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WITH A CAN IN YOUR
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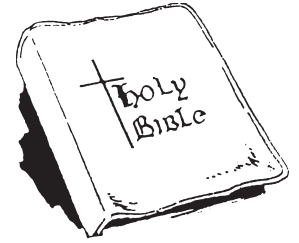
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Eight Members To Be Ordained As Deacons April 13 61st Annual Men's Day Observance Scheduled For April 20



**REV. CHAD R. ARMSTRONG
TO DELIVER ORDINATION SERMON**

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong To Preach For Ordination Service

By Hattie Ingram

Reverend Chad R. Armstrong, Senior Pastor of Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will preach for the Ordination Service when eight persons are added to the Board of Deacons at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Reverend Armstrong is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina where he received his formal education. He is a graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University where he received an accounting Degree. He furthered his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina where he earned the Masters of Divinity Degree.

Our speaker was licensed to preach on March 2, 1997 and was ordained in 1999 by Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte where he served as Associate Minister. That same year, he began his pastorate at Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina. During his tenure, the membership quadrupled from approximately 125 to about 500. Additionally, they built a new edifice and liquidated this 25 year mortgage in seven years.

Reverend Armstrong was installed as Pastor of Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in November of 2007.

He has served on the Board of Oak Hill
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Pastor's Activities April 2008

April 3, 7:00 P.M.
Rev. Dr. Jones To Preach At
New Zion Baptist Church
Pastor Vernon Brown's Pastoral Anniversary

April 30, 7:00 P.M.
Rev. Dr. Jones To Preach At
St. Stephen Baptist Church
Baptist Training Institute

Youth Choir To Celebrate It's 35th Anniversary

By Diane Piggott

The Youth Choir of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its 35th anniversary on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the main auditorium of the church. Ms. Linda Feemster will celebrate her 7th year as directress. Mr. Dale Hairston will be in his first year as Minister of Music of New Bethel.

The choir will be in concert with a few guest choirs. New Bethel's Praise Dance Team under the direction of Ms. Brooke N. Brown will be on the program. Monte Odom will accompany the choir on the drums. The choir members have been getting in two practices a week for the past three weeks.

The youth work hard learning new songs and new talents emerge as the rehearsals mount up. They overcome shyness and on the day of the anniversary, the congregation usually gets a pleasant and soul-stirring surprise.

Mark your calendar now to include this afternoon of praises to God.

REV. ARMSTRONG... Continued

Camp and Retreat Center in Oxford, North Carolina which is a spiritual organization that seeks to minister to and assist youth in their spiritual development during the summer season. He has also taught at the Vance County Institute and the Sunday School Council sessions.

He is married to the former Angela Michelle Graham and they are parents of three daughters.

Candidates recommended for the Board of Deacons and who will be ordained during the service include Mr. Thomas Atkins, Mr. Eugene Barr, Trustee Joe Bartley, Trustee James Brown, Trustee Carolyn Crosby, Trustee Wesley Curtis, Trustee Charles Hunt, and Trustee Constance Segers.



**DR. ARNOLD T. HENCE
61ST MEN'S DAY SPEAKER**

Dr. Arnold T. Hence To Address Men's Day Audience

By Hattie Ingram

The men of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate their 61st Annual Men's Day Observance on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Arnold T. Hence, Executive Vice President of Forsyth Technical Community College.

As the chief operating officer, Dr. Hence handles the day-to-day administrative oversight of the college including instructional services, Corporate/Continuing Education, Student Services, Business Operations, Instructional Effectiveness, and the Distance Learning Centers. He also serves as the Interim Vice President of Student Services.

Dr. Hence has more than 30 years experience in higher education. Before beginning his position at Forsyth Tech, he served as executive dean at the Community College of Baltimore, Catonsville, Vice President for Enrolling Planning and Student Life at Lincoln University, Vice President for Student Affairs at Alfred State College, and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Aurora University.

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Hence grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is the product of a non-traditional background. He earned his GED in the United States Army and specialized in radar and computer repair.
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Brown Encourages Youth To Follow Theme, "It's Time"

By Hattie Ingram

Busta Brown, radio personality of WQMG 97.1 FM and community leader addressed the youth at their 57th Youth and Young Adult Day observance on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Trey Curtis served as Worship Leader. Jamon Carson, Youth/Young Adult Day Chairman discussed the theme, "It's Time."

