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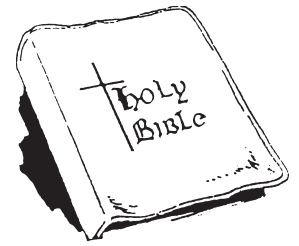
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Rev. Azurée Johnson To Preach Initial Sermon September 23 Journalistic Society To Present Dinner Theater



**REV. AZURÉE JOHNSON
WILL DELIVER INITIAL SERMON**

Rev. Azurée Danielle Johnson To Preach Initial Sermon On September 23

By Hattie Ingram

Rev. Azurée Danielle Johnson will preach her initial sermon at New Bethel Church on Sunday, September 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. All New Bethel members and friends are asked to be in attendance to support this Godly woman whom we have all come to love.

Rev. Johnson, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the fourth child of five daughters born to Deacon and Deaconess Thomas G. Johnson. She received her formal education in Philadelphia and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Masters degree in Developmental Biology and Teratology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Following her graduation, she worked as a research technician in neuroscience and developmental biology research facilities where she has presented her research at annual scientific meetings and published scientific articles.

Her love for science never overshadowed her love for God and the church. She accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized at the age of 13 at the Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia. During her time in Philadelphia, Rev. Johnson grew in her spiritual walk with God. She was director of the Youth Council Ministry for ages 5-18, Sunday School teacher for ages 9-12, Vacation Bible School teacher
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David Mason Accepts Position Of Drummer at New Bethel

By Hattie Ingram

David Mason was recently named Drummer at New Bethel Baptist Church. He positions himself behind the drums on Sunday morning during the worship service and his performance is phenomenal. His striking articulation enhances the music from the organ and the saxophone. His performance with the masters of these musical instruments, Chris Farabee and Stephen Thornton, created a dynamic trio at our recent Church Anniversary Celebration.

Mason has played drums since he was 10 years old. He started playing for his grandfather, Bishop Jake Johnson, who pastored Mt. Nebo Holiness Church. He later played drums and synthesizer for Macedonia Holiness Church for a number of years.

He received his training at Carver High and East Forsyth High Schools where he played drums and saxophone in the marching band.

Mason says his coming to New Bethel is a plan that the Lord had laid out for him. It has been a blessing. He is enjoying the choir, the pastor and the church family. He is having a wonderful time fellowshiping with everyone at New Bethel. We welcome David Mason.



**DAVID MASON
NEW DRUMMER AT NEW BETHEL**



**MRS. DIANE HORTON
TO DIRECT DINNER THEATER PLAY**

Journalistic Society Will Present "But It's My Money!"

By Brenda Redd

The Journalistic Society will present its 13th annual Dinner Theater on Sunday, August 26, 2007 immediately following the morning worship service. Are you wondering what might be in store for you?

He says, "So tell me...why do we have to go to church tonight?" And she says, "We're going to the pledge dinner." And he says... "And they're going to be asking for money, right?"

With a focus on tithing and a Sunday afternoon backyard barbecue Theme, Mrs. Diane Horton will direct our theater this year. If you've enjoyed these performances in the past, this year is sure to be a pallet-pleasing affair.

Mrs. Horton is a recent graduate of Salem College where she majored in Sociology with a minor in Religion. At Salem she was nominated as an Oxford Scholar and was elected to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She was on the Deans list each semester of her enrollment.

Mrs. Horton has been accepted in the Wake Forest Divinity School at Wake Forest University for the fall semester. She will receive the Masters of Divinity degree in this three year program. She recently closed her well-established Little Blossoms Family Day Care Home to allow her time to be a full time student.

She is the wife of George Horton and mother of Jamaal and Escada.

New Bethel members and friends are encouraged to make plans to attend this exciting event. See any member of the Journalistic Society for further information.



SHARIKA GROOMS
YOUTH COORDINATOR FOR SPOTLIGHT

Sharika Grooms Assumes Position Of Youth Coordinator For The Spotlight

By Hattie Ingram

Sharika Grooms is the new Youth Coordinator for the New Bethel *Spotlight*. She succeeds T.J. Williams who served very efficiently in that position last year. T.J. plans to attend Winston-Salem State University in the fall.

Sharika will be responsible for contacting youth to prepare articles for the Youth corner of *The Spotlight*. These articles will be related to church, school, and other activities of interest to the New Bethel Church family.

Our Youth Coordinator is a rising junior at North Forsyth High School where she is a member of the Vocational Honor Society, FBLA, Crosby Scholars, and the Marching Band. She is currently attending Band Camp where she is a clarinet player.

At New Bethel, she is president of the Youth Missionary Society, secretary of her Sunday School Class, member of the Youth Choir and the Mass Choir and a member of the Step Team.

Sharika has volunteered regularly at Old Town Community Daycare, the Samaritan Soup Kitchen and the Animal Adoption Center.

In her spare time, she likes surfing the internet, reading, doing word search and Sudako puzzles. She loves children and would like to attend college after high school to major in Elementary Education and become an elementary teacher.

The Spotlight welcomes Sharika.

