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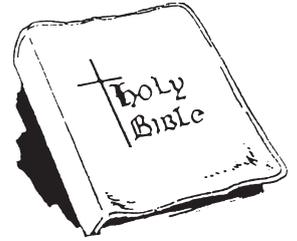
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Journalistic Society To Present Dinner Theater August 24



MRS. BARBARA PHELPS
GOSPEL AEROBICS LEADER

Gospel Aerobics To Focus On 20 In 2

By Hattie Ingram

Members of the New Bethel Baptist Church Family will join together later this month in a Gospel Aerobics Exercise Class to promote health and good fellowship. Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. has had a personal desire to get better fit for some time now, and with the encouragement of some New Bethel members, he decided that now was the time. He thought losing 20 pounds in 2 months would be a great beginning and he is challenging members of all ages to participate.

Mrs. Barbara Phelps will lead the exercise class. If you have noticed recently, Mrs. Phelps has quietly and successfully lost much weight. She looks great and credits her faithful exercise and a sensible eating plan with her success and she wants to share her success with all interested members. This includes our youth, senior citizens, and anyone in between.

The exercise program will focus on having fun, fellowship, and supporting each other while walking off the pounds to Gospel Music. The workouts will take place in the Multipurpose Room Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 and on Saturdays from 10:00-11:00. The theme of the program comes in part from I Corinthians 6:20 **"Your Body Has Been Bought With a Price."**

North Carolina ranked 11th in the nation with overweight adults according to the centers for Disease Control in 2007 and the number of overweight youth has skyrocketed as well. The *(Continued Page 2, Column 2, Article 3)*

VFCS To Celebrate 80th Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

The Volunteers For Christian Service will celebrate their 80th Anniversary on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The celebratory program will include musical selections by several local male groups, a choir from High Point, North Carolina and other guests.

The Volunteers have an extensive outreach program which will be highlighted during the program. The group adopted the Van Fund, donates food and clothing to the Red cross, visits the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and homes providing gifts, fruit baskets, and flowers for shut-ins. They occasionally pay bills for those in need.

The group invites everyone to come out for an evening of good Gospel singing. Refreshments will be served.



MRS. ETHEL BROOKS
VCS PRESIDENT



TRUSTEE EUGENE THOMPSON
JOINS ARC TEAM



**MS. CHERELLE PHELPS - MISTRESS OF
CEREMONY FOR DINNER THEATER**

Journalistic Society To Sponsor Their Annual Dinner Theater

By Brenda H. Redd

The Journalistic Society of NBBC will sponsor its annual dinner theater Sunday, August 24th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This year's production entitled "Church Folks" written by Lorraine Comer will be presented by the Drama Team of New Zion Baptist Church with Mrs. Kim Brown as the team's directress.

We are very excited to have New Zion's drama Team for our 2008 program. And we hope that all of our members and their guests will come out for what is promised to be a deliciously prepared dinner with a hint of holiday flair and a delightful and refreshing view of "Church Folks."

Tickets for the dinner will be available starting August 3rd from any Journalistic Society member (adults \$8.00/Children 12 and under \$3.00).

Ms. Cherelle Phelps will be our mistress of ceremony. We hope you will be able to join us as we continue the tradition of excellent dining and wonderful entertainment.

Thompson Joins The Automated Residential Concepts Team

By Hattie Ingram

Trustee Eugene Thompson has become a member of the Automated Residential Concepts Team as a home electronics consultant. The *(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)*

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Editorial Perceptions From Being Black In America

By Dianne Piggott

CNN's Anchor, Soledad O'Brien narrated a documentary entitled, "Being Black in America" on July 23 and 24 at 9 p.m. on that network. As a Black American, it made me reflect upon many issues. I saw many circumstances that should grab our attention.

Do we just sit around and discuss the issues that were highlighted during this series? They have already rerun the documentary on Saturday, July 26. A lot of information was given out to Black America as well as White America. Now, what steps do we take once we have all been enlightened about these circumstances? Do we sit idly by and lament about these condition?

We have had our covers pulled back and some distressing things have been revealed. I contend that we must now set our agenda to eradicate, alleviate or remedy these situations. The church has traditionally been the saving grace of Black America because it met so many of our needs. I see the training arm of the Black Church going on life support when this could be the saving grace of our race.

With the startling statistics that Black births are coming from unwed mothers at an early age, they are not bringing the traditional skills to motherhood that their grandmothers brought! Today's youth don't have the family structure of support that we had. We need to fall back on some of those old, tried and true techniques. So, we need to gear up to tackle the issues of "Being Black in America."

