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## The Fruit of the Spirit

By Henry T. Blackaby  
and Richard Blackaby

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."*  
Galatians 5:22-23

An examination of the fruits of the Spirit can be intimidating. Working all nine of these traits into your life seems impossible, and indeed it is. But the moment you became a Christian, the Holy Spirit began a divine work to produce Christ's character in you. Regardless of who you are, the Spirit works from the same model, Jesus Christ. The Spirit looks to Christ in order to find the blueprint for your character. The Spirit will immediately begin helping you experience and practice the same *love* that Jesus had when He laid down His life for His friends. The same *joy* He experienced will now fill you. The identical *peace* that guarded the heart of Jesus, even as He was being beaten and mocked, will be the peace that the Spirit works to instill in you. The *patience* Jesus had for His unteachable disciple will be the patience that the Spirit now develops in you. The *kindness* Jesus showed toward children and sinners will soften your heart toward others. There will be a *goodness* about you that is only explainable by the presence of the Spirit of God. The Spirit will build the same *faithfulness* into you that led Jesus to be entirely obedient to His Father. The Spirit will teach you *self-control* so that you will have strength to do what is right and to resist temptation.

All of this is as natural as the growth of fruit on a tree. You do not have to orchestrate it on your own. It automatically begins the moment you become a believer. How quickly it happens depends upon how quickly you yield yourself to the Holy Spirit's activity.

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@ <http://www.blackaby.org/devarchive.asp> to view additional issues of the daily devotional.

**Mothers' Day - May 9!**

## *Farewell, Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service!*

*The time is near and we must say "Goodbye, So long, Farewell, Adios, Auf Wiedersehen, Tschéuss, Bye-Bye, Until we meet again!" to a church family that is near and dear to our hearts. Thank you for allowing Brother Lionel and Sister Shereda to humbly serve you over the past 10 years. We pray that you were blessed beyond measure.*

*Under the leadership of many spirit-filled Chaplain-Pastors since 2000, we have grown in our Christian walk as members of the Gospel Service. We thank God for Chaplain-Pastor Dr. (CPT) James Key II who has a heart and a passion for God and through whom we have experienced an even closer walk with the Lord! May he continue to be a willing vessel and he shepherd's God's people.*

*We could not have come this far without Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ like you, who walked along side us from the moment we first attended and subsequently joined the Gospel Service Body of Believers. We are not where we want to be in our Christian walk, but we truly thank God that because of His grace and mercy, we are not where or who we used to be!*

*Our prayer for the Woodlawn Chapel Gospel Service Family is that you continue to grow spiritually and continue to uphold the Pastor's vision. Build and maintain ministries that serve the spiritual needs of lost souls. Embrace every visitor with much love and welcome them into the Gospel Service Family, in the name of Jesus and treat each other with respect and Christian Brotherly love. This will be pleasing to God!*

*The Gospel Service needs laborers in the vineyard to spread the Gospel of a Risen Savior! Will you accept the call and the challenge? We encourage you to join in the ministry opportunities offered by the Gospel Service.*

*If your travels take you to the Fort Benning/Columbus, GA area, please be sure to stop in and visit us.*

*May the Lord continue abundantly bless and keep you and may His Light shine brightly in your life and bring you much need peace.*



## Gospel Service Chapel Activities

### Opportunities To Join A Ministry

#### **ALTAR MINISTRY**

LEADER/ADVISOR: TBD

#### **BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS** - (Baptism classes -

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1830 – 1930 hrs –

Baptism Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

POCs: Deacon Calvin Taylor and Minister Tyman Wallace

#### **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 – 1130 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 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**

(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)

POCs: Brother Anthony "Tony" Bennett /

Reverend Leonard Baldwin / Brother Clarence Moss

#### **MINISTERS TRAINING** – (4<sup>th</sup> 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** – (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 DISCIPLESHIP CLASS** – (Thursdays 1830 hrs & Sundays)

POC: Minister Terry Hogan

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

POC: Sister Sara Simmons

#### **WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY**

##### - **ADULT CHOIR** – (Monday & Wednesday prior to 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 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  
Trelandria D. Brown  
Baby Caleb  
Dubeux Dingle  
Connie Howell  
Josephine Jones  
Minister Nelson Jones  
Vanessa Jones  
Fernando Pratt  
Bertha Roberts

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

### Upcoming Events – Chapel Activities –

Mark your calendars:

**NOTICE:** Weekly bulletins for ALL Belvoir Worship Service is posted online. Members are encouraged to download and print weekly bulletins and bring to worship service. Visit <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/mainchapel/bulletins.asp>

