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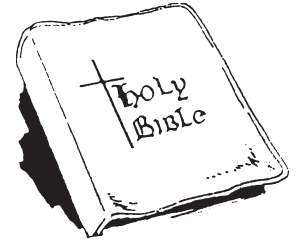
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65th Men's Day Observance Scheduled For April 15



SISTER GWEN KING
GOSPEL AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR

Gospel Aerobics Making A Spectacular Return

Submitted By: Reverend Diane Horton

All New Bethel members are encouraged to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 2012. Men, women and children of all ages are invited to participate in the Gospel Aerobics Kick Off at 10:00 a.m. in the Drayton Multipurpose Room. The gospel aerobic classes are being sponsored by the Health Ministry and will be offered every Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Sister Gwen King will be the instructor.

Sister King comes to this role with a rich background in dancing. She began dancing in 1978 for The Inner City Ensemble of Peterson, New Jersey. It was there that she learned the expression and how to better utilize her talent. During her time with the dance company she performed in many plays, such as, *Dancing in The Streets* and *A Girl Moved To The Ghetto*.

Sister King also has experience in organizing and choreographing. She has worked with youth groups that performed in talent shows, as well as, entertained
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Easter Cantata Tonight!

You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Easter Cantata featuring the play, **The Door** on tonight, April 1, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the main sanctuary of New Bethel Baptist Church, 1016 North Trade Street.

This musical play is for EVERYONE! All ages are participating from the young to the mature. Come celebrate God with us!

Choir Plans For 38th Anniversary

By Diane Piggott

The Youth Choir of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its 38th Anniversary on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 4 p.m. here at the church. This will mark the 10th anniversary under the Director of Ms. Linda Feemster. Michael Curtis is president of the choir. Reverend Linda Carter will serve as Mistress of Ceremony. This year's theme is "Let There Be Worship!"

The group is busy rehearsing under guest organist, Mr. Chris Farabee, Jr. He will be joined by the Youth Choir of Macedonia T.V.P.H. Church here in the city, the Mime Team of Gethsemane Baptist Church of High Point, the Youth Choir of Kimberly Park Holiness Church and God's Chosen Few Ensemble.

The youth always delight and sing to the glory of God on their anniversary and I don't think that this year will be an exception to the rule. The public is invited to come and enter in worship!



MICHAEL CURTIS
YOUTH CHOIR PRESIDENT



REVEREND LEON F. WALKER
MEN'S DAY SPEAKER

Reverend Leon F. Walker To Address Men's Day Audience

By Hattie Ingram

The men of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate their 65th Men's Day Observance on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The speaker for this occasion will be Reverend Leon F. Walker who has served as the Bishop's Adjutant at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church since November 2007. Brother Benny Merrill will serve as Worship Leader.

Reverend Walker is a native of Laurinburg, North Carolina where he was educated in the Robeson County Public Schools. He received an Associate of Arts degree at Campbell University in Buis Creek, North Carolina and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Excelsior College in Albany, New York. Currently, he is continuing his education by completing his Masters of Business Administration at Averett University in Danville, Virginia.

Reverend Leon proudly served 24 years of service in the United States Navy. He enlisted on August 28, 1983 and retired September 30, 2007 with an honorable discharge. During his tour of duty he visited over 19 different countries with 12 in South America alone. His most memorable visit was to the Holy Land of Jerusalem, Israel. He successfully completed the Equal Opportunity Advisor School and graduated at the top of his class. Reverend Leon holds the title of a certified Equal
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Editorial Happy Easter

By Hattie Ingram

Although not as celebrated or commercialized as Christmas, Easter is, for Christians, the most important holiday on the spiritual calendar. It is the holiest of holy days. This is the time that we commemorate the Resurrection of Christ three days after His crucifixion. This theme fits well in the spring season. All around us, we see signs of hope and renewal, whether its trees taking bloom, birds taking flight or children returning to play outdoors. We have taken notice of the beautiful early blooming flowers and the sound of mowers sprucing up their lawns. This season calls us to break our chains of prejudice, materialism, and addictions and rise to a higher level. After the gloomy observation of Good Friday, when we turn our thoughts to the Resurrection we welcome the promise of a new beginning, of eternal life.