Letter To The Editor

July 2008

Dear *Spotlight* Staff:

Your issues each month are so informative! As a congregation we would not be aware of the fine things our youth are doing if we didn't have the *Spotlight*. The recognition is inspiring to them. Many of us encourage them by sending tangible mementos.

Continue the "good work."

Ms. Flora Golden

New Bethel Presents Its Second Quarter Outreach Report

By Myra Wilson

The following report represents the outreach activities performed by New Bethel Baptist Church auxiliaries during the months of April, May, and June 2008.

The Bereavement Committee served dinners to three bereaved family members, delivered two basic boxes—two of which were delivered with 2 buckets of chicken each. They also made numerous visits, phone calls and sent several cards to the sick and shut-ins list.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 16 members of our sick and shut-ins.

The Sunday School donations consisted of: 433 visits, 602 phone calls, 261 letters and cards, 13 dinners, 11 bags of groceries, 5 bags of shoes and \$1115 in donations.

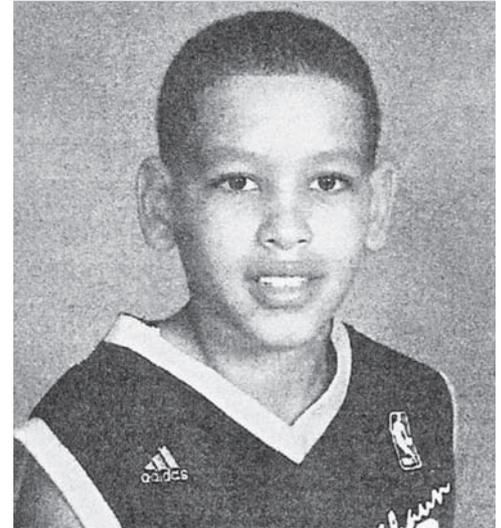
The Missionary Department is continuing the on-going program with the different Ministries of the communities. The Ruth Group continues to work with the Prison Ministry. The Elizabeth group delivers toiletries to the sick and shut-ins and to nursing homes. The Youth are planning a fund raising and the proceeds will be donated to the "Dedrick Neal Fund." The Esther Group has made donations to the following ministries: \$10 to National Federation for the Blind, \$10 to Paralyzed Veterans of America, \$65 to Salvation Army, \$10 to Hope School Foundation, \$20 to Samaritans Ministries, \$50 to American Red cross, \$10 to Heart Fund, \$43.045 to Rescue Mission and \$20 to the sick and shut-ins. Other donations included: travel size items of shampoos 74, 30 lotions, 25 bars of soap and 4 mouth wash, 12 wash cloths, 10 bars of regular size soap, 3 tubes of toothpaste, 1 tooth brush, 15 deodorants, and 12 bath towels.

GOSPEL AEROBICS... *Continued*

traditional southern diet which is high in fat and fried foods may be the reason why these problems exist and why many adults and youth experience high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and other deadly diseases. Exercise and healthy eating habits are essential for losing excess weight and toning trouble spots.

Members should listen for announcements about the dates for Gospel Aerobics as we begin to promote life-long eating and exercise habits. All interested members are highly encouraged to consult with their physicians before beginning any exercise regime or altering eating habits.

Youth Corner



**BRESHAUN LYLES
YOUTH REPORTER**

It's Time

By BreShaun Lyles

As you have heard from many youth that have come before you this year, our theme is **It's Time...**

I would like to discuss what **It's Time** means to me...

I will be thirteen years old in September 14th and it is time for me to become serious about the things that are important to me and my future. I realize that without a college degree my choices are limited.

I have been attending an after school program since I was in the second grade at the William Roscoe Anderson formerly (Reynolds Park Recreation Center) as well as the summer programs.

Over the years, I have participated in the Vic Johnson Golf Clinic, The Josh Howard Basketball Camp and have been fortunate to meet such players as Josh Howard, Jason Terry, Jerry Stackhouse, Chris Paul and many others.

I also participated in the Drug Coalition Program, The Black Theater Festival, and many mentoring and tutoring programs.

Brian McCorkle, the Supervisor there has been a great mentor—he has kept me involved in many programs and helped me to realize that I too enjoy people.

Mr. Brian grew up in public housing and did not have the things that many of us have today. The programs at the recreation center kept him involved and out of trouble and he wanted to see even more programs for youth today and a way to keep us off the streets.

Because of that love—he began working with the City of Winston-Salem Recreation Department and continues to work with youth. He goes way beyond the call of duty to provide programs throughout the year for youth.

This year, I have out grown the summer program but Mr. Brian is allowing me to volunteer as a Junior Counselor.

I was also asked to rank myself and my goals in life and realized that my family, my love for Jesus, my church and education were high on the list.

I love learning about Jesus, you all know that I like singing in the choir and playing the drums.

