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DEACON JOHN POSEY
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEACONS



DEACON DOUGLAS JOYNER - INTERIM
VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEACONS



DR. TYRONE E. KILGOE
MEN'S DAY SPEAKER

Deacon John Posey Is Named Chairman of the Board of Deacons Deacon Douglas Joyner Is Interim Vice Chairman

By Hattie Ingram

Deacon John Posey has been named Chairman of the Board of Deacons at New Bethel Baptist Church. Deacon Douglas Joyner was named Vice Chairman of the Board. Both Deacons are members of the Finance Committee, the Anniversary Committee and the Forsyth County Deacons Union.

Deacon Posey, a Silver Star member of New Bethel is a member of the Usher Board, teacher of Sunday School Class #5, president of the Voices of Praise, member of the Monday Night

Bible Study Class, the Communion Singers and the Cathedral Choir. He is married to the former Jackie Neal and they are parents of two daughters, Deanna and Shareé.

Deacon Joyner is a Gold Star member of New Bethel and has been active through the years with the Sunday School, Laymen's League, Budget Committee, Audio Visual Ministry, Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class, advisor to the Van Ministry and Chairman of the Men's Day Committee. He is owner and operator of Doug's Frame Shop.

Many Are Visiting the New Bethel Website

The New Bethel website has been very popular since March 15, 2005 when it became available on the World Wide Internet. Since that time the website has been visited over 130 times. Several comments about the website have been received - all very positive. The website address is: www.newbethelbchurch.org. Plans are currently being made to show the website to persons at the church who do not have access to a computer and would like to know more about a website.

The website tells the New Bethel Story with historical information, the church's mission and how the church is accomplishing its mission. The website is attractive and colorful with pictures, including pictures of Dr. and Mrs. Drayton, and pictures of the church, the sanctuary and other locations in the church.

Website visitors can explore the website by selecting various topics from the navigation bar. The topics are: [Pastor's Statement](#), [About Us](#), [Church Calendar](#), [Church Organizations](#), [Church Announcements](#), [Spotlight](#), [Scholarships](#), [Driving Directions](#), and [Links](#). Under Links, website visitors can visit other websites of interest including the website of: The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., *The Chronicle*, and *The Winston-Salem Journal*.

Mrs. Patrice L. Britton is the website Administrator. She has accepted the responsibility of designing, installing and keeping the New Bethel website current.

Dr. Tyrone E. Kilgoe Is Men's Day Speaker

Dr. Tyrone E. Kilgoe of High Point, North Carolina will be the guest speaker for the 58th observance of Men's Day at New Bethel. The special observance will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Dr. Kilgoe received his undergraduate degree from Eastern College of St. Davids, Pennsylvania in 1979. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary of New York City in 1982 and in 1992, the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Included among his credentials are accounts of achievements in various capacities. For instance, he is a former member of the Graysferry Council of Churches and the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Board of Pastoral Care. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Baptist Association and as President of the South Philadelphia Interdenominational Fellowship of Churches. In addition, he has served as Adjunct Professor for Field Education at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and on the Multi-cultural Advisory Board of Eastern College. More recently, from 1991 to 1998 he was Pastor/Founder of New Comfort Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He became the senior pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1998 where he served until 2001. From 2001 to 2003, Dr. Kilgoe served as Senior Pastor of Triumph Christian Fellowship of Greensboro. He has also
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Editorial Deacon Cleveland Griffin A Man of Action For Christian Service

By Hattie Ingram

Long before he became Chairman of the Board of Deacons at New Bethel Baptist Church, Deacon Cleveland Griffin distinguished himself as a true servant of God. This was found in the God he worshipped, the work he chose, the company he kept, the lives he touched and the memories he has left behind.

Deacon Griffin took his place in our church more than 50 years ago and worked faithfully fulfilling duties and commitments until the day of his death. He was known for always accepting whatever job was given to him, whether large or small, when he considered it a task for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. He was named "Man of the Year" in 1994.

He deemed it a deep-seated joy to serve as President of the Usher Board at New Bethel. He was proud to open doors for many and walk before them down the aisles to secure a seat in God's house. This usher thought it was akin to divine as he continued this service as President of the Forsyth County Usher Board and District President of the Rowan Association where he served as an instructor in countless seminars.

