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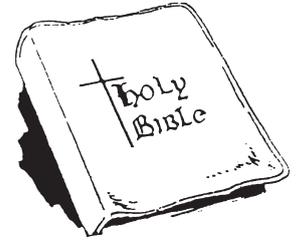
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## 66th Annual Men's Day Scheduled for April 14



**MRS. SUSIE JONES DRAYTON  
ENJOYS GIFT FROM CHURCH GROUPS**

### Church Groups Present Gift To Mrs. Susie Drayton

*By Hattie Ingram*

To ensure the comfort of Mrs. Susie Jones Drayton when she attends church, several church groups came together during the holidays and purchased a Queen Ann Deluxe chair with a matching foot stool just for her to enjoy. Mrs. Judy Connor designed and monogrammed a protective scarf to maintain its beauty.

Mrs. Drayton has enjoyed the chair tremendously and remarks that it is so comfortable that one could almost go to sleep while sitting in this beautiful gold chair which is designated "For Mrs. Drayton Only."

When our Pastor, Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr. mentioned that he would love a more comfortable place for Mrs. Drayton when she attended church, members of the Effort Club, the Journalistic Society, and the Missionary Department were honored to present this token of love to Mrs. Drayton because she has been a mentor and role model to all of the members of New Bethel through the years. She organized the Effort Club and the Journalistic Society along with *The Spotlight* that they publish each month. She was a faithful advisor to the Missionary Department as well as many other church groups and committees.

### Leaders' Workshop On April 13

*By Diane Piggott*

The Women's Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will meet in Charlotte on Saturday, April 13 for the Annual Leaders' Workshop at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 700 West Sugar Creek Road. The One-Day Session will focus on the leaders knowing the responsibilities of their offices—presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, financial secretaries and treasurers.

Missionaries who are interested in going should contact the Senior President, Mrs. Ruby O. Cain or Ms. Patricia Mumford or Mrs. Diane Piggott.

### Baptist Training Institute Slated for April 29-May 3

*By Diane Piggott*

This years marks the 60th Annual Forsyth Countywide Baptist Training institute which will take place April 29-May 3, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The institute will be held at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive, Winston-Salem. The institute is sponsored by The Forsyth County Missionary Union, The Ushers' Union, The Deacons' Union, The Sunday School Union and The Baptist Ministers' Conference.

Instructors for each union are as follows:

Missionary Union: Mrs. Portia Brannon,  
Senior Missionaries

Rev. Lawrence Harrison, Young Adult  
Missionaries

Mrs. Kay Lewis, Mrs. Jeanette Huntley,  
Mrs. Charlene Roseboro, Mrs. Victoria  
Roseboro, Ms. Virginia Roseboro and  
Mrs. Breanna Carter

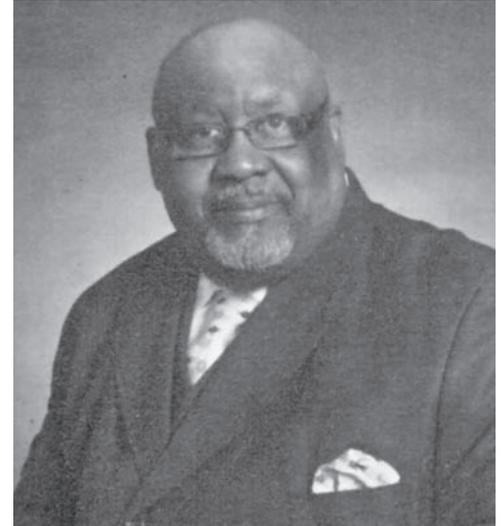
Baptist Ministers' Conference: Rev. Dr.  
James Fulwood, President

Deacons' Union: Dr. Valarie Morrow

Sunday School Union: Minister Velma  
McCloud

Ushers' Union: Rev. James Lewis

The Study Guide for the institute is "Missions Is Essential" by Davis Emmanuel Goatley. Dr. Prince R. Rivers, Pastor of United Metropolitan Baptist Church will bring the Wednesday Evening's inspirational message at around 7:45 p.m.