I have decided that I would like to explore a career in education and become a teacher. I would like to coach either on the High School or College level.

So to all youth of New Bethel, I challenge you...

It's Time...

Time to rank yourself and set your goals.

New Bethel Scholarships Awarded

By Dianne Piggott

Ms. Barbara Phelps made the presentation of scholarships to five New Bethel young adults during the morning services on Sunday, July 27, 2008. Scholarship recipients were Jaleesa Bartley, Kristen Curtis, Jennifer Leach, Sharee Posey and Jamon Carson.

Jamon Carson was the lone high school graduate as a 2008 graduate of Carver High School who plans to continue his education at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. He was awarded a New Bethel Award of \$500.00 to help with expenses for post secondary education, \$500.00 was awarded in the name of "The Anne Martin Hanes Scholarship, a scholarship which her family instituted at the death of the namesake more than six years ago and The Douglas Shell Scholarship of \$1000.00 which was instituted by his family eight years ago to honor a male who typifies good citizenship, academic excellence, service and leadership in the church and community. He was highlighted in the W-Times as the recipient of \$5000.00 from the Alltel Words of Wisdom Essay Contest. He, his grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Carson and his aunt, Mrs. Tina Carson-Wilkins were flown to Little Rock, Arkansas where he received his award from world-renown author and poet, Dr. Maya Angelou. He also received a \$1000.00 award from NAACP designated as the Benjamin Ruffin Community Service Scholarship for his volunteer service with the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club and the Samaritan Soup Kitchen.

Ms. Phelps continued her presentation by bringing to the attention of the church family that because there was not a female graduating from high school to receive the Sally Shell Scholarship, the Shell family chose to award four females the Sally Shell Scholarship. The four aforementioned young ladies above will share equally the \$1000.00.

Members of the Shell Family are dr. Juanita Shell Peterson, Mrs. Helen Shell Boone, Marion Shell, Alleane Reeves, Elizabeth English, James Shell and George Shell.

Honor Roll Students Recognized

By Barbara Phelps

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll students were recognized on Sunday, July 13, 2008 during the morning worship service. The following students received gifts from the Youth Council: Kendall Britton, Christian Thomas, Kelson Smith, Terrell Britton, Nicolis Lyles, Kelsey Summey, Kerry Campbell, Jr., Jasmine Moss, Alexis Summey, Chris Harper, Sharika Grooms, Jamon Carson, and Ciara Robertson.



HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

JASMINE MOSS, TERRELL BRITTON, KENDALL BRITTON AND KELSON SMITH



SHARIKA GROOMS (RIGHT) AND SILVER TEAMMATES

Grooms' Team Takes Silver

By Dianne Piggott

Sharika Grooms and members of her Career Center Team from their Early Childhood Class placed second taking "silver" honors at the national competition of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America Competition in Orlando, Florida, July 13-18. Other team members were Keyera Tate and Denisse Pinargote who were accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Martha Musser. Their winning presentation was entitled, "How To Do A Job Interview!" All three young ladies are rising seniors at their respective schools—Sharika at North is the daughter of Trustee and Mrs. Johnny Grooms; Keyera at Atkins Academic and Technology High School; and Denisse at East Forsyth High School.

The team stayed at Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando. While in Orlando the team was able to enjoy a visit to the Kennedy Space Center, Sea World and Universal Studios.

The team represented North Carolina as their silver award winners from the April state competition in Greensboro that was highlighted in our May *Spotlight*.

Sharika came forward in Sunday School on Sunday, July 20 and thanked New Bethel for its support and those who gave her a donation to help with expenses to attend the national competition.



CHRIS HARPER PERFORMS AT SPECIAL EVENTS

Chris Harper Enjoys Creating Lyrics

Christopher Harper, a.k.a. "Chris G." began rapping about four years ago and continues to enjoy the challenge of creating his own lyrics. Because of his need to find "just the right words" to use in his rap songs, his vocabulary has increased tremendously through his usage of the thesaurus and the dictionary. Chris has recorded several songs on CD and one of his first songs "Nana Tears Shed," dedicated to his grandmother was copy written last year. He is currently preparing to have several more songs copy written including a new song he wrote and performed at New Bethel recently in memory of his grandmother, "U Ain't Deceased." In addition to rapping, Chris also enjoys acting. In October 2007 he appeared in the teen play "Choices," at the North Carolina Black Repertory Theatre. He played a character that rapped, which was written especially for him. Christopher was recruited to play the part after one of the play's writers happened to hear him rapping while he was eating at a Burger King one day. Christopher rapped almost everywhere he went, so it wasn't unusual for him to be rapping in the restaurant.