REV. AZURÉE... *Continued*

with ages 6-9, Usher and Ladies Usher Board, Coordinator for Praise and Worship Team, member of Combined Choir, Praise Dance Director, Youth Choir Director, and Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study teacher at Union Baptist Church.

In 2004, God called Rev. Johnson into the ministry and in August 2005, she began classes at Wake Forest Divinity School. Leaving all she knew in Philadelphia, Rev. Johnson moved to Winston-Salem following the untimely death of her grandmother. Entering into school, the death of her grandmother encouraged her to do ministry in chaplaincy with a concentration in hospice. She has just completed the
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MS. SYDNEY DAVIS
JOINS STAFF AT SALEM COLLEGE

Sydney Davis Accepts Position at Salem College

By Diane Piggott

Sydney Davis will begin a new position as Director of the Writing Center and Assistant to Academic Support at Salem College. For the past three years, she has been teaching English at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. In addition, she has been accepted to the doctorate program of Educational Leadership and Cultural Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She grew up in New Bethel and participated in the youth activities and programs of the church. She is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Corinne Phillips, the daughter of Charles and Linda Davis, and sister of Andrea Garner and Veronica Phillips.



MRS. ETHEL BROOKS
VFCS PRESIDENT

VFCS

Will Celebrate 52 Years

The Volunteers for Christian Service will celebrate their 52nd Anniversary on Sunday, August 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to come out and support them in this endeavor and have a wonderful time in the Lord.

Mrs. Ethel Brooks is President of the Volunteers For Christian Service.



REGGIE HUNT
TO TEACH IN RALEIGH

Reggie Hunt Relocates To Raleigh, North Carolina

By Carolyn Crosby

Charles Reginald Hunt II, better known as Reggie has accepted a teaching position with one of Wake County's most successful high schools.

Reggie will begin teaching English in August at Holly Springs High School in Cary, North Carolina.

Reggie, who is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, began his teaching career at Parkland High School where he has taught English since 2003. He has enjoyed his teaching career at Parkland but is looking forward to an opportunity which will allow him to relocate to the progressive area of Raleigh-Durham.

He attended the Wake County Teacher Fair in April and shortly after received several job offers. Reggie is still receiving job offers even after signing his contract with Holly Springs. Reggie feels he is in the best situation – the school is new and 92% proficient. He is excited about the challenge and feels it will be awesome to teach and grow there.

Reggie relocated to Raleigh at the end of June and plans to spend the rest of the summer becoming acclimated to the area before starting his new job. He has some staff development sessions scheduled for July but plans to spend some time relaxing and preparing for his students.

Reggie is the son of Trustee Charles and Susan Hunt and the brother of Candice Hunt, all active members of New Bethel.

Reggie desires the prayers of our New Bethel Church Family as he moved to another city and prepares for a new job.

REV. AZURÉE... *Continued*

beginning steps in the process to become a certified chaplain. In the fall, Rev. Johnson will be completing her final year at the Wake Forest Divinity School. She has received many scholarships during her years at Wake Forest. In April of 2007, Dr. Kendall Jones and Rev. Johnson applied for and received the Bridging Faith Communities Grant which is funded by Wake's Divinity School. This \$2,000 grant allows African American seminary students to intern and gain experience in the African American congregations and non-for-profit agencies. This grant will enable Rev. Johnson to help run the newly developed Children's Church, which will begin in the fall of 2007 at New Bethel.

VBS Family Reunion

By Diane Piggott

The 5-day Vacation Bible School wrapped up a Family Reunion series that began last year. Meeting each evening, June 25-29, 2007 at 6 p.m., the church family enjoyed a reunion atmosphere as they shared in a delicious and wholesome repast.

A closing program on Friday, June 29 showcased the accomplishments of the classes. A devotion consisted of singing, "O How I Love Jesus," scripture, and prayer. The Beginners, ages 4 to 6, led off the program with a song, "Joy Down In My Heart" that they had learned and displayed signs—JESUS, HE DIED, HE ROSE AND HE LIVES as they said the message of the sign. Their teachers were Mrs. Barbara Hairston, Mrs. Shari Summey, Ms. Debbie Frazier and Mrs. Geneva Wright. Next, the 7 to 9 years old began with a song, "Jesus" followed by another selection, "God Is So Good." Each class member said a memorable verse and concluded with two more sections, "Higher and Higher" and "Bless That Wonderful Name-Jesus." Mrs. Lynda Brown, Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas and Mrs. Awilda Neal instructed them.

The Pre-teens, ages 10 to 12, opened with selections, "The Joy Of The Lord Is My Strength" and "Wade In The Water." The boys of the class performed a rap. Then the girls, accompanied by the boys, performed a dance. Mrs. Connie Smith and Mrs. Romaine Eaton taught the class. The Juniors, ages 13 to 15, did a dramatic skit with a theme of love and obedience. They performed a group selection, "I Need You." Junior teachers were Ms. Barbara Phelps and Ms. Chelle Phelps.