Cleveland Griffin was added to the Board of Deacons at our church in 1973 and after a relatively short period of time was elevated to Vice Chairman, then Chairman. He was Vice Chairman of the Forsyth County Deacons Union and served on its Executive Board.

His visits to sick and shut-in members were not limited to our church family,
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New Bethel Presents Its First Quarter Outreach Report

By Myra Wilson

The following report represents some of the combined outreach activities performed by New Bethel auxiliaries during the months of January, February, March 2005.

The Sunday School reported the following contacts: 328 visits, 463 calls, 168 letters and cards, 14 dinners, 8 bags of groceries, 40 meals on wheels served, 3 Easter Baskets, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly, 4 bags of clothing and shoes, 2 end tables, 2 lamps, 1 coffee table, \$432 donation.

The Laymen's League outreach consisted of delivering meals-on-wheels, and they will have an upcoming blood drive with Union churches.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 28 members of our sick and shut-ins.

The Willing Workers made contributions to Prodigals, delivered numerous meals on wheels. They also sent cards and made visits to our sick and shut-ins.

Outreach activities for the Missionary Department include: \$60 to sick and shut-ins, \$30 to Salvation Army, \$45 to the Rescue Mission, 2 dozen tooth brushes, and 2 tubes of toothpaste, \$50 to Red Cross-Tsunami Fund, \$30 Crisis Control, \$50 Lott Carey Conventions-Tsunami survivors, \$50 to Shepherd Center of Winston-Salem. They also sent 5 cards and made 3 calls to the sick and shut-ins.

Volunteers for Christian Service visited the following nursing homes: Oak Summit, Lutheran Home, Silas Creek Manor, W-S Convalescent Center. They also visited Forsyth and NC Baptist Hospital. Fruit baskets, cards, and flowers were taken to members homes. Several of the members worked at the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. They have visited several members and had prayer with them in their homes.

The Journalistic Society reached out during the first quarter to the sick and shut-in members of New Bethel. An outreach activity on or near Valentine's Day brought visits, cards, mylar red hearts balloons and candy treats to brighten the lives of our sick and shut-in members.

Congratulations New Bethel for doing an outstanding job of reaching out to people who are in need. Let us continue to do so in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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but friends and relatives of members and friends. He visited someone every day, even when he was not well. Griffin was a soul of good humor, speaking words of encouragement, refusing to talk about his accomplishments but focusing on others. By his kindly disposition and gentle and beautiful spirit, he endeared himself to all. He will be greatly missed.

Youth Corner



KRIS FEEMSTER
YOUTH REPORTER

The Lock-In

By Kris Feemster

My hat goes off to the Youth Council committee for the events that were planned for this year's 2005 youth day activities.

The Youth Council sponsored our second annual lock-in that was held at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. Now this is not the first lock-in that we have had, however this was the best one by far.

The weeks leading up to the lock-in were very exciting and the youth of New Bethel had something very special to look forward to. We were allowed to invite a friend to be a part of this event.

Finally 6:00 p.m. Friday arrived, we were given a schedule as to how the evening would go. We had a hearty meal, a really good message from our guest youth minister, Pastor Stacy Frazier, and a lesson on poetry from Mr. Gerald Pauling.

At 8:45 we were dismissed and off to the Y we went. We were split up by age groups and teamed up against one another for a game of basketball.

The best part of that activity was watching the adult men show us that they still had it. Mr. Piggott, Mr. Bartley, Mr. Posey, just to name a few, were in full throttle running up and down the courts and scoring baskets...gentlemen, NO DUNKS PLEASE. We were having too much fun to have to take anyone to the hospital.

Next came the soul train line where the youth as well as some of the other really brave adults had the chance to show us some of their old school moves.

I figured after all the basketball playing and soul train dance lines, it was a really good idea to head to the indoor pool and cool things off.

We were allowed to swim and play in the water for an hour as one of our very own, Candace Hunt, looked on as a certified life guard to insure the safety of each youth. Thank the Lord she never had to jump in once to save a life.