Brown explained to the audience that you do what you do because you love people and to uplift somebody. "I love the connection with kids!" He stated emphatically. "I'm living a dream. I have a son who is 11 years old and your theme, "It's Time" is perfect for kids and adults alike," he continued. His message was taken from Ephesians 4:29.

Busta emphasized the importance of not saying anything if it's not good. "It's time for goodness," he stressed. "If it's not of God, it's not good," he continued. He reminded the youth that they should dress in a respectful manner, that everything that was cool was not necessarily Godly. "Young people you should not compromise your goodness just to fit in with others. Watch your language, stop smoking, stop drinking. Those things are not good for your health," he said.

He encouraged parents to set good examples for their children. "You can't tell them what to do when they watch you do ungodly things," he told parents. Husbands and wives should put God back into their marriages and go to God for help, not people, to get best results.

The Youth/Young Adult day observance began with a very successful lock-in (see Jamon Carson's *Youth Corner* article). Youth presided over the adult Sunday School classes and the Youth Choir provided spirit-filled music for the very unforgettable occasion.

Second Quarter Honor Roll Students Recognized

By Barbara Phelps

Nineteen New Bethel Honor Roll Students were recognized for their academic progress and achievement on Sunday, February 24, 2008 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Gifts were presented to each student by Youth Council representatives Mrs. Barbara Phelps and Cherelle Phelps.

Those being recognized were: Malcolm Hatcher, Kindergarten-Forest Park; Latrecia Mankins, 1st Grade-Old Town; Kendall Britton, 2nd Grade-Gibson; LaShyia Mankins, 2nd Grade-Old Town; Rashawn Couthen, 2nd Grade-Ashley; Nicholis Lyles, 5th Grade-Gibson; Nasya Smith, 5th Grade-Forest Park; Kelson Smith, 4th Grade-Walkertown; Christian Thomas, 4th Grade-Bolton; Terrell Britton, 5th Grade-Gibson; Kelsey Summey, 6th Grade-Northwest M.; Breshaun Liles, 6th Grade-Downtown M.; Escada Horton, 7th Grade-Wiley M.; Kerry Campbell, Jr., 8th Grade-Southeast M.; Michael Curtis, 8th Grade-Paisley; Alexis Summey, 8th Grade-Northwest M.; Jasmine Moss, 8th Grade-WS Prep; Maiya Thomas, 10th Grade-Parkland; Jamon Carson, 12th Grade-Carver.



MRS. BARBARA GLENN
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



MRS. DIANE PIGGOTT
DIRECTOR

Piggott and Glenn to Work with Young Adults

By Diane Piggott

Mrs. Diane Piggott and Mrs. Barbara Glenn will serve as Director and Assistant Director, respectively, of the Young Adult Missionary Group of New Bethel Baptist Church known as the Martha Missionary Group. Piggott and Glenn are only the third team to support the young adults of New Bethel. The late Mrs. Mary J. Foote served the group for 40 years and Ms. Ruby Cain followed her.

Mrs. Piggott was transplanted to Winston-Salem in 1971 following her marriage to trustee Daniel Piggott. She was educated in the public schools of Cabarrus County. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics Education from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. The couple is the parents of three young adult children, Daniel Jr. (Nicole and Daniel, III), Dionne and Darryl. She taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for 31 years before retiring in 2005. She is active at New Bethel with the Sunday School, Journalistic Society, the Youth Council and the Missionary Group.

Mrs. Barbara Glenn will assist Piggott as director. She is a native of Winston-Salem, the daughter of the late Pearlene and Louis Porter. She graduated from St. Anne's Academy, now Bishop McGuiness High School. She also attended Winston-Salem State University. She married William Glenn and didn't enter the workforce until their daughter, Patrice enrolled in school. They had another daughter, Willette. She was widowed in 2006. She has three grandchildren and is expecting a fourth in August.

She has worked as a physical therapist at Amos Cottage and as an RJR Tobacco worker in its Research Department from which she retired.

