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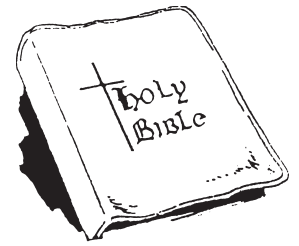
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## 62nd Men's Day Observance Scheduled For April 19



**PASTOR KENDALL D. JONES, SR.  
TAKES IN MOUNT CARMEL**

### Lenten Pilgrimage to Israel

By Dr. Kendall D. Jones

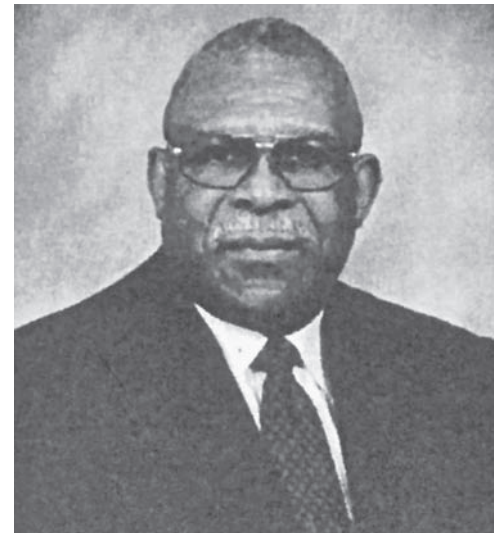
This impressive opportunity with one week in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and one week at a Roman Catholic retreat center across the street from the Old City walls in Jerusalem allowed a once and a lifetime experience. The unique sights, sounds and smells of biblical heritage provided days of a religious adventure. Through it all, I was praying for my family and New Bethel. With twenty-six years of studying, reading and preaching, this trip gave me an amazing spiritual renewal.

My goals were met in the search for the Historical Jesus, a spiritual renewal and to experience the resurrected Christ. After a twenty-one hour flight with 21 other ministers across the United States, we drove to Tiberias which is one of the four Jewish Holy cities, and the capital of Galilee. Very historical is the area of the village of Capernaum.

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**PASTOR JONES AT THE SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE**



**REV. DR. J. DONALD BALLARD  
TO ADDRESS MEN**

### Rev. Dr. J. Donald Ballard Guest Speaker For Men's Day

By Hattie Ingram

Reverend Dr. J. Donald Ballard, Pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and presently Interim Pastor of New Breed Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the 62nd Men's Day Observance at New Bethel Baptist Church. The observance will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Reverend Dr. Ballard is a native of High Point, North Carolina where he completed the requirements for elementary and secondary education. After completing his formal education, he served four years active duty in the United States Air Force in the continental United States and abroad.

Our speaker earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where he was Salutatorian of his class. He received the Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. He holds the distinction of being one of the first two black students to attend Duke University Divinity School and was among the top ten members in his class. Shaw University honored him with the Doctor of Divinity Degree.

He began preaching the Gospel while stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was ordained by the Rowan Baptist Association and at the age of 24, served as pastor of First Institutional Baptist Church in Winston-Salem for six years before *(Continued Page 2, Column 1, Article 2)*





REV. DIANNE HORTON VISITS WITH DR. BRAD BRAXTON

## Rev. Diane Horton Makes Pilgrimage To NYC To Study Urban Ministry

Rev. Horton, along with twenty-one fellow pilgrims, spent Spring Break immersing herself in the streets of New York. The group was comprised of students from Wake Forest University Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, and University Institute Isedet in Buenos Aires. The group was led by The Rev. Dr. Doug Bailey, President of The Center for Urban Ministry, Inc. Dr. Bailey also serves as Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry at Wake Forest University Divinity School.

Rev. Horton had the opportunity to learn about many different ministries that served the people of the city. She explains her time in NYC as an emotional roller coaster ride. She spent one day in total disbelief after visiting the John Heuss House. This establishment is a small, cramped, underground space where a community of homeless people that suffer mental illness reside. This space is located beneath the financial district near Wall Street!

When she visited the Exodus Transitional Community in Harlem she was inspired by the personal stories of triumph that were shared by young people that had been recently released from prison. These young people had previously been involved with gangs and drugs. Due to the outreach efforts of the Exodus Transitional Community these young people are now making positive changes in their lives.

Throughout the week Rev. Horton worshipped in several different church settings. She will never forget the way her spirit soared at Middle Collegiate church as she listened to a racially and culturally diverse choir sing *Just That Kind Of God*. Nor will she forget the sense of calm and peace she experienced as she listened to Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak at the historical Riverside Church.