The last part of the evening we had many activities to choose from. We had wrap sessions and the guys were allowed to play a round of golf, play basketball or go to the game room, the ladies were given the option of make-overs,
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The complete obituary of Deacon Cleveland Griffin will appear in the May 2005 issue.



CHRIS HARPER
SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

Chris Harper Wins School Science Fair

Christopher Harper won top honors at his school's Science Fair on March 9, 2005. The Science Fair included projects done by students from the 5th through the 8th grades at Quality Education Academy. He decided he wanted to do a more challenging project this year, so he selected "How Does a Door Buzzer Work?" The purpose of his project was to learn what causes the sound in a door buzzer. Chris' display board included photographs of all the equipment he used for the project. His equipment included a metal soda can, a thread spool, covered wire, a metal nail file, D batteries, plastic tape, a steel bolt, a wire stripper and two paper fasteners and steel paper clips to make a switch. He also included diagrams, photographs and a detailed report explaining the experiment.

Chris was asked to demonstrate his project at a Parent/Teacher meeting held on March 10, 2005.

Christopher is a member of the Junior usher Board and The Buddy Program at New Bethel. He also assists with video taping of church services. He is the son of Arnold and Pamela Harper, the grandson of Doris Gray and the cousin of Thomas and Vicky Adams.

DR. KILGOE... *Continued*

served as a member of the faculty at Guilford County Technical and Community College; Program Coordinator for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Counselor for Triumph, L.L.C. in Burlington, North Carolina.

Dr. Kilgoe is married to Mrs. Dana Gaines-Kilgoe and they are the proud parents of four children.

Others participating on the program include: Trustee Joe Bartley, presiding; Trustee James Brown, Scripture and Invocation; Trustee Wesley Curtis, Announcements; Mr. Richard Walker, Recognition of Visitors, Deacons Charles Robinson and John Posey, Special Recognition; Trustee Johnny Grooms, Offertory Prayer; Trustee Charles Hunt, Introduction of Speaker; Reverend Dr. Jerry Drayton, Reception of New Members and Remarks; and Reverend Louis Werts, Altar Call. Music will be provided by the Men's Chorale, directed by Trustee Kenneth Rocker. Deacon Douglas Joyner is Chairman of the Men's Day Program.

Youth Choir Presents Colorful and Uplifting Anniversary

By Diane Piggott

The 31st Anniversary Celebration of the New Bethel Baptist Church's Youth Choir was a spiritually uplifting afternoon on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 4 p.m. Ms. Connie Smith served as Mistress of Ceremony. Ms. Jessica Leach is president of the choir.

Others appearing on the program were: Nicole Nichols, scripture; William Poe, prayer; Maiya Thomas, welcome; Jessica Leach, history; and Mrs. Linda Feemster, special recognition. New Bethel's own, Voices of Praise opened the afternoon.

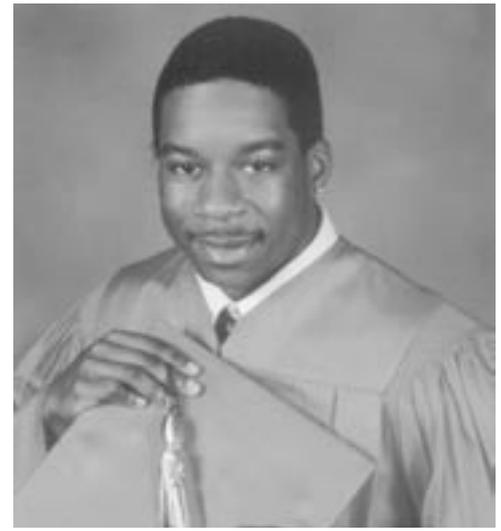
The Youth Choir members were dressed in pastels. The young men were in shirts in pastel colors and jeans. The young ladies were dressed in ponchos of pastel colors and jean skirts. Prior to coming in they descended from the balcony and aligned themselves on the outside isles of the sanctuary. Then they came up to the back and proceeded down the middle isle in an upbeat step singing "Give Him Glory" which was also the anniversary's theme. Michael Curtis and Adrian Malone sang solo parts. Other spirited selections were: Kris Feemster led in singing "A New Day" under the direction of William Poe; Chris Farabee, Jr., guest organist and soloist rendered "You Are The King of Glory;" and Kristin Feemster led in singing "I Am a Friend of God." Isaac LeSeine, guest drummer and Ms. Towanna VanEaton, organist of the group accompanied the choir.