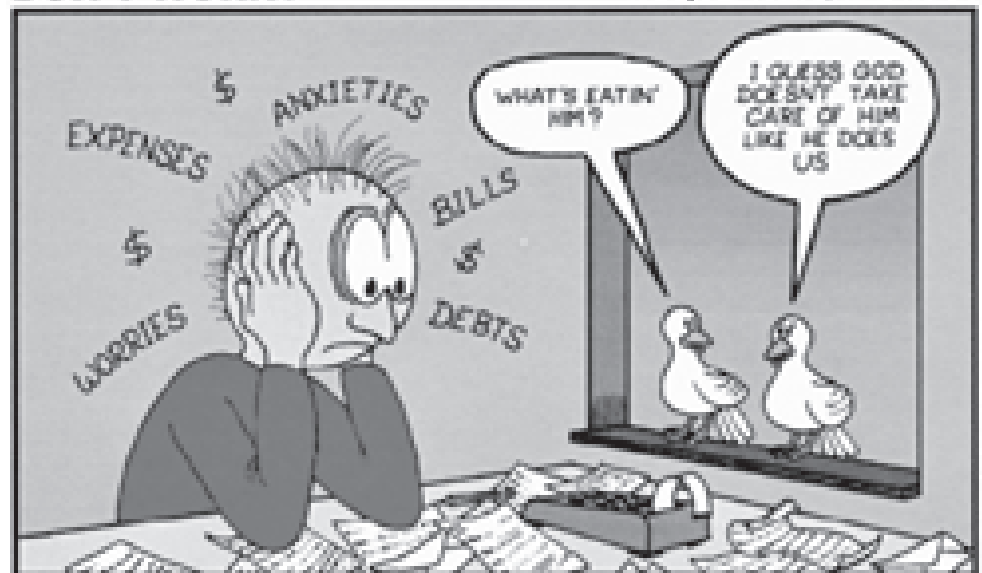
Both Piggott and Glenn are dedicated to missionary work and love working with the young adult population. Both have raised young adults and can be sympathetic as well as empathetic to this population. They also hope to "assist the young adults as they embark upon their careers, select mates and become parents. They also hope to contribute to their Christian maturity."

Those in the New Bethel Family who are in the age group from 18 to 40 are encouraged to join the Martha Missionary Group. We must take God's message outside the walls of the edifice at 1016 North Trade and reach all nations!

A Joyful Toon

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Wichert

DON'T WORRY



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? – MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

Election 2008

We would like to encourage all persons who are eligible to vote, to please vote in this year's Primary and General Elections. The North Carolina Primary is May 6, 2008. **Registration deadline is Friday, April 11, 2008.** Requests for Absentee Ballots may be made up until Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 5 p.m. To vote in the **General Election** on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, **you must register before October 10, 2008.** You may vote in the General Election if you are 18 years or older or will turn 18 by November 4.

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, you can check your registration at www.sboe.state.nc.us/votersearch or call the Board of Elections Office at (336) 703-2800.

Poll workers are needed to carry out the election process at the various precincts. Precincts need a Chief Judge, a Democratic and Republican judge and some alternates. Please contact the Board of Elections Office if you're interested.

DR. ARNOLD HENCE... *Continued*

He was one of nine people selected from the United States to receive a Graduate fellowship to the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education without having a baccalaureate degree. He holds a Master's Degree in the social and philosophical foundations of education and an Ed.D. in educational theory, policy, and administration from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Dr. Hence's interests include boating, swimming, tinkering with electronic gadgets, and he is an aspiring screenwriter. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and an ordained minister. He held the position as an Associate Pastor and music director at his former church. He and his wife, Anna, have two children and three grandchildren.

Others appearing on the program are Trustee Joe Bartley, Worship Leader; Mr. Keith Smith, Scripture; Mr. Ronald Wilkins, Invocation; Trustee Wesley Curtis, Announcements/Welcoming Visitors; Deacon John Posey and Trustee Charles Hunt, Presentations; Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Pastoral Reflections; Trustee Johnny Grooms, Offertory Prayer; and Trustee James Brown, Introduction of Speaker. Music will be rendered by the Men's Chorale under the direction of Trustee Kenneth Rocker. Minister of Music, Mr. Dale Hairston, Saxophonist, Mr. Steven Thornton, and Drummer. Monté Odom will provide music for the Men's Chorale.

James G. Nelson (Ret. Master Chief Petty Officer) Passes in Florida

James G. Nelson (Ret. Master Chief Petty Officer) passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Pensacola Navy Hospital in Pensacola, Florida.

