



*Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church*  
**Higher Education**  
**Update!**



**J. W. ARNOLD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

In September 1981, our church initiated the J. W. Arnold Scholarship fund in honor of the late Mr. J. W. Arnold, a devoted and faithful member of our church; a member of the segregated, yet flourishing and politically powerful former Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and, a respected citizen in the Clayton County community, for his many outstanding contributions in the field of education. Monies generated from the fund have been used since 1984 to provide assistance to graduating seniors who are members of this church and who desire to further their education beyond high school. Mr. Arnold believed, and we concur, that “a mind is a terrible thing to waste” thus he espoused the philosophy that parents should “penny-pinch” and save in order that their own children might be educated and grow up to become responsible, tax-paying citizens. He aggressively encouraged parents to follow his leadership and served as a positive role model in the Black community. Resultantly, God has blessed Andrews Chapel to always have a great number of Black professionals.



Mr. Arnold's daughters, Eula V. and Lillian T. M., both retired teachers, continued to follow in their father's footsteps as they encouraged and contributed financially to the Clark-Atlanta University. These wonderful women also made it financially possible for young men and women to pursue their dream of receiving a degree.



The first Arnold scholarships were for only \$50 and monies were donated by member pledges and the J. W. Arnold Scholarship banquet. Full-time students now receive \$300 annually and part-time students receive \$150. On recommendation of the Finance Committee and subsequent approval by the Administrative Board the church budgets \$1000 per month for the fund. Additionally, members and organizations such as the UMW include the fund in their annual budgets or through pledges.

The Andrews Chapel Arnold Education Center is dedicated to the memory and work of the Arnolds in promoting education in our community.