Christopher has performed for numerous special events, including the annual Christmas party for the Reynolds Park Recreation Center, which he does every year and in February he performed for the Black History Program at Gibson Elementary School. Christopher has done performances for special needs children, the Ushers at New Bethel and is occasionally hired to perform at parties. Christopher also enjoys photography, videography, art and fishing.

Christopher is an honor roll student at North Davidson Extended Day School where he recently was voted Most Improved Student.

Christopher's parents are Arnold and Pamela Harper. He is the grandson of the late Doris P. Gray and the nephew of Thomas and Vicky Adams, and Willia Mae Gray.

THOMPSON JOINS... *Continued*
company designs, installs, and maintains all aspects of residential electronic systems.
Thompson has long been associated with the home electronic industry in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. He was recently associated with the local company Tweeter as a sales
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CHRIS HAIRSTON
BARBER SCHOOL GRADUATE

Hairston Finishes Barber School

By Diane Piggott

Chris Hairston, son of Mrs. Barbara Hairston and the late Mr. Anthony Hairston, graduated from Winston-Salem Barber School on May 4, 2008. He took the State Board Exam in Raleigh on July 7, 2008 to become a fully licensed barber.

He presently works at Crown Barber Shop at 570 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive here in the city. You're welcome to drop in and get a "super" cut so that you will look your best for your everyday and special occasions.

Chris is a 1986 graduate of Carver High School. All Yellow Jackets are especially welcome.

At New Bethel, he is a member of the Laymen's League and he works with Children's Church. He is very demonstrative when the spirit moves him during the church service.

His future plans include becoming an Addiction Therapist through studies at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Youth Enjoy a Day At Carowinds

By Diane Piggott

A call for a summer outing went out about a month ago and plans to go to Carowinds Amusement Park materialized. On Saturday, **(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)**



YOUTH GROUP AT CAROWINDS



CASSANDRA WRIGHT AND NORRIS GULLICK
"TWO HEARTS BEATING AS ONE"

Wright and Gullick Exchange Vows

Cassandra Wright and Norris Gullick, Jr. made their eternal commitment in a beautiful wedding ceremony at New Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The newlyweds met at Winston-Salem State University. Norris is a Traffic Officer and his new wife is a Lead Teacher at Family Services, Inc., Head Start. The couple honeymooned in Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, Florida.

YOUTH ENJOY A... *Continued*

July 26, 2008, fifty-six persons including youth, young adults and seniors of New Bethel Baptist Church and a few guests set out on the journey. We traveled on an American Charters bus driven by Mr. Leroy McGee.

The day was overcast so we didn't have to endure brutal temperatures. We arrived at the park at 10:15 a.m. after an 8 a.m. departure from the church. We took a quick group picture and we were off with ticket in hand to enjoy all of the activities of Carowinds. The park was so enormous that we rarely ran into other members of our party.

We returned to our bus at 6 p.m. to depart, but experienced a little delay as some struggled to leave the fun behind. Trustee Daniel Piggott, Director of Youth Activities, thanked everyone for his cooperation. He also praised Ms. Audrey Brown and Mrs. Freda Smith for all of their hard work in pulling together the trip. Everyone had a fun-filled time, but seemed thoroughly exhausted. Mr. Van Lyles had provided two enjoyable movies, "A Raisin In The Sun" and "August Rush" for the trip and we were grateful for them. The return trip was very quiet as many took a quick nap before reaching the church. Everyone was picked up promptly and we departed for our homes.

THOMPSON JOINS... *Continued*

associate and the same company operating under the name, Now! Audio Video. He earlier worked for Ed Kelly's, a home electronics retail store. Thompson enjoyed his association with Tweeter and is now looking forward to an exciting time with the visual aspects of the job at ARC where things are set up room by room allowing customers an opportunity to see exactly how their rooms will look. He is also excited about having weekends off, something he never had. The new venture also allows for the possibility of partnership.

The president of ARC, Tony Baker, stated that he was thrilled to have someone like Thompson become a member of his professional staff. He called Thompson the consummate professional and a legend in the field of home audio and video system design, sales and installation.

Trustee Eugene Thompson is a graduate of North Carolina Central university. At New Bethel he has served as a Sunday School Teacher and teacher of Monday night and Tuesday morning Bible Study Classes for many years. He was named to the Trustee Board in 2007. Thompson has been married to Vanessa Thompson for 34 years.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Mary Campbell Ford

Mrs. Mary Campbell Ford of Marietta, North Carolina, passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2008 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

She was funeralized on Monday, July 7, 2008 at Turner Station A.M.E. Church in Marietta, North Carolina, with Reverend Arthur Jenkins giving the eulogy and Community Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ford was the mother of trustee Elwood (Barbara) Ford and the great grandmother of Jasmine and Rashawn, all faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.