He resided in Winston-Salem at an early age and attended New Bethel with his grandmother, Mrs. Esther Nelson.

Master Chief Petty Officer Nelson received B.S. and Masters degrees from Florida State University and spent over twenty years in the United States Navy before retiring.

Funeral services and interment with family military rites were held at NAS Navy Base in Pensacola, Florida on Friday, March 21, 2008 at 10:38 a.m.

He is survived by an aunt, Mrs. Hattie Ingram and cousin, Monté Odom, both dedicated members of New Bethel.



**MRS. NORMA SMITH BROWN
SUCCUMBS TO SUDDEN ILLNESS**

Mrs. Norma Smith Brown Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Norma Smith Brown, daughter of the late John H. Tomlin and Eva Smith Cutler passed away on February 27, 2008.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and moved to Winston-Salem at an early age. She was raised by her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Patterson Smith, who preceded her in death. She was married to the late Edward Lee Brown of Kingstree, S.C. for 33 years and to this union four children were born.

Mrs. Brown was a retired employee of Wachovia Mortgage Company having received numerous awards and recognitions during her tenure. She was a long standing and active member of New Bethel Baptist Church until her death. Mrs. Brown was a Sunday School teacher for the beginner's class, a member of the Youth Council, Missionary, Effort Club, BTU, the Cathedral Choir, Monday night and Tuesday morning Bible Study and was a Gold Star Member.

One of Mrs. Brown's greatest attributes was her dedication and compassion to study and share God's word with others.

Left to cherish her memories are four children, Mr. Reginald W. Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. Vernon E. (Kim) Brown, Ms. Audrey L. Brown (Perry Hairston), and Mrs. April Brown, all of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Nine grandchildren of whom two are active members of New Bethel, Ms. Brooke Brown and Adrian K. Malone. Five great-grandchildren and a devoted cousin with whom, she was raised, Alma R. Smith of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and numerous in-laws and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Brown was funeralized on March 4, 2008 at New Bethel Baptist Church with Dr. Kendall Jones Sr. officiating and Gilmore Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Henry James Thornton, II

Mr. Henry James Thornton, II, passed away on February 20, 2008 at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City.

Mr. Thornton was a contract Attorney in New York City until his death.

He was the nephew of Thomas (Doris) Thornton and cousin of Steven Thornton, all faithful and loyal members of New **(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)**



**MR. LOUIS C. PORTER
DIES AFTER BEING SHUT-IN**

Mr. Louis Cash Porter Passes After Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Louis Cash Porter of 901 West 25th Street, Winston-Salem, NC departed this life on March 14, 2008 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Mr. Porter has been a resident of Winston-Salem, NC for most of his life and attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools and was a retiree of Hanes Dye & Finishing Company.

Mr. Porter was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church where he served on the laymen's League. Fraternally, he was a loyal member of Salem Masonic Lodge #139.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearlene Ervin Porter. Surviving him is a daughter, Barbara Glenn of Pfafftown, NC, two grandchildren, Patrice Jackson of Richmond, VA and Willette Glenn of Dallas, TX, three great-grandchildren, a brother Albert (Geraldine) Porter of Newark, NJ, a sister, Mary Etta James of Winston-Salem, NC and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on March 21, 2008 with Dr. Kendall Jones Sr. officiating and Hooper Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

DEATHS/FUNERALS... *Continued*

Bethel Baptist Church.

A memorial service was held March 1, 2008 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick, Maryland, with Rev. Walter Phillip Fogarty presiding.

Mrs. Josephine E. Yokley

Mrs. Josephine E. Yokley died on Saturday, March 15, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. A grave side service was held on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at Piedmont Memorial Gardens in Winston-Salem. Services were provided by Douthit Funeral Services.

Mrs. Yokley was the cousin of Deacon Betty C. Williams, a loyal and dedicated member of New Bethel.

Mr. Garfield Aldine Ridgill

Mr. Garfield A. Ridgill, 82, passed on Friday, March 21, 2008 at Clemmons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. His funeral was held on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Drive with Dr. John Mendez officiating. Interment followed at Salisbury National Cemetery. Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. Ridgill was the brother of Mrs. Beatrice Kelly, a dedicated member of New Bethel.