! May the Lord abundantly bless you as you continue to entertain readers with your books!



Army Historical Foundation, in partnership with the United States Army, is spearheading a campaign to create the National Army Museum—a long overdue tribute to the US Army and the 30 million Soldiers who have served our nation since 1775. This state-of-the-art national landmark will immerse visitors in our Army's history, educating current and future generations about the Army and its contributions. Online donations may be made at:

<http://www.usarmyregistry.org/NewAccount.aspx?t=d>. For further information visit or contact Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army 2425 Wilson Blvd., Suite 520, Arlington VA 22201. Toll Free: (800) 506-2672. [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org)

#### HANDY LITTLE CHART – GOD (ALWAYS) HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER:

##### YOU SAY - GOD SAYS - BIBLE VERSES

You say: 'It's impossible'

**God says:** *All things are possible* - (Luke 18:27)

You say: 'I'm too tired'

**God says:** *I will give you rest* - (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: 'Nobody really loves me'

**God says:** *I love you* - (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: 'I can't go on'

**God says:** *My grace is sufficient* - (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: 'I can't figure things out'

**God says:** *I will direct your steps* - (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: 'I can't do it'

**God says:** *You can do all things* - (Philippians 4:13)

You say: 'I'm not able'

**God says:** *I am able* - (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: 'It's not worth it'

**God says:** *It will be worth it* - (Roman 8:28)

You say: 'I can't forgive my self'

**God says:** *I Forgive you* - (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: 'I can't manage'

**God says:** *I will supply all your needs* - (Philippians 4:19)

You say: 'I'm afraid'

**God says:** *I have not given you a spirit of fear* - (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: 'I'm always worried and frustrated'

**God says:** *Cast all your cares on ME* - (I Peter 5:7)

You say: 'I'm not smart enough'

**God says:** **I give you wisdom** - (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: 'I feel all alone'

**God says:** *I will never leave you or forsake you* - (Hebrews 13:5)

PASS THIS ON. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MAY BE IN NEED.  
The first sentence is pretty powerful!

God determines who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go.

Prayer: *Father, God, bless everyone reading these nuggets of truths in whatever it is that You know they may need this day! And may their lives be full of Your peace, prosperity and power as they seek to have a closer relationship with You.*  
Amen.



**DeShon Jerome Jackson** arrived on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 02:38 a.m.; weighing in at a whopping 9 lbs 10 oz, and 23 inches long! What a wonderful Father's Day gift for Proud Parents **Whitney and Anthony "Sean" Jackson**. Doubly proud Grandparents who eagerly welcomed **Little DeShon** are **Chaplain Antonio and First Lady Debra McElroy**, Aunties **Christina and Semone**, and Uncle **AJ**. On behalf of the Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service Family, a hearty Congratulations! on the arrival of your new, handsome and healthy Baby Boy. We welcome **Little Deshon Jerome** into the Gospel Service Family and promise to watch over **Little DeShon, Whitney and Sean** until they depart the area later this year. May you have many years of joy and laughter with this beautiful gift from the Lord!

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

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICINE

#### Getting to the Root of Autism

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, as many as one in 150 American children are living with one of the group of disorders that fall into the autism spectrum disorders (ASD) category. Even though

these conditions are common, there are still many unanswered questions about them. Recent research from the National Institute of Mental Health is seeking some answers.

**A Change in Focus**

Researchers from the National Institute of Mental Health have been studying the behavior of both normally developing and ASD toddlers for the past several months. The researchers' findings are surprising: one of the most noted differences between the toddlers without developmental problems and those who had been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder was where the children placed their attention.

Using an animated video of a popular children's clapping game, researchers noted that the vast majority of the normally developing toddlers focused on the participants faces, reading the social cues written there and learning to understand the facial expressions of the characters. As these children grow, they will, in theory, be equipped to use these social cues in order to adapt to society and interact normally with teachers and peers.

An overwhelming majority of the ASD toddlers, however, focused on the clapping motions—the places were sound and movement synched on the video. Instead of taking in the social cues given on the character's faces, the sound and motion grabbed the attention of 90 percent of those diagnosed with ASD.

**A Possible Clue**

While the research is still in its early phases, researchers were excited by their findings. Hopes are high that this information may one day be useful in the treatment of autism, allowing those working with ASD children to formulate treatments to help them change the focus of attention—and perhaps one day learn to decipher social cues.

**The ABCs of Autism**

Because autism and autism spectrum disorders are so common, it is important for parents to understand the signs—and learn the importance of early intervention so autistic children can begin treatment early and have the fullest life possible.

**Autism: The Symptoms**

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, some of the common symptoms of autism include:

- a lack of conversational skills, including the inability to engage others and maintain conversations
- absence of the ability to engage in social or imaginative play
- inflexible routines or rituals
- preoccupation with objects or subjects
- unusual use of the language.

**Treating Autism**

Currently, there are several methods physicians can use to treat patients with autism. Through behavioral and educational interventions created by skilled therapists, as well as several solid medication options that can treat some of autism's symptoms, many children with autism are living fuller lives.