Easter is a message of redemption, the triumph of good over evil, a determination to do better. It is why we are always pleased by the arrival of spring and the new life and new goodness is in bloom. This is a season of hope. It is a message worth taking to heart.

Happy Easter to all.

***He Lives, He Lives
Christ Jesus Lives Today!***

Youth Corner



YOUTH MINISTRY ENJOYS AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

Youth Sponsor African Workshop

By Breeyiana Pitts

On February 2, 2012 the New Bethel Youth Ministry sponsored an African workshop. Special guest, Victoria Tinarwo, a native of Zimbabwe, Africa taught the girls how to do several African head wrap styles, known as Geles in Africa. Christopher Harper assisted the boys with making a Kufi, a hat worn by African men.

While listening to African music playing in the background, the youth also made African jewelry and were later invited to sample African cuisine. African fruit salad, which included a blend of fruit, coconut, lemon juice and sugar water, was prepared by Robin Macklin. "Githeri," a combination of beans and corn, was prepared by Pamela Harper. This was a dish Ms. Tinarwo stated her grandmother used to make when she was growing up in Africa.

The workshop was enjoyed by all and the Youth Ministry hopes to have another similar activity in the future.

Sunday School

Foundations Of Our Faith

The Sunday school's lesson for the month of April focus on foundational truths of the Christian Faith. These foundational truths are necessary to establish a firm foundation on which to grow in spiritual maturity and understanding.

April 1st—**Jesus Died for Our Sins**—
Matthew 26:26-29, 36-39; 27:45-46. 50-54

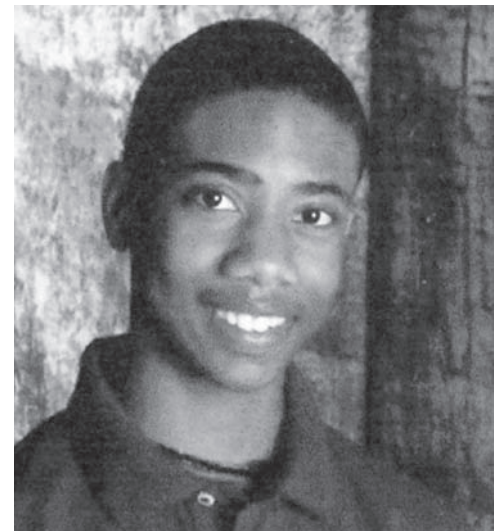
April 8th—**Jesus Rose from the Dead**—
Matthew 27:62-66; 28:5-8; Luke 24:13-16,
32-33, 35

April 15th—**Jesus Lives in Believers**—John
15:1-5; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 2:19b-21

April 22nd—**I Jesus Works through His Church**—Matthew 16:13-19; 28:18-20

April 29th—**Jesus is Coming Again**—
Matthew 24:9-14, 39b-44; Revelation 7:9;
22:12-14

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



**TERRELL BRITTON II
YOUTH OF THE MOINTH**

Terrell Britton II Youth of the Month For March 2012

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Terrell Britton II as Youth of the Month for March 2012. Our honoree was selected for his outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministries, his school and his community.

At New Bethel, Terrell is the Treasurer of the
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Youth Day Program Is A Success

By Kristen Curtis

This year's annual Youth Day program was held on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Its theme was "Committing Ourselves to Share the Love of God."

The youth of New Bethel participated in the entire church service, beginning in Sunday School, where the children served as teachers of the youth and adult classes, as well as leaders of the Sunday School devotion.

At 11:00 a.m., Escada Horton called the congregation to worship as acting pastor. Princess Poe-Smith read the Isaiah 40:28-31 scripture, Kendall Britton gave the invocation, and Naikeesha Poe-Smith read the announcements and recognized visitors and returning members.