One of the highlights for Rev. Horton was the opportunity to visit with The Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton, Pastor of Riverside Church (pictured). Dr. Braxton spoke to the issue of racism in the city and in churches. He offered the group keen insight into what is required of a minister regardless of location.

Rev. Horton feels truly blessed to have been able to make the pilgrimage. Her life has been greatly enriched by the many different faces and voices she encountered in one week in NYC.

## Youth Choir Celebration 35th Anniversary

By Jackie Posey

The New Bethel Youth Choir celebrated its 35th Anniversary on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. The theme was "Its Not About Us, But It's About Jesus." Mr. Willie Mason was Master of Ceremony.

The Youth Choir rendered several highly spiritual selections featuring Ciara Robertson performing "My Joy," Tammicia Kelly and "The Struggle is Over," Chris Feemster sang "I Give You Praise," and BreShaun Liles with "It's Not About Us."

Other guests appearing on program were Atkins Preparatory Academy Choir and Dance Team featuring our own Ciara Robertson, Passion of Christ international Church Choir, and New Zion Baptist Church Choir.

Mr. Dale Hairston, Minister of Music at New Bethel and Mr. Steven Thornton provided sensational organ and saxophone music, BreShaun Liles, interim drummer, played drums. Mr. Isaac LeSaine was guest Drummer. Ms. Linda Feemster is Director.

## Malone Developing Acting Talents

By Diane Piggott

Adrian Malone, a junior at Atkins Academic and Technology High School's School of Pre-Engineering, is becoming quite an actor. As a member of the North Carolina Black Theater Teen Ensemble, he's been enjoying theater arts since April 2008.

Most recently, he performed as an understudy in the Christmas Musical, "Black nativity 2008." He was also an understudy lead and a dancer in "Wildcat" in High School Musical 2, which was performed March 6-15, 2009.

Adrian is interested in pursuing his studies at the North Carolina School of the Arts this summer with the anticipation of entering after high school.

With this year, 2009, being the year of the North Carolina Black Theater Festival here in the city, look for Adrian to be in some of the upcoming productions. As soon as we are informed of his schedule, we'll inform you.

At New Bethel, he is active in Sunday School, Youth Choir, Youth Missionaries, the Youth Ushers and the Youth Council.

He is the son of Ms. April Brown and grandson of the late Mrs. Norma Brown.

## Pastor's Activities

April 10, 2009

Original Seven Last Words of Christ  
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
Speaker: Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.  
With Mass Choir  
7:00 p.m.

April 24, 2009

Holy Convocation Anderson Center  
Winston-Salem State University  
Speaker: Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.  
With Praise Team and Mass Choir  
7:30 p.m.

## LENTEN PILGRIMAGE... *Continued*

Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee, is home to one of the earliest churches in the world as well as a monumental ancient synagogue. This was also Peter's home town where Jesus performed many miracles. With paths created, we climbed Mt. Carmel with its natural forest and groves. The varied landscapes gave a serene backdrop for Galilee. We took a boat on the Sea of Galilee and planted our feet where the water comes out through the Jordan River that flows to the Dead Sea. From Mt. Carmel to Nazareth, the place where Jesus spent his childhood and youth, was like reliving it various periods. This was one of my most spiritual and emotional moments due to being able to touch the time of Jesus. Visiting the Church of the Annunciation, the traditional site of Joseph's and Mary's home was quite glorious. Jerusalem, a city of great social and religious tension, is the holiest city in the world. The Church of the Resurrection was a captivating sight as the location of the death and resurrection of Jesus. With overwhelming emotion, we went to our knees in prayer. We were very moved at the St. Ann Church where people come from across the world to share God's love. It was fascinating to hear people sing in their native language, read scripture and pray.

The Holy Land offered a significant context for spiritual reflection in solitude, common prayer, and group conversations with my peers, an amazing group of ministers. Forthcoming for BTU, there will be over 800 pictures and information of this complete journey.

Thank you, New Bethel, for your generous financial support. I will never forget your love and excitement in the anticipation of my travel and the love you have shown upon my return. This educational venture has given me a spiritual renewal and may we all be the better.

**Happy Easter!**

## Cain Challenged Youth With "Fear or Faith"

By Diane Piggott

Randell A. Cain, Jr., Associate Minister of Zion Memorial Baptist Church, presented a challenging message as he addressed the 59th annual Youth/Young Adult Day at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 8, 2009 during the morning services. The youth's theme was "A Change in Our Walk and a Change in Our Talk."