Deacon Charles Robinson, Deacon John Posey and Trustee Daniel Piggott led the Adult Class. Mrs. Willa Lash and Mrs. Cherie Davis summarized the lessons.

Following the closing program, those in attendance enjoyed a "Cookout-Inside." The youth took their meal outside and enjoyed recreational play in the parking lot!

FOURTH QUARTER... *Continued*

5th Grade, Julian Gibson; Nicolis Lyles, 6th Grade, Julian Gibson; Breshaun Liles, 6th Grade, Downtown Middle; Kelsey Summey, 6th Grade, North West; Jaqwon Smith, 7th Grade, Mineral Springs; Alexis Summey, 8th Grade, North West; Jasmine Moss, 8th Grade, W.S. Prep; Kerry Campbell, 8th Grade South East; Sharika Grooms, 11th Grade North Forsyth; Brittany Moore, Fayetteville State; and Timothy Williams, Jr., Winston-Salem State.

Kelsey Summey was awarded certificates for perfect attendance, sportsmanship, Fields Day Assistant and school safety patrol.

Alexis Summey became a member of the Junior National Honor Society and was named an 8th Grade Marshall at North West.

Terrell Britton received a perfect attendance certificate and academic and athletic awards at Julian Gibson.

Kendall Britton was awarded certificates for perfect attendance and scholarship at Julian Gibson.

Jasmine Moss was named the consistent student in learning and best classroom



**MRS. LUCILLE McCORMICK
HONORED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Mrs. Lucille McCormick Celebrates 80th Birthday

By Hattie Ingram

A celebration was held on Saturday, July 7, 2007, to honor the birthday of Mrs. Lucille Fair McCormick. More than 100 family members and friends assembled at New Bethel Baptist Church to pay tribute to Mrs. McCormick. The Master of Ceremony for this occasion was Rodney McCormick. Words of welcome were extended by Kevin McCormick and Rev. Robert McCormick, pastor of Abundant Life Missionary Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland blessed the group with his renditions of "How Can I Say Thank You?" and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." Rodney McCormick shared a poem entitled "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking" which captured the essence of Motherhood. A humorous reading about how things change as we grow older was shared by Mrs. Kathryn Spease. Ms. Ruby Cain gave an inspirational reading and Mr. John Posey blessed all in song with "Amazing Grace Has Always Been My Song of Praise."

Dr. William Owens blessed the meal and all enjoyed a delicious dinner and birthday cake. The program continued with a Bible Trivia game conducted by Rodney McCormick and the Gleeful Seniors (members 65 and older) sang a song about senior hood.

Mrs. Lucille McCormick thanked everyone for sharing in the milestone event. She was extremely happy that all six of her children were present for the occasion (daughters Diane Smith and Raynetta Collins and sons, Rodney, Ricky, Kelvin and Robert McCormick. Her sister, Mary Autery of Washington, D.C. and brother, T. Willard Fair from Florida joined the joyous affair which ended with a closing prayer by Rev. Artis Smith.



**BRIAN L. PAULING
SHARES EXPERIENCES IN NEW BOOK**

Pauling Releases New Book

By Diane Piggott

Brian L. Pauling, son of Trustee and Mrs. Gerald Pauling, has launched a new book, *THE RECRUIT: LIFE LESSONS* on June 25, 2007. Pauling is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a resident of Sparks, Nevada.

Pauling presents a refreshing down-to-earth book that promotes "personal growth" and develops "leadership skills." Throughout the book, he shares some of his personal experiences, *LIFE LESSONS*, in a manner that captivates and persuades people of all ages to become a **recruit of life lessons**. Pauling wrote the book for leaders, aspiring leaders, mentors, mentees, teachers, students and those that are accountable for the development of future leaders. The "lessons" apply to a function at work or finances at home or to your children.

Pauling is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Business Foundations, a consulting organization. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. He also completed summer studies in the areas of Comparative Asian Industrial Systems and the Sociology of Japan at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. He has assisted organizations and individuals across the country in leadership development, process improvement, process reconstruction and diversity training.

He is married to the former Joli Faribault and they are the parents of two children, Jadon and Anyia.

For more information about his book and the author, visit the Strategic Business Foundations' website at www.strategicfoundations.com. The book may be purchased in the on-line bookstore of the publisher at www.authorhouse.com.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Adams Jackson

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Jackson of Chattanooga, Tennessee passed away Monday, June 18, 2007. She was funeralized on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 2305 Third Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Pastor Paul A. McDaniel gave the eulogy and interment was in Lakewood Memory Gardens. Franklin-Strickland Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.

Mrs. Jackson was the Aunt of Mrs. Lynda (James) Brown and the Great Aunt of Lacy Brown, all loyal members of new Bethel Baptist Church.

Mr. John Robert Owens

Mr. John Robert Owens of Union, South Carolina passed on June 26, 2007 at the Magnolia Nursing Home in Inman, South Carolina. He was funeralized on Friday, June 29, 2007 at the Beatty Chapel AME Zion Church.

Mr. Owens was the brother of Dr. William L. (Tina C.) Owens, Sr. Dr. William L. Owens did the eulogy.

Gibson and Brown Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.