**DR. ROBERT L. MCGOWENS, SR.  
MEN'S DAY SPEAKER**

### Dr. Robert L. McGowens, Sr. To Speak For Annual Men's Day Celebration

*By Hattie Ingram*

Dr. Robert L. McGowens, Sr., Senior Pastor of Greater Galilee Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina will be the speaker for the 66th Annual Men's Day Celebration at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The theme for the occasion is "Celebrating Our Past And Renewing Our Commitment To The Future." Deacon Thomas Atkins is Chairman of the Men's Day Committee.

Dr. McGowens acknowledged his call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 1981 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina where he was licensed and ordained by the Enoree River Association. He was called to the Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Charlotte in July 2005 and in February 2010, Greater Galilee Winston-Salem, North Carolina was established. Prior to that, he served at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church from 1994-2005, Salem Baptist Church from 1984-1994, and Athens Baptist Church 1981-1984.

Pastor McGowens pursued religious training by studying at Morris College School of Greenville Extension. He received a Bachelor of Ministry degree from Columbia Bible Institute-Spartanburg Extension and further studied at Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina. He then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy, cum laude, *(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)*

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*Dedicated to those who are  
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**Editorial****Spring Into Shape**

*By Diane Piggott*

The Spring season gives us a remarkable example of renewal. Trees and vegetation that has lain dormant for 4 to 5 months is budding with blossoms and foliage of new life. New growth is breaking out of trimmed branches. As God renews the earth, let us take His lesson of renewal and work on our bodies, our temples!

The body is amazing! It accommodates our overeating by expanding to an increased size or adjusts to our under eating by slimming down to what makes some look like "stick people." Obesity is the "new" epidemic that is damaging our bodies. Diabetes is now found in one out of every five people. High blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes are ever present in many households and in greater numbers in African American households.

Join me this Spring and consider working on your body. Getting in shape promises to give you more energy, increase your positive feelings, improve your stress response, increase the efficiency of your lungs, decrease your blood pressure by 6-8 mmHg, reduce arthritic symptoms, give you better cognitive function, improve the function of your heart and increase the strength and quality of your muscles. The benefits are tremendous! But you're probably like me, it took me a while to get to this point.

With better health, we can be better vessels of service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Join me!

**Sunday School  
Holy God, Holy People**

The Sunday school lessons for the month of April will help people understand what holiness is and why God expects holiness from us. These lessons will help us develop a biblical view of what it means to be called a holy people and ways we can honor the holiness of God. God's love and grace make it possible for us to be separated from the world, to be brought into the right relationship with Him, and to be set aside to Him for His service and His glory.

April 7th—**Called to Holiness**—Exodus  
19:1-6, 10-14, 16-19

April 14th—**Honoring God's Holiness**—  
Leviticus 5:1, 4-5, 14-16; 6:1-7

April 21st—**Living in Holiness**—Leviticus  
18:1-5, 20-26; 20:6-8

April 28th—**Blessing of Holiness**—  
Leviticus 26:3-13, 40-42, 45

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

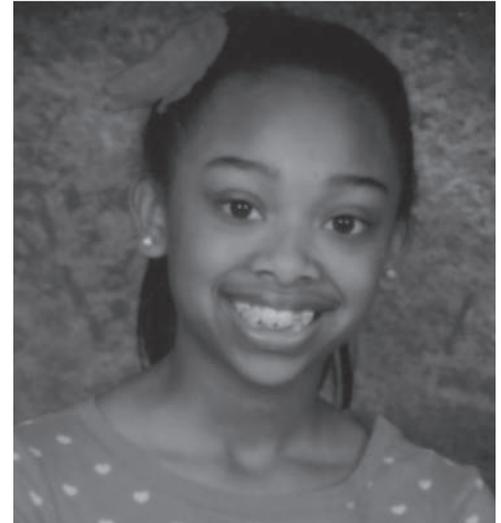


**JORDAN SMITH**  
**YOUTH OF THE MONTH**

**Smith Named  
"Youth of the Month"**

Youth of New Bethel possess a tremendous amount of potential to do positive things in the present and in the future. This month's honoree for "Youth of the Month" has grand plans for the future. And at the same he is steadily making a positive impact right now at school, in the community and here at New Bethel. This amazing young person has been selected for his unique skills, talents and abilities that God has gifted him with and he shares so generously.