Following an introduction of family, Cain offered prayer and sang a verse of "Prayer Will." He took his text from Daniel 6:4-11 and used as a subject, "Fear or Faith." He began, "Challenging times are upon us! What kind of challenges are these youth facing?" Some that he mentioned, "Am I smart enough? Am I Good enough in sports?" He even pointed out that as adults, we wonder, "Am I healthy enough?" He then reminded the congregation of Ecclesiastes 1:9. "There is nothing new under the sun." He then told the congregation, "You have to be faithful and strong!" He also pointed out, "A bigger challenge is, Does it line up with God? As children of the most High God, what do we do? We have a spiritual life we need to maintain!" From his text, he posed the question, "Have you been in the lion's den?" He pointed out that Daniel's adversary was SATAN and so is ours!" Cain asked, "Who are you to Jesus?" He said, "John 15 tells us that Jesus is our friend. Seek to be different; seek to be more! God has something wonderful for all of us. Remember, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"

The youth conducted a wonderful Sunday School Hour prior to the morning worship emphasizing, "Be Prepared" with its text from Nehemiah 2:1-18; 3:1-32.

## New Bethel Hosts Forsyth County Sunday School Union

By Valjean McKinney

On Sunday, March 15, 2009, New Bethel Baptist Church hosted the Forsyth County Sunday School Union with approximately 150 persons attending. The meeting was set for 1:30 p.m. with Sunday School Superintendent James Brown serving as Presiding Officer. Remarks were given by Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. A delicious meal was served to all in attendance.

The Union meets monthly at various member churches. Elder Richard Woods is president of the Union which offers training opportunities for Sunday School superintendents.



SENIORS ENJOY THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

## Senior Ministry Attends Harlem Globetrotters' Basketball Game

By Dianne Horton

On Saturday, March 21, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel enjoyed a fun filled evening at the Lawrence Joel Veterans' Memorial Coliseum. They attended the Globetrotters vs. Washington Generals basketball game.

The seniors enjoyed a time of fellowship during the van ride and the time spent together before the game. Leading up to the big game the crowd was entertained by a group of young dancers. Globie, the Harlem Globetrotters' mascot, also kept the crowd going until the start of the game.

Once the Harlem Globetrotters and the Washington Generals took over the court the laughter was non-stop. The players' skills were amazing and their crazy antics were hilarious.

After an evening full of hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, and good clean fun, the seniors called it a night.

**YOUTH LOCK-IN...** *Continued and adult men. It was fun watching them run up and down the court and watching to see who would score. I did get to play in the game some."*

**Lauren Morris** *"I enjoyed the entire Lock-In. I stayed up all night, played pool, racquetball, basketball and I was also a part of the skit with Sharika, which I played the old lady who could not hear and needed a hearing aid."*

Finally 7 a.m. arrived, everyone packed up their items and got ready for departure. We cleaned up behind ourselves and made sure nothing was left behind. We were served a Sara Lee Muffin and juice on the way out for breakfast. The Lock-In was over and we departed for our separate homes.

On behalf of all the Youth and Young Adults of New Bethel, we want to thank Mr. Piggott, our Youth Council Advisor, the Adults of the Youth Council, Volunteers, Parents, and other chaperones who attended the Lock-In and stayed up all night to help prepare and watch over us.

**REV. DR. J. DONALD...** *Continued and daughter-in-law, Angela, have two children.*

Music for the occasion will be rendered by the Male Chorus, under the leadership of Mr. Dale Hairston, Minister of Music, Trustee Kenneth Rocker, director, and BreShaun Liles, interim drummer. Others appearing on program are: Worship Leader, Deacon Wesley Curtis; Scripture, Trustee Perry Hairston; Invocation, Rev. Christopher Graves; Announcements/ Welcoming Visitors, Mr. Tony Hairston; Special Recognition, Deacons Charles Hunt and John Posey; Offertory Prayer, Deacon Joe Bartley; Introduction of Speaker, Mr. Ray Morgan; and remarks by Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

## Deaths Of Relatives of New Bethel Baptist Church

By Barbara Ford

### Mrs. Ricky Wilson

Mrs. Ricky Wilson passed away February 22, 2009 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Her funeral was held February 27, 2009 at Macedonia Worship Center with Apostle S. D. Johnson officiating, Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.

Mrs. Wilson was the sister of Mrs. Lucille McCormick, a loyal and devoted member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### Deacon James L. Ellis

Deacon James L. Ellis departed this earthly life on February 17, 2009. He was a member of Old Mount Zion Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC. His funeral was held on February 22, 2009 at Old Mt. Zion; Rev. Marshall Jackson gave the eulogy. Deacon Ellis was the brother of Sister Betty (Thomas) Atkins, both members of New Bethel. Interment was in Belleville Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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