**Sources:** nih.gov, ninds.nih, autismspeaks.org, autism-society.org

**NOTE: This information is for educational purposes only and is not intended to replace the advice of physicians or health care practitioners. It is also not intended to diagnose or prescribe treatment for any illness or disorder. Anyone already undergoing physician-prescribed therapy should seek the advice of his or her doctor before reducing the dosage of medication or stopping prescribed treatment.**

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**Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service (WCGS) Married Couples at FamilyLife Weekend to Remember Conference – 2009 -**

We wish the McElroy Family a fond farewell, and pray that God's protection, peace of mind, good health, lots of joy and much laughter will surround them all the days of their lives.  
 Courtesy of WCGS Married Couples Ministry



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Connect to the business for free

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**Destiny Needs a Loving Home for "Summer"**

**2009** – Vikki Courtenay, a WCGS teen, is looking for a loving family to take care of her beloved cat, Destiny, in your home, while she and her sister, Mercedes, are away this summer. Destiny cannot go with them; but she cannot stay behind in their home while they are away either. Vikki is asking if there are any families in Service who would care for her cat while they are prepared and this service. Destiny was 10 weeks old; this was over 5 years ago. Vikki is really attached to Destiny and does not want to get rid of her beloved Destiny. This would break Vikki's heart. Destiny gets along well with other cats, but she does not care for dogs (she won't hurt them, she just avoids them). Destiny lives with teenagers.



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If you already know Vikki and Mercedes Courtenay and you are **willing and available to care for Destiny during the summer**, please let Vikki know ASAP by e-mail [vmc0202@yahoo.com](mailto:vmc0202@yahoo.com). If you do not know Vikki and Mercedes, and you are willing to care for Destiny, please see Shereda Jones at Chapel, or send an e-mail to [joneslw4126@msn.com](mailto:joneslw4126@msn.com).



**KidsBowIFree.COM – Offers 2**

**FREE Games of Bowling Everyday – All**

**Summer Long (1 June – 31 August 2009) –**

**Register Your Children Now!**

**How the program works:**

1. All of the participating bowling centers are listed at [http://www.kidsbowifree.com/all\\_centers.php](http://www.kidsbowifree.com/all_centers.php)
2. Select a bowling center near you.
3. Register directly on the bowling center page (The registration is valid only at the bowling center where you register and cannot be used at any other bowling center unless otherwise noted.)
4. Once you register, you will have the opportunity to purchase the family pass. The Family Pass was created to allow for adult family members to enjoy bowling throughout the summer as well. The Family Pass starts from \$23.95 and includes 2 GAMES PER PERSON PER DAY. The Family Pass covers up to 4 adult family members. You may have 1, 2, 3, or 4 adults on the family pass.

This low one-time payment covers up to 4 adults for the entire summer and is a tremendous value.

**\*\*\*Very Important\*\*\***

After your registration we will send you two (2) emails. The first email is a welcome email and contains your account information.

The second email is very important. This email does not contain coupons, but you will need to click the link confirming your subscription to our service. If you do not click the link, our system will not send your weekly coupons to you.

**When do you receive the coupons and family pass?**

The "program start" and "program end" dates are listed on the bowling center page that you register with. You can sign up for the program before the start date, but the coupons and family passes will not be loaded into your account until the start date has occurred.

Once the program has begun, we will send you an email every Sunday morning that contains a link to your coupons and family passes for that week. It is not required that you view this email to print your coupons. Easy Sign-up!

**Signing your children up for the free bowling is easy!**

Just complete the registration form and your kids are on their way to bowling fun this summer.

**Additional Opportunity**

In order to accommodate parents and older children in your family that may like to bowl, the participating bowling centers are offering a Family Pass. The Family Pass provides the same great "2 games a day" package for up to **4 adult family members** for a one-time payment from **\$23.95**.

Simply **login to your account** at anytime once the program has started to print your coupons and family passes.

*Wholy Praise Dance*

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.  
— 1 PETER 4:10



**Ca-Asia Shields, Founder**

REACHING PEOPLE THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAISE, DANCE AND WORSHIP!

**JUNE 13, 2009, 3:00 - 5:30 pm**

**"Praise Him In Advance" - Mount Olive Baptist Church (MOBC) 3rd Annual Praise Dance & Mime Program – FREE Event!**

Location: **Northern Virginia Community College, Woodbridge Campus, 15200 Neabsco Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22191.** See flyer at back of newsletter, or visit <http://www.wholypraise.com/> for more information.

**Deadline for submitting articles for newsletter to [joneslw4126@msn.com](mailto:joneslw4126@msn.com) is NLT 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, in subject line: "Gospel ServiceNewsletter". Feedback is encouraged and appreciated.**

# "Praise Him In Advance"

## 2009 Praise Dance & Mime Program

**Mount Olive Baptist Church**  
*Praise Dance & Mime Ministry*  
Woodbridge, VA

June 13th 2009  
3:00 - 5:30 pm  
Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)  
Woodbridge Campus  
15200 Neabsco Mills Road  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Mount Olive Baptist Church  
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