This Honor Roll student is a fifth grader at Julian Gibson. He excels in academics and demonstrates effective leadership  
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**Youth Corner**

**CIERRA CAMPBELL**  
**YOUTH REPORTER**

**Following In God's  
Footsteps as a Shepherd**

*By Cierra Campbell*

As chairperson for the New Bethel Youth Ministry for 2013 I had the opportunity to give the annual youth day theme presentation on March 10, 2013.

This year's theme, Following In God's Footsteps as a Shepherd, came out of a lesson the youth discussed one Sunday in Children's Church here at New Bethel. Out of this lesson it made me think that in order to do God's work here on earth we must know what He is like. We must study the life of Christ and his gospel. So, my presentation on youth Sunday focused on trying to encourage the members and youth to first follow in God's footsteps by studying His gospel and trying to tell His gospel to those who are weak in their Christian education. Secondly, I wanted to invite those who are not active in the church groups such as Sunday School, Children's Church, and other ministries to join so that they will be able to learn and share the gospel as a shepherd of Christ. My point was that if we are part of these groups we will learn how to behave as Christians, and guard against evil and temptations that can destroy our lives.

The journey may be difficult if we decide to follow in God's footsteps, but just remember, God is the Great Shepherd and He will not leave us alone while we try to follow His example to help others and tend to His work on earth.

**SMITH NAMED...** *Continued*  
skills in his role as Student Council President. He is also a member of The Math Club.

In the community, this young athlete plays point guard for the Fulton Family YMCA basketball team.

In addition to basketball, his hobbies  
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## Shipp Tells Audience “Don’t Miss Your Moment”

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Jeremiah Shipp of Love and Faith Christian Fellowship in Greensboro was the messenger for the 62nd Annual Youth and Young Adult Day of New Bethel on Sunday, March 10, 2013. This year’s theme was “Following in God’s Footsteps as a Shepherd.” Jordan Smith served as Acting Pastor.

Rev. Shipp began by thanking God for the ministry of youth. He recounted the story of a young man who missed the opportunity to be inducted into the NBA. He went to a party, drank and was charged with a DUI and vehicular manslaughter. He missed his opportunity because of bad choices.” He continued, “There are five things you must remember so you “don’t miss your moment.” 1) Position yourself—God operates in seasons. In His season, God will do things; 2) Ponder your actions—In football, there is a penalty for being off sides. We sometimes ask the wrong questions, but don’t be afraid to ask the right questions; 3) We must persist—when we are presented with problems, we must be persistent; 4) We must PRAY—there is power in prayer; 5) We must give praise—praise should come out of a grateful heart because praise has the ability to encourage and inspire others. Rev. Shipp was outstanding as he came down through the generations of the lineage of Jesus. He concluded by exclaiming, “Don’t Miss Your Moment!”

The Youth Ministry lauded praise on several persons. First, the 62nd program was dedicated to “Ms. Audrey Lynette Brown” who has passed recently because she had rendered loyal and dedicated service to the youth and young adults of the church. The first African American Firemen of Winston-Salem were also honored. Being that it was the second Sunday of the month, traditionally a youth is recognized as “Youth of the Month.” That honor went to Acting Pastor, Jordan Smith. Lastly, Trustee Daniel Piggott was honored for the twenty years of service he had rendered as Director of Youth Activities at New Bethel. He was presented with a plaque for distinguished service.

The service was outstanding and all of the participants on the program were phenomenal!

## First Union Service Under New Format

By Diane Piggott

The Union of the Four Churches—New Bethel Baptist, Union Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist and St. John’s CME was held on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 5 p.m. at New Bethel. St. John’s Pastor, Rev. Peris J. Lester delivered the message and his choir provided the music at this occasion.

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EASTER CANTATA PARTICIPANTS

## 2013 Easter Cantata a Success

By Kristen Curtis

Each year, New Bethel holds an Easter cantata to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This year the cantata, entitled “The Door,” was held on Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. in New Bethel’s sanctuary. The cantata consisted of a play, accompanied by a list of selections sung by a choir.