#### May:

- 9 – **Mothers' Day Lunch\Program** – Immediately following Worship Service
- 15 - **Music Ministry Outing**
- 23 - **Volunteer Appreciation Event.** Details TBA
- 1– **Womens' Fellowship** – 0900 hrs – POC Sister Sara Simmons
- 1 & 15 - **Praise Dance Rehearsal** – 1030 hrs – POC Sister La Ticia Anderson
- 8 – **Belvoir Men of Faith** – 0730 hrs
- 23 – 25 – **Belvoir Men of Faith Annual Retreat – Shrine Mount, Orkney Springs, VA** – POC Deacon Adrian Clay

#### 22 - **Boys to Men Ministry - "Leaving a Legacy"**

– Vernondale Village Community Center - POCs Brother Chris Hardnick & Reverend Leonard Baldwin  
- **Men @ Arms: The GX** – 1130 hrs – Immediately following **Boys to Men** – POC: Reverend Leonard Baldwin

**24 – Married Couples Ministry - 1800 hrs – Woodlawn Chapel Fellowship Hall** – POCs: Sister Jannie Wilson & Sister Ranae Shaw

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

- **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

#### June:

5 – **Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure Run/Walk** – Gospel Service Women of Faith Team – POC Sister Sara Simmons

19 – **Fathers' Day Picnic\Program.** Details TBA  
**Music Ministry Event** – Date TBA

#### July

19 – 23 – **5 Day Bible Clubs/Backyard Bible Clubs.** High School students needed to be missionaries. Training required to be missionaries. If interested, contact 703-806-4179 for more information.



### National Day of Prayer 2010

The 59th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 6, 2010. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast. The theme for this year is **"Prayer for Such a Time as This"** and is based on the verse from **Nahum 1:7** which states: "The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him."

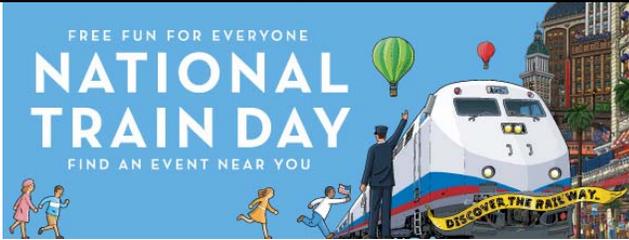
Mr. Franklin Graham will join Ms. Shirley Dobson to lead the nation in prayer as the 2010 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

For further information visit

<http://nationaldayofprayer.org/coordinators/theme/>

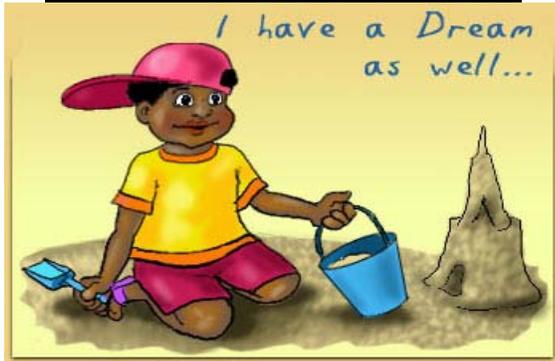
**CID/Volunteer Update Reminder** - All CID/- Volunteer Forms must be completed, signed and turned in to **Sister Patrice Alston, Gospel Service Parish Coordinator**, for (ALL) Ministry Chairs/Team Leaders and Team Members, no exceptions! This requirement is for everyone working in the following areas: 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.





Discover the **Rail Way<sup>SM</sup>**. On **May 8, 2010**, the **3rd Annual National Train Day** will be a **FREE** coast-to-coast celebration. Don't miss out on your chance to tour private and Amtrak train cars, explore interactive and educational exhibits, enjoy live entertainment and much more!  
<http://www.nationaltrainday.com/>

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### Ensuring Access and Equity Pre-College and Summer Programs



**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 full-time commitment of ten months in the Washington DC community for youth between the ages of 17 and 24. Benefits include: living stipend (\$200 per week), health care coverage, free metro pass, and a \$4,725 educational scholarship. For more information and to address any questions see: [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org) or email: [cmurphy@cityyear.org/dc](mailto:cmurphy@cityyear.org/dc) or call: 202-776-7780, Amanda Seligman.

**Recruitment "open houses" will be held once a month at City Year headquarters located at: 918 U Street, NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20001.** Visit the site for details.