As the service continued, Breeyiana Pitts introduced the Youth of the Month, Jessica Leach presented students who made the Honor Roll last quarter, Dominique Hill introduced the Youth Day theme for this year, Latricha Mankins made the appeal for the youth offering, and Malachi Poe gave the offertory prayer.

Cierra Campbell then introduced the speaker, which was Reverend James R. Clyburn, Jr., the Assistant Pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church. Reverend Clyburn preached his sermon from the 30th chapter of the book of 1st Samuel.

Throughout the service, the Youth Choir did an excellent job of providing the music. Special thanks go to all youth, teens, and adults who aided in the planning and execution of this year's entire Youth Day weekend. It was enjoyable for all!

Second Quarter Honor Roll

By Jessica Leach

On the Youth's 61st Anniversary celebration New Bethel's second quarter Honor Roll students were recognized. Parents and family members were asked to stand as their family members were called to the front of the church and recognized for their quarterly academic achievements. Among the honoree recipients were Kory Campbell, Jordan Smith, Daniel Piggott III, Cierra Campbell, Princess Poe-Smith, Kendall Britton, Kelson Smith, Justin Walker, Jasmine Moss, Breshaun Liles, Terrell Britton II, Nicolis Lyles, Alexis Summey, Kelsey Summey, Kerry Campbell Jr., and Dominique Hill. Congratulations to all of the awardees and continue to encourage all the youth in the church. We are truly blessed to have such a talented group of young people at New Bethel. We should continue to pray for all the youth in and out of the church.

BTU Returns With Evangelism And Discipleship

By Diane Piggott

Reverend Robert Carter, MDiv, and Associate Minister of New Bethel Baptist (Continued Page 3, Column 2, Article 2)



**BARBARA H. PHELPS AND L. TODD BURKE
EXCHANGE VOWS**

Barbara H. Phelps And L. Todd Burke Wed

On Saturday, March 24, 2012 Barbara Ann Hanes Phelps entered into matrimony with the Honorable L. Todd Burke, Resident Superior Court Judge. The couple exchanged nuptials at the home of the groom, where they will reside here in Winston-Salem. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Andrew C. Hanes, Sr. and Mrs. Ann M. Hanes. She is the mother of Chasidy and Cherelle Phelps, and is an Assistant Principal with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. The groom is the son of former Representative Logan Burke and Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilwoman Vivian H. Burke. He is also the father of Melissa and Logan Burke II.

BTU RETURNS WITH... *Continued* Church brought a lesson on "The Road to Effective Evangelism and Discipleship" as a Baptist Training Union session returned to New Bethel on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The BTU session took place at 1:00 p.m. in the Drayton Multipurpose Room.

Reverend Carter stressed the church's mission and to know the One who gave the mission. He outlined three steps on the "Road to Discipleship"—1) Understanding the Great Commission; 2) Fulfilling the Great Commission; and 3) Your Part in the Great Commission. He enumerated three methods of sharing the gospel: teaching, preaching and reading God's Word. He concluded the lesson (I almost dare to say, "sermon") with five key points—1) You must receive the gospel; 2) You must study the Word; 3) You need to memorize the Word; 4) You've got to love God; and 5) You've got to be righteous. He gave everyone in attendance an added gem called "The Roman Road to Salvation" which is a road map to "salvation."

This revival of BTU was a true testament that God does answer prayer. The attendance at this session tripled what the audience was at former sessions. It was such a blessing to see the Church Family studying to show thyself approved!



**PATRICIA MUMFORD
RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD**

Mumford Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

By Diane Piggott

Patricia Mumford was honored during the Chronicle's 27th Annual Community Service Awards on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel with a "Lifetime Achievement" Award.

Mumford has served with the Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) for 43 years helping individuals and families get their lives back on track. She rose through the ranks beginning as a case manager to Housing Service Manager where she assists homeless individuals and families to become housed and become self-sufficient.

