

Dr. Bernice L. Carson

Dr. Bernice L. Carson was born in Richmond, Virginia where she attended public schools. She later matriculated at Norfolk State University obtaining a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She spent six years as a teacher with Richmond Public Schools after which she began her master's work at Virginia State University in 1985 in the department of Psychology. In 1989 she obtained her master's degree in Psychology with a concentration in Clinical Psychology. She received her Ph.D. in Academic Psychology, with an emphasis in Clinical Psychology in 2007, from Walden University located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has conducted research in the area of undergraduate mentoring and othermothering.

Dr. Carson currently serves as Assistant Chairperson and Undergraduate Program Coordinator in the Department of Psychology at Virginia State University and has been teaching at VSU for the past 25 years. Her work at VSU includes past facilitator to Student Support Services; advisor to Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology; Co-Chair of The Virginia Graduate Research Initiative for the College of Health and Natural Sciences; member of the Retention and Recruitment Committee for the College of Health and Natural Sciences, and a member of the Judicial Affairs Committee. Additionally, she holds what she considers one of the best positions at VSU, that of commencement marshal for the College of Health and Natural Sciences! She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Her religious education began through baptism at the age of 8 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia where she served as Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and a member of the Board of Christian Education. After marriage she joined the Trinity Baptist Church to serve with her husband and remained there for 13 years as a Bible school teacher and Deaconess.

She has been blissfully married for the past 32 years to Rev. Norwood G. Carson, and is the blessed mother of Carrie Elizabeth and Camille Inez. She is the former First Lady of

Rocky Branch Baptist Church in Dinwiddie County, Virginia where she served for 4 years. She is also the former First Lady of the Tabernacle Baptist Church located in the Winterpock area of Chesterfield County where she and her husband served for nineteen years. Currently, she is the First Lady of Friendship Baptist Church in Hopewell, Va. At Tabernacle she served as Women's Ministry Facilitator, a member of the Lay Counseling Ministry, a member of The Women of Praise Choir, a member of the of Christian Education Committee, and a teacher for Sunday School, Bible Study, and Vacation Bible School. Additionally, she serves as Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at Tabernacle Divinity School which prepares individuals to serve as Pastors, Christian Educators, and effective preachers. She enjoys playing the hand bells, clarinet, the EWI (Electronic Wind Instrument). Her purpose in life is to teach wherever she can, to all she can, whenever she can. She was featured in CEO Magazine in the Women Who Do It All segment. Her philosophy in life is, "Get a good night's sleep" realizing the only way you can truly sleep at night is to live a righteous life fully relying on God!