Special recognitions preceded the mini-concert. The choir honored Ms. VanEaton, Mr. Poe, Mr. Farabee and Mr. LeSeine. Ms. Paula Imes was recognized for her administrative work on the choir's behalf. The choir surprised Ms. Feemster with a plaque, a mall gift certificate and a certificate to get her nails done. Ms. Leach made Ms. Feemster's presentations.

Guest choirs were asked to render two selections. The Youth Choir of St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church brought "I Want To Say Thank You" and "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus." The VanEaton Quartet, males ranging in ages from 13 to 16, rendered "I Want To Go To Heaven" and "I Need a House of Refuge." The final group performance was by the Youth Choir of New Zion Baptist Church who performed "Why Do I Sing" and "Hallelujah."

Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor of New Bethel, voiced the following sentiments—"This has been a fitting afternoon to climax a great Youth/Young Adult Day!"

The choir also took this opportunity to recognize its graduates for 2005—high school graduates, Kristen Curtis, Shareé Posey and Jessica Leach and college graduate, Kristin Feemster. The program was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Louise Bitting, who served as organist for the choir for many years.



ANTOINE MASSEY
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Antoine Massey To Receive High School Diploma

By Carolyn Crosby

When many teenagers are asked what they are going to do after graduating from high school, many of them are undecided. This is not the case with Antoine—he has a plan he has selected to follow.

After receiving his diploma on May 28th from Glenn High School, he plans to attend Forsyth Technical College. Antoine would like to enroll in their transfer program allowing him to attend Forsyth Tech for two years and then transfer to a four-year college to complete his education and earn his degree.

Antoine plans to pursue a degree in Computer Programming and Engineering. He has chosen this field because of his love for computers. He has a real interest in computers and would like to learn the basics of developing software and video games.

As an alternate plan, Antoine has a secondary career path in mind, which deals with car audio. The Electrical class he is enrolled in at the Career Center has spiked his interest in this field as well.

Antoine feels he is basically set and ready to take on the responsibility of being trained for a career. He looks forward to graduation and prays everything will go according to his plan.

Antoine is very active at New Bethel. He is a member of the Sunday school, youth Council, Baptist Training Union, and the Usher Board. He is the son of Ms. Monica Massey and the grandson of Deacon and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

After Church Fellowship Set for April 17, 2005

By Hattie Ingram

The Deacons and Trustee Spouses of New Bethel will host their first After Church Fellowship for 2005 on Sunday, April 17, 2005 after the morning worship service in the Jerry Drayton Dining Hall and Multipurpose Room. All New Bethel members are encouraged to remain after the service and enjoy the fellowship with one another. Everyone is asked to come and enjoy the delicious refreshment that will be available.



THE EIFEL TOWER / THE STATUE NEAR PIZZA DEL POPOLO
PHOTOS BY TREY CURTIS

Rome and Paris Trip

By Trey Curtis

A week ago I went to Rome and Paris with my class. It was a wonderful experience for me. I saw places like the Vatican, St. Petersburg Vacilica, and the Louvre.

My class first went to Rome for 4 days. In Rome we went and explored the city that included seeing many churches because we were at one of the spots where religion started. We took a tour and we learned a lot about the religion and the culture in Rome.

During our stay in Rome we also toured a lot of museums and saw many great pieces of art. Our tour guide told us that Rome has over 55% of the world's great artwork.

After our stay in Rome we took the overnight train to Paris. In Paris we only had 2 days to explore. Even though we were limited in time we still got to see the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower.

At the Louvre we also saw some paintings and sculptures. After looking throughout the museum we went down to shop and explore the city on our own.

In Rome and Paris we tasted a lot of food. The foods we tasted went from pizza to pasta mixed with many seasonings. In my opinion the only difference is that Italian pizza is a lot thinner than American pizza. Their breakfast only included bread and croissants.