At New Bethel she shows further dedication with the Mass Choir, the Missionary Department as leader of the Hannah Group, the Transportation Ministry, the Willing Workers and the Effort Club.

She is a mother of two sons—Kevin (Angela Michelle) and Christopher and the grandmother of four. She plans to retire on April 20, 2012.

Several New Bethel members were in attendance to show their support of Mumford. The Lifetime Achievement Award was sponsored by Russell's Funeral Home.

TERRELL BRITTON II... *Continued* Youth Ministry and he serves on the Youth Usher Board. A high school freshman at Mount Tabor High School, Terrell is an honor roll student and a member of the Key Club. He loves golf and is on the golf team at his school. In addition to golf, his hobbies include basketball, swimming, and playing video games. His latest love, baking, was inspired by watching his grandmother bake cakes and his specialty is chocolate pound cake.

In the community Terrell volunteers at the Samaritan Kitchen and also does fundraising by riding in the Tour de Tanglewood to raise money for MS. He states that he tries to do good at all times, strives to be a loyal friend and his goal is to be a good role model for his brother. His future plans are not yet finalized, but his mind is set on attending a university and pursuing an education in engineering.

This month's Youth of the Month is the son of Brother Terrell and Sister Patrice Britton. He is Kendall Britton's big brother, and the grandson of Sister Willa Lash.



**DEACON JOHNNY GROOMS
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School Shines Its Light on Grooms

By Diane Piggott

For the month of April, the Sunday School Departments shines the spotlight on Deacon Johnny Grooms. Grooms serves as a substitute teacher of Class Number 5 and one of the Sunday School's Assistant Superintendents.

Grooms is a transplant to Winston-Salem having been born in the southeastern town of Rowland. He moved to Winston-Salem with his parents around the age of three. His formative education came by way of Skyland Elementary, Kennedy Junior High, Atkins High School and culminated at North Forsyth Senior High. He received further education at Forsyth Technical Community College where he studied Automotive Mechanics.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior while at Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Dr. Quincy Caldwell and was baptized there.

He's a little unsure of how he eventually came to New Bethel, but it was around 1984 and he entered Class Number 5 where the late Deacon Cleveland Griffin was teacher. He credits the late Richard Watts for getting him into the Ushers. Deacon Griffin also took interest in his development and recommended him to Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus for the role of trustee. He was also selected to become a deacon in 2010.

He is a dedicated member of New Bethel where he is a member of the Finance committee, the laymen's League, Ushers and in charge of setting up the Communion trays every first Sunday and keeping supplies in good supply.

He gave thirty-one years of service to Douglas Battery, but his young age would not allow him to retire. He is presently employed by Johnson Controls.

He is married to the former Sharon Bradley and they have one daughter, Sharika.

Deacon Grooms is an asset to the Sunday School and is always ready to assist in any capacity where needed. Superintendent, Deacon James Brown picked him out for the assistant's position.

REV. LEON WALKER... Continued Opportunity Specialist and Counselor and currently serves as EEO Manager employed (Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)

Senior Ministry Has a Busy March

Submitted By: Reverend Dianne Horton

On Saturday, March 17, 2012, the Senior Ministry and the Health Ministry teamed up in an effort to provide an educational service for the entire congregation of New Bethel. A *Lunch & Learn* was held in the Drayton Multipurpose Room. The potluck style lunch was scrumptious. The luscious assortment of food included some healthy choices and some very tempting ones.

Our guest speaker was Ms. Sherry Ramsey, Adult Health Educator with the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Ramsey's focus is diabetes and chronic disease management. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Carolina Central University.

Ms. Ramsey is a member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Kernersville, North Carolina, where she is a Deaconess, Co-leader of the New Members' Ministry, a member of the Women's Ministry, and a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Ms. Ramsey's philosophy is do unto others as you would have them unto you. We are grateful for her willingness to share her knowledge with us.