### NAACP Earl G. Graves Scholarship -

<http://blackstudents.blacknews.com/opportunities/03-07-10.html>. Applicants must be sophomores or juniors at the time of application, enrolled in accredited colleges or universities majoring in Business or graduate students enrolled or accepted to a master's or doctoral program within a Business school in an accredited college or university in the United States.

### Summer Transportation Institute (STI)



STI is accepting applications for 2010 STI program (this is a two-week residential program). **Applications will be accepted until May 21, 2010.** Please check this website for updates.

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Prairie View A&M University is hosting 2010 Summer Transportation Institute (STI) from June 20- July 2, 2010. This program is modified into a two-week residential program for rising 11th and 12th grade students with funding from University Transportation Center for Mobility (UTCM). This program in the past (2000-2009) was a 4-week residential program and was sponsored by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through Texas Department of Transportation. STI recruits 15-18 bright students and exposes them to various exciting activities and field trips that provide them an understanding of the engineering and broader civil engineering with a special focus on transportation industry and careers. The students selected for this program will be offered a scholarship of \$2000, which will cover all the expenses for the program. Thus the program has no out of pocket expenses for the participants. The program includes class room lectures, hands on activities, educational and recreational field trips in addition to evening and weekend enhancement and recreational activities. The participants will develop professional skills, experience college life, interact with like-minded peers and learn the college admission and financial aid procedures. The participant will also receive a certificate of completion in addition to other merit awards during the closing ceremony for which the parents and family are invited.

STI 2010 is scheduled to start on Sunday June 20, 2010. The application deadline is May 21, 2010. To apply for admission download the application package. Discuss the program with your parents/guardian and your science or math teacher and counselor. Parents or teacher/counselors must nominate the student for this program. Students must complete the application materials and attach the required documentation (two page application, teacher recommendation form, letter of nomination, essay, school transcript and other standardized test scores if available) and send to us before the deadline. The selected applicants will be notified in the first week of June, 2010. For further information and to apply on line visit <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/1128.asp> or contact:

**STI**

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Service in 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

Service in 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details. For further information visit <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm#2002>

Courtesy of Sister Solina Johnson



Be aware, if you are ever in need of a Bugler to play **TAPS** at any retired or prior - service member's interment and one is not provided, please let me know ASAP and I will do my best to coordinate with **Bugles Across America** organization to be there for them and pay due respect and honor by playing LIVE taps (not a recording or a simulated version). **Contact Brother Abraham Padilla at e-mail [apadilla@hotmail.com](mailto:apadilla@hotmail.com).**



**2010 Military Spouse Intern Program**

Section 564 of the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (P.L. 111-84) authorized a pilot program to secure internships for military spouses with Federal agencies.

The Department of Defense will reimburse Federal agencies for first year salary, benefits, and training costs if an eligible military spouse is appointed to a permanent position that provides training and career progression. Ideally, these appointments will be to occupations that are portable, either in various geographic locations within the hiring agency or in other agencies throughout the United States. This portability recognizes the need of the spouse to relocate with their service member when required. There are approximately 120 positions that will be available for this year's internship.

Eligibility to be considered as a qualified candidate for this internship program includes:

- v All spouses of active duty service members EXCEPT:
  - v Spouse who is legally separated from service member when the person begins the internship
  - v Spouse who is also a member of the Armed Forces on active duty
  - v Spouse who is retired member of the Armed Forces

A website dedicated to the 2010 Military Spouse Internship Pilot Program is currently under development and will be launched in the upcoming weeks. The military spouse website will provide additional information and helpful resources for hiring managers, agencies, and military spouses to understand the process and address questions that are specific to the program.

Please click on the following links below to download the 2010 Military Spouse Intern Pilot Program information and promotional materials: (\*Note: To print, please select the Page Scaling to "Shrink to Printable Area"). For further information and to download promotional materials visit <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/MilSpouseInternship.aspx>

- v Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (For Hiring Managers and Spouses)
- v Overview of Military Spouse Internship Pilot Program
- v Memorandum Of Agreement and Annex for Military Spouse Internship Funding

**Special Extra Earnings for Military Service**



Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are **not** granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- **From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- **After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

**How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings**

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from **1957 through 2001**. Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:



Time: Between 0930-12:00 subject to change  
Prison Ministry meeting: (TBD)  
Projected Dates 2010:  
May-16  
June-13

**Prison Ministry needs you!** Please join us!  
**POCs:** Minister Marsha Morris .  
Email: [mjjesus@yahoo.com](mailto:mjjesus@yahoo.com), and  
Sister Patrice Alston, Email: [saltlake2202@aol.com](mailto:saltlake2202@aol.com)