European culture differed from American culture in what I saw. From the artwork to the food: they are both special in their own ways.

New Bethel Hosts Forsyth Sunday School Union

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel Baptist Church hosted the Forsyth County Sunday school Union on Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Fifteen churches were represented by approximately 125 Sunday School goers who attended.

The Sunday School Union meets on a monthly basis at various member churches. The organization offers training opportunities for Sunday School superintendents.

Lunch was provided with the following persons assisting: Mrs. Jamie Morrison, Ms. Audrey Brown, Ms. Nikki Brown, Ms. Valjean McKinney, Mrs. Doris Crosby, Mrs. Ethel Brook, Mrs. Peggy McCullough, and Deacon Douglas Joyner, Trustee James Brown and Mr. Richard Smith. The menu consisted of fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, dessert, rolls and punch.

Deacon Matthew Moore is Superintendent of the New Bethel Sunday School.

Plans Being Made For Annual Women's Day

By Hattie Ingram

The women of New Bethel are making plans for their 58th Annual Women's Day Observance which will be held on Sunday, May 8th, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Mary B. Kendall of Charlotte, North Carolina will be the guest speaker.

The 2005 Church Budget asks the women to donate \$7,500 during this annual celebration to assist with church expenditures and obligations. In view of this request, the Women's Day Committee is asking all women to pay \$100.00 for Women's Day. Contributions can be made monthly or weekly.

All women are encouraged to support this observance by being in attendance on May 8 and also by bringing a relative or friend to join with us on this special day.

Ninety-Nine Problems, But God Ain't One of Them

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Stacey L. Frazier, Associate Minister of New Light Baptist Church in Greensboro brought a spirited message, "I've Got 99 Problems, but God Ain't One of Them" as he addressed the 52nd Annual Youth/Young Adult Day of New Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2005. His message was taken from 2 Corinthians 4:8.

Rev. Frazier began by enumerating many problems young people face as pointed out by the rapper, JayZ in a song. "Youth are ostracized, criticized, sexually abused and pressured by their peers," stressed Rev. Frazier, "And we bring some problems upon ourselves. This is a hard-knocked life!" Youth also ask many questions which expose their problems. Some questions mentioned were: "Why can't I be like everyone else? Why can't I find a companion? Why don't I have a dime? Why am I struggling with my sexuality? Why do I try so hard and continue to fail?" Rev. Frazier pointed out that "God's intention is not to hurt or harm His people. If God brings you a problem, He'll bring you out! God is omniscient! You oughta' rejoice in your problems because God is omnipresent and omnipotent! Tell your problems to God," urged Rev. Frazier. He recounted how recently "he had a terrible accident with a tractor trailer. When I came to my senses. I realized that God was there. He dispatched an angel and I walked away with only a hurt ankle." He shouted, "Do I have a witness this morning?" He continued, "God is able to deliver you! He can reverse the situation. He has so much power that devils tremble at His name! If you ask in the name of Jesus, it will be done! Can you say, "through it all I've learned to trust in God!"

This message followed a lock-in program of activities and the morning Sunday School Hour. The youth were in charge of these activities. Rev. Frazier volunteered to be with the youth and young adults during the lock-in. It afforded him the opportunity to bond with the youth and seek out some of their concerns. A healthy dialogue was shared during the lock-in program.

Deaths and Funerals

Relatives of New Bethel Members

MS. VERONICA MITCHELL MACBETH

Ms. Veronica M. Macbeth departed this life on Sunday, March 20, 2005 at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 24, 2005 at Oak Grove Baptist Church of Walkertown. Ms. Macbeth was the goddaughter of Mrs. Laura Ruth Davis with whom she lived. She often attended New Bethel with her sister, Janet M. Carroll who was among her survivors.

THE LOCK-IN *Continued*

manicures, wrap sessions or the game room.

There was plenty of food and delicious desserts to keep our energy and strength up, so most of us were able to stay awake all night playing games and taking part in the many different activities.

I had a ball at this year's lock-in, but by 6:00 a.m. there was not one activity in the world or any amount of delicious food that would come between me and my nice warm bed, I had played hard, had lots of fun but sleep was calling my name, and so sleep I did.