Sister Jannie Smith welcomed all in attendance to the *Lunch & Learn*. Sister Rosa Posey read scripture. Sister Barbara Hairston prayed and blessed the meal. Sister Alenia Sligh introduced the speaker. Reverend Dianne Horton gave closing remarks. Trustee Daniel Piggott offered the closing prayer.

On Saturday, March 24, 2012, the Senior Ministry attended the performance of *The Lost Shepherd* at Central Triad Church, starring our very own Brandon S. Johnson as Jesus.

This incredible performance was an exciting presentation of the life of Christ. During the drama we witnessed the miracles of Jesus and the painful crucifixion. The thrill came with the crescendo of triumph as Jesus conquered the grave.

This show was the perfect preparation for our hearts and minds as we look towards the joy of Easter. Our van driver was Brother Clifton Fulton. We are grateful for his service.

REV. LEON WALKER... Continued with the Department of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, Virginia.

Our speaker answered his call to the gospel ministry on October 2003 and was licensed to preach in 2006. He gave his life to God at the early age of 8 years old, rededicated it God in 1994 and was fully baptized in the name of Jesus in 1998.

As an Associate Staff member under Bishop William Darryl Scott at Pleasant Grove, he provides assistance to the pastor in worship planning, administration, conducts hospital, home and nursing home ministries and is also a worship leader, moderator for funerals and weddings and Bible study teacher.

Reverend Leon is a gifted singer and anointed song writer. He has been married to Mrs. Sharon De-Vone Bethea Walker for 28 years and they have 3 wonderful daughters.

Others appearing on the program are: Brother Monte Odom, Scripture; Brother William Poe, Announcements/Welcoming Visitors; and Brother Stephawn Kee, Introduction of Preacher.

Prayer Cottage Sponsors Prayer Ride

By Reverend Deborah Hauser-Odom

The Lion of Judah Prayer Cottage sponsored a prayer ride on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Prayer sites included Federal and District Court Buildings, City and County Government Centers, Forsyth County Detention Center, and the East Winston Shopping Center. At the shopping center, the group evangelized using a bookmark with Ephesians 6:18 and the emblem of a lion printed on it, as our evangelism tool.

The members of the Lion of Judah Prayer Cottage are Brother Dexter Barr, Sister Tina Carson-Wilkins, Brother Carlos Dixon, Reverend Deborah Hauser-Odom, Reverend Auzuree Johnson, Sister Peggy McCullough, Brother William McCullough and Brother Ronald Wilkins. Trustee Carl Bankhead is the prayer cottage leader.

We are grateful to Brother Clifton Fulton who served as our van driver for this prayer ride. Please consider joining us for our next prayer ride on Saturday, May 19.

Calling All Gardeners

Submitted By: Reverend Dianne Horton

Spring has arrived and planting time is here! New Bethel Baptist Church's garden is ready to be tended. The Health Ministry is currently seeking volunteers that enjoy gardening. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our church's outreach initiative.

There are many people in our local community that do not have access to fresh vegetables and their diet is lacking the sufficient supply of nutrients to sustain a healthy body. In addition to access and availability, economic hardship often prevents our neighbors from being able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. The New Bethel garden is a resource we have that can be used to meet their need.

Please join the Friends of the Garden this season and help New Bethel make a positive impact in our local community.

GOSPEL AEROBICS... Continued at nursing homes, children's hospitals and holiday socials.

Sister King brings a passion for dance to this Health Ministry initiative that has been fueled by many positive experiences. Perhaps, the one she is most proud of is her jazz hip-hop routine she performed in June 2005 at the famous Apollo Theatre in Harlem, New York. She describes this experience as "a dream come true."

Since moving to Winston-Salem, Sister King has continued to stay active with dance. She has performed in the Little Theatre's Gospel Showcase and at the Christmas praise Dance Showcase at Wake Forest University. She also dances with the New Bethel Liturgical Dancers.

Sister King is full of energy and excitement about leading the gospel aerobics classes. We are truly grateful for her gracious and cooperative spirit. We thank God for her and for the many gifts she brings to our church family.