**Wisdom for Life Discipleship Classes – TBA**  
POC: Minister Terry Hogan



**Worship Arts Ministry**  
Leader: Brother Crosby Bowens

**Ministry** - Recruiting for voices of all ages. It and join a WCGS singing group:  
Adult Mass Adult Choir/ Women's Choir / Youth Choir / The Choir

**Adult Praise and Worship Dance 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 Tretta Bennett.**



**Youth Praise Dance Ministry** - Rehearsals on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1030 to 1230 hours.  
POC: **Sister La Ticia Anderson**



Courtesy of Sister Joann Holmes

**Memorial Day 2010 in Washington, DC**  
**Special Events for Memorial Day Weekend**



The gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery are graced by US flags on Memorial Day.  
"In Remembrance of American war dead."

**Memorial Day** is a day of remembrance for those who have died serving our country. This is a great time to honor our veterans and famous Americans by visiting the monuments in Washington, DC. **The Memorial Day** weekend also marks the beginning of the busy summer season and the Washington, DC region celebrates with family friendly events and special services. Here is the 2010 Memorial Day event schedule:



The multi award-winning **National Memorial Day Concert** will be co-hosted for the fifth year by Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise ("CSI: New York") and Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna ("Criminal Minds"), two acclaimed actors who have dedicated themselves to veterans' causes and supporting our troops in active service.

Joining them will be an all-star line-up of dignitaries, actors and musical artists that to date includes: distinguished American leader Colin L. Powell USA (Ret.); Grammy, CMA and ACM Award-winning country music artist Brad Paisley; classical crossover artist

**Drinking water at the correct time maximizes its effectiveness on the Human body:**

- 2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs**
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion**
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure**
- 1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack**

Katherine Jenkins; and three-time Tony-nominated Broadway star Kelli O'Hara in performance with the National Symphony Orchestra (additional talent to be announced).

The 2010 event will focus on three main themes: paying homage to the more than 125,000 WWI and WWII service members who did not come home but rest in 24 military cemeteries in the foreign lands where they fought for liberty; highlighting the 60th anniversary of the Korea War; and honoring the sacrifices, suffering and love of a new generation of young military widows whose fallen spouses served in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**National Memorial Day Parade,**

**Washington, D.C. - Monday, May 31, 2010 - 2:00 PM**

- The **National Memorial Day Parade** in Washington, D.C. pays tribute to the pride, sacrifice and service of America's Veterans. **Memorial Day**, which was originally known as **Decoration Day**, has a history stretching back to the Civil War and serves as an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

The **National Memorial Day Parade** returned to Washington D.C. in 2004 after a nearly 70-year absence, coinciding with the dedication of the World War II Memorial. This outpouring of appreciation to the veterans of World War II spilled over to veterans of the more recent conflicts as well. The National Memorial Day Parade is now an annual event organized by the American Veterans Center and **Music Celebrations International**.

The three-hour parade passes alongside the National Mall on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets. The event is a magnificent salute to America's Veterans and in honor of those who died in defense of our country — from the American Revolution to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The parade consists of outstanding marching bands from many of the 50 states and veterans units honoring World War I, War World II, The Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, Desert Storm, and the liberation of Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan. Large patriotic floats and helium-filled balloons are also part of procession. More than 10,000 participants take part in the parade annually.



**Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally - Rolling Thunder XXIII May 30, 2010** - Rolling Thunder is an annual motorcycle rally that is held in Washington, DC during the **Memorial Day** weekend to call for the government's recognition and protection of Prisoners of War (POWs)

and those Missing in Action (MIAs). About 400,000 veterans will roar across Washington, DC on their motorcycles as a tribute to American war heroes.



**GI Film Festival in Washington, DC**

- **Dates: May 12-16, 2010.** The GI Film Festival presents both classic and premier films celebrating the heroic stories of the American Armed Forces and the worldwide struggle for freedom and liberty. This unique film festival will be held in Washington, DC just before the **Memorial Day** weekend to honor the courage and selflessness of American troops. The GI Film Festival includes film screenings and presentations by award-winning Hollywood actors and directors and panel discussions with soldiers, journalists, authors, and filmmakers.



**Arlington National Cemetery -**

**Monday, May 31, 2010, 11:00 am**, a wreath-laying ceremony and concert will be held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of Memorial Day. See Photos of Arlington National Cemetery.