The choir sang a total of twelve songs, each relating to the story of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. The play included two scenes that were narrated by Tina Carson-Wilkins. Over 30 church members and guest participants volunteered to be part of the cast, and the choir was made up of Mass Choir members, church members, and guest participants.

First lady Mae Jones, Eva McWillis, and Wesley Curtis served as directors of the play. Tanisha Davis and Brushawn McKinney served as the musicians, while Ms. Linda Feemster and Rev. Deborah Hauser-Odom directed the choir. Other jobs carried out by New Bethel Members were: property managers, stage managers, costume designers, and those in charge of advertising/marketing.

All participants in the cantata had planned and rehearsed for weeks prior to the event, and the preparation showed; the production was beautiful. The attendance of church members and visitors is greatly appreciated, and on behalf of New Bethel, we look forward to what next year’s production will bring!

## FIRST UNION SERVICE... Continued

An added treat was a concert by The J. W. Diggs Heritage Choir prior to the evening’s message. The officers of New Bethel began devotion at 5 p.m. and the concert began at 5:15. A 30-minute concert featured the long metered hymns of the past.

Rev. Lester brought an inspiring message entitled, “Don’t Just Sit There And Die” using as his text, II Kings 7:3-4. He stressed, “You must make your situation better. Don’t surround yourself with people who have an unsound mind. Sometimes in order to be able to live, you have to risk your life!”

The next union service will be at Emmanuel on June 25 and Union Baptist will be in charge of the service. The worship’s focus will be on “men and women ministries.” Worshippers were given an early announcement of the Revival services at Union, September 3-5 and at New Bethel, September 19-21. In December, a Mass Choir of all the churches will do a Christmas Symphony.

Following the worship service, New Bethel provided a reception with refreshments.

## DR. ROBERT L.... Continued

from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina and a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School. In addition, he has received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Covington Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Theology degree from the North Carolina School of Theology, and has completed the pastoral care training at Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. McGowens is a respected member of the National Baptist Congress and Conventions USA Inc., Progressive National Baptist Convention USA Inc., and other conventions in North Carolina. He has received numerous honors including an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree by the St. Thomas Christian College of Jacksonville, Florida. He led the Salem Missionary Baptist into a building project and also Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Winston-Salem into a 1.5 million dollar building fund campaign for a 3.5 million building project. He is a published author of a Marriage and Family relationship book entitled *The Real Flava of Love*.

An outstanding male chorus, under the direction of Trustee Kenneth Rocker will provide music for the occasion. The men’s Day outreach for 2013 includes a dinner for 100 men and women at the Bethesda Center on Friday, April 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. After a delicious dinner, the men will engage the participants in Bible Study.



**MRS. EUNICE SUBER – ENJOYS VISIT WITH EFFORT CLUB MEMBERS**

## A Cheerful Visit With Mrs. Suber

*By Lisa Myers*

A visitation team from the Effort Club paid a visit to Mrs. Eunice Suber, a faithful member of the Effort Club on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Mrs. Eunice Suber has been on the sick and shut-in list of New Bethel because she has problems with her ankles and knees swelling.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by Mrs. Suber, daughter, Roslyn and great-granddaughter, Ashlyn. We presented Mrs. Suber with a love token—a basket of toiletries, a card and a program booklet of the Effort Club's Race Progress Promoters Program which was held last fall in November.

We had a grand time with Mrs. Suber reminiscing about our senior members and church members of New Bethel. She fondly remembered Mrs. Edna Mumford—Patricia Mumford and Willie Kay Hawkins' mother; Trustee William Stowe and Mrs. Ethel Stowe—Carol Poe's parents; along with Mrs. Lizzie Stephens and Carrie Neal—Lisa Myers' grandmother and mother and other relative of the Stephens family.