**Navy Memorial - Saturday, May**

**29, 2010, 11:00 am Rolling Thunder** visits the Navy Memorial and holds a wreath-laying ceremony featuring special guests and live performances.



**Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Monday,**

**May 31, 2010, 1:00 pm.** This year's annual **Memorial Day** ceremony includes Presentation of the Colors, remarks by a special guest and wreath-laying service.



**World War II Memorial - Monday,**

**May 31, 2010, 9:00 am.** The National Park Service and the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will sponsor a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of our veterans. Guest speakers will give remarks. The theme for the commemoration is "Honoring our Fallen Warriors." Many surviving WWII veterans will be in attendance.





Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies = That's Hope!



Thou annointest my head with oil = That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over = That's Abundance!



Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my



life = That's Blessing !

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That's Security!



Forever = That's Eternity!

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.

Share this with people you are crazy about.

I thought this was pretty special, just like YOU!!!



What is most valuable,

Is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives!

' Do not ask the Lord to Guide your Footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet'



**KidsBowlFree.COM – Offers 2 FREE Games of Bowling Everyday – All Summer Long (24 May – 19 September 2010) – Register Your Children Now! How the program works:**

1. All of the participating bowling centers are listed at [http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/all\\_centers.php](http://www.kidsbowlfree.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 **\$24.95**.

Simply **login to your account** at anytime once the program has started to print your coupons and family passes. For further information and to sign up, visit

[https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley\\_id=5398](https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=5398)



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 6, 2010

I send warm wishes to all those observing Public Service Recognition Week 2010.

Federal, state, and local government employees devote their time and energy to the American people and our country. Each day, they provide essential services that protect us from harm, educate our families, and keep us healthy. Their dedication and expertise are vital to our Nation, and my Administration is committed to drawing the best and brightest to government service. Together, we will lay a foundation for future progress and build a better tomorrow for all Americans.

As you mark this special occasion, I hope you take pride in your contributions and service to our Nation, and I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Barack Obama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a distinct "O".

**Honoring Our Public Servants.****Connecting Citizens with Their Government.**

Celebrated since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is a nationwide public education campaign honoring the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world. Each year, the President and Congress designate the first full week of May as PSRW and activities are held nationwide and around the world in celebration of public employees who put service above self.

From the steps of the Capitol to the smallest towns, public servants use the week to educate citizens about the work that they do and why they have chosen public service careers. Throughout the week, communities take this occasion to host events from open houses to parades recognizing and thanking their local unsung heroes.

**National Mall Celebration**

The capstone celebration is held every year on the National Mall, with more than 100 civilian and military agencies, nonprofit organizations and private companies sponsoring interactive and educational exhibits that showcase the innovative and quality work performed by public employees.

The Mall event will showcase this year's theme of "Innovation and Opportunity" with educational and interactive agency exhibits as well as panels and information on how citizens can make a difference through federal jobs and internships. We'll share what opportunities are available, give tips on how to apply and stand out from the crowd, and why our government is the right place for the best and brightest to make a difference for our nation.

This year, the Partnership for Public Service and the Public Employees Roundtable will host the National Mall event May 6-9, 2010, between 4th and 7th Streets.

**2010 NATIONAL MALL EVENTS CALENDAR****Civilian and Military Public Service Exhibitions**

Thursday, May 6 / Friday, May 7 / Saturday, May 8  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Celebrate Public Service Rally and Concert**

Thursday, May 6  
Noon-2:00 p.m.  
Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy live music on the Mall! For more information and to RSVP, please visit <http://psrw2010.eventbrite.com/>.

**Students Day**

Friday, May 7  
10:00 a.m.-noon  
Join us for a day of activities focused on elementary students and a rally to kick things off, featuring public service heroes and your favorite federal agency mascots.

**Opportunities in Government**

Saturday, May 8  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Job seekers can learn first-hand about job opportunities in medical and public health, international affairs, energy and environment, administration/program management, and security and compliance, plus get insider-tips on how to land a government job. The hour-long panels will take place in the Main Stage Tent located on the National Mall. For more information, including the participating agencies and to register, please visit <http://psrwjobsday.eventbrite.com/>.

**Military Public Service Exhibitions**

Sunday, May 9  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Service Project: Write Letters of Thanks to Our Troops Overseas**

Sunday, May 9  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Come out to help us write letters of thanks and support to our troops serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bring your friends, family, community groups, colleagues and everyone you know to help us reach our goal of at least 5,000 letters! We'll provide the paper, pens and everything you'll need (including construction paper, crayons and markers for the kids).

For further information, visit <http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/>