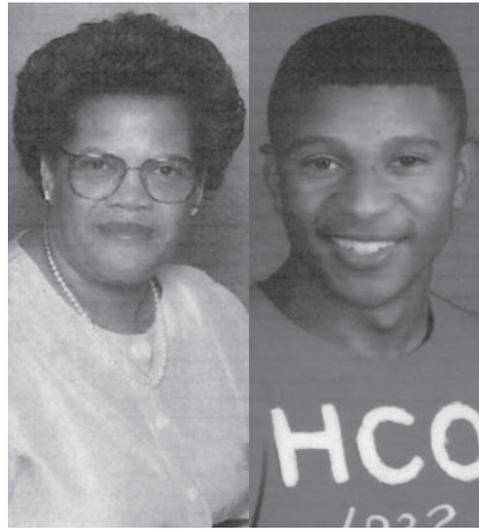
The visitation team consisted of Patricia Mumford, Carol Poe and Lisa Lyers. We also cleared up the thinking that the late Mrs. Vinnie Suber was related to Mrs. Eunice Suber. Per Mrs. Suber, they were not related.

One of the goals of the Effort Club is to make monthly visits to the sick and shut-in members of the Effort Club, along with relatives of members of the Effort Club, to remind them that we love and miss their presence and that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

## Women Are Making Plans For Women's Day

*By Hattie Ingram*

The women of New Bethel are making plans for their 66th Annual Women's Day Observance which is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013. Mrs. Susan Hunt is chairperson of the Women's Day Committee.



**SENIOR BUDDY WILLA LASH AND NICOLIS LYLES**

## Youth Ministry and Senior Buddies Enjoy Afternoon Of Fun and Fellowship

*By Hattie Ingram*

Members of the Youth Ministry and their Senior Buddies enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. The youth paired up with their Senior Buddies for a delicious dinner and lots of conversation. While they got to know each other better, they feasted on lots of pizza, wings, Texas fries and assorted drinks. The buddies had their pictures made and they were all smiles and adorable. (Take a moment to view them on the bulletin board at the front entrance of the church).

Reverend Jeremiah Shipp, who was scheduled to preach the Youth/Young Adult Day sermon on Sunday, March 10, 2013 joined the group and shared quality time with the youth. The group enjoyed music provided by Ronald Brown. A great time was had by all in attendance.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible—Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task—but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

*Anonymous*

## Mrs. Beatrice Ridgill Kelly Passes

*By Barbara Ford*

Mrs. Beatrice Ridgill Kelly was born to Reverend & Mrs. Garfield A. Ridgill in Manning, South Carolina. Mrs. Kelly passed away on March 11, 2013 after a lengthy illness. She moved to this city at an early age and for most of her life was a domestic worker.

Spiritually, Mrs. Kelly was a Gold Star member of New Bethel Baptist Church serving faithfully with the Elizabeth Missionary Group and the Bereavement Committee until her health failed.

Some of Mrs. Kelly's many pleasures in life were working with her flowers, making her own special blend of ice tea, and helping others whenever she could.

Most precious memories will be cherished by one very devoted daughter, Ninetta Joyce Kelly, with whom she made her home; two sisters, Mrs. Doretha Mack and Ms. Sarah Ridgill; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her funeral was held on March 15, 2013 with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating and Gilmore Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

## Deaths of Relatives Of New Bethel Baptist Church

*By Barbara Ford*

### Mrs. Roseanna Blakney Fulton

Mrs. Roseanna Blakney Fulton departed this life on March 1, 2013 and was funeralized on March 5, 2013.

Roseanna was raised in New Bethel Baptist Church and later became a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

She was the sister of Mr. Lee Blakney a faithful member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### SMITH NAMED... *Continued*

include acting, working with potter's clay and playing video games. His future plans incorporate his love for animals. He aspires to be a veterinarian.

Our "youth of the month" professes a love for his family and his church. Here at New Bethel, he is a member of the Youth Ministry and sings with the Youth Choir. He also served as Acting Pastor at Youth Day's worship service.

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Jordan Smith as the "Youth of the Month" for March 2013. Jordan is the son of Sister Lauren and Brother Christian Smith. He is the loving and patient big brother to his twin sisters, Chloe and Cydney. His maternal grandmother is Sister Barbara Eure. His paternal grandmother is Sister Connie Smith.