

IF YOU ARE ABLE AND
CARE, COME TO CHURCH
WITH A CAN IN YOUR
HAND FOR CRISIS CONTROL.
S.J.D.



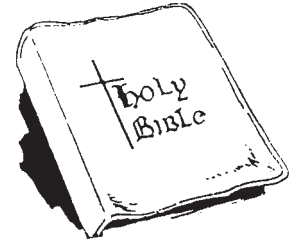
THE SPOTLIGHT

59 Years Of Continuous Service
for

New Bethel Baptist Church

1016 North Trade Street
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

August 4, 2013



VOLUME 60, NO. 11

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT IS "to reach, teach, and preach to every segment of our church and community with the love of Christ."

Journalistic Society To Present 19th Annual Dinner Theater August 25



**DEACON JOHN DAVENPORT, SR.
PASSES AFTER PERIOD OF ILLNESS**

Homecoming Celebration Held For Deacon John Milton Davenport, Sr.

By Barbara Ford

Deacon John Milton Davenport Sr., a Gold Star Member of New Bethel Baptist Church passed on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at the W.G. Bill Heffner Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina after a period of illness. He was a native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina born to the late Simon Theodore and Irene Shores Davenport on August 8, 1924.

Deacon Davenport was owner and operator of Davenport's Radio and Television Repair Shop for twenty-five years before retiring. His shop was located across the street from New Bethel Baptist Church where he provided quality service not only to New Bethel members but to patrons throughout the city of Winston-Salem.

He was a faithful member of New Bethel where he served as a member of the Board of Deacons, the Senior Choir and was a devoted member of the Sunday School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, five sisters and a daughter, Tonya Davenport Walters.

Deacon Davenport leaves to cherish precious memories his wife, Mrs. Alene Saner Davenport; son, John (Nia) Davenport, Jr.; son-in-law, Bruce Walters, sister, Sarah Williams; brother, Rev. Simon (Edith) Davenport; seven
(Continued Page 1, Column 2, Article 2)



**MRS. ETHEL BROOKS
VFCA PRESIDENT**

VFCA To Celebrate 58th Anniversary With a Concert

By Diane Piggott

The Volunteers for Christian Service are busy planning a concert for the celebration of their 58th Anniversary on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at 4 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Peggy McCullough has been serving as interim president since the illness of her mother, Mrs. Ethel Brooks who is the president. Mr. Richard Smith will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The audience will be in for a treat as two groups from New Bethel will be joined by other local musical groups. The New Bethel groups are the Communion Singers and the Mass Choir. You'll have to get a seat in the place to see who the local groups will be. They promise to be inspirational as Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. McCullough know a multitude of singing groups. Plan now to attend!

HOMECOMING... *Continued*
grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of extended and devoted family members and friends.

Funeral services were held at New Bethel on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 12:00 noon with Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. officiating. John Davenport, Jr. was Eulogist. Interment was at Salisbury National Cemetery.



**MINISTER BRIAN CAGER
DINNER THEATER DIRECTOR**

Minister Cager Returns As Guest Director For Journalistic Society's Annual Dinner Theater

By Hattie Ingram

Minister Brian Cager, Associate Minister of Waightown Baptist Church will return as guest director for the Journalistic Society's 19th Annual Dinner Theater on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jerry Drayton Multi-Purpose Dining Hall. Again this year, the play is written by our own Ms. Wanda Davis who pinned the outstanding comedic-drama "Our Greatest Need" last year. This year's presentation "Judge Ye Not," is sure to please those in attendance.

Pastor Cager is a life-long lover of acting and all forms of artistic expression. He has been featured in Mark Jones' "Alone" at the Mocksville's Southeastern Film Festival and the N.C. Black Repertory Company's Production of "Black Nativity" by Langston Hughes. He has remained a cast member in Mable Robinson's "MAHALIA" for 12 years. He is often requested at local venues to portray Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reciting his "I Have A Dream" speech.

The New Bethel Church family is invited to stay over after the morning Worship Service and enjoy an afternoon of great food and drama.

The New Bethel Spotlight
Published Monthly By The Journalistic Society
Of New Bethel Baptist Church

STAFF

Senior Pastor _____ Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.
Assistant Pastors _____ Rev. Darrick L. Clemons,
Rev. C. Diane Horton, Rev. Azurée D. Johnson-Dalton,
Rev. Geraldine Larkin, Rev. Deborah Hauser-Odom,
Dr. William L. Owens, Rev. Artis H. Smith,
Rev. Louis S. Werts
Editor _____ Hattie Ingram
Co-Editors _____ Carolyn Crosby,
Diane Piggott
Copy Editors _____ Ruby Cain,
Valjean McKinney, Carol Poe, Martha Riley
Youth Coordinator _____ Justin Walker
Special Reporters _____ Barbara Ford,
Pamela Harper, Brenda Redd, Connie Smith
Circulation Manager _____ Lisa Myers
General Manager _____ Susie J. Drayton
Asst. General Manager _____ Betty C. Williams
Photographers _____ Eugene Thompson

*Dedicated to those who are
Interested in New Bethel*

Editorial**Make This School Year Better Than Last Year**

By Hattie Ingram

Although school ended just more than 8 weeks ago, it's time to make plans and focus on new ideas and suggestions for a new school year. School begins later this month, August 26, 2013 in fact. Parents should crowd in all of the last minute learning and fun activities with their children that they can, so that when kids return to school they will be motivated to care about school and ready to make this school year better than last year.

Remember that incident from last year? Put it behind you. It's history. If last year wasn't such a good school year for your child, you should be even more bound and determined to make this year better than last year. Unless something tragic and life changing happened last year, then it is time to say, this is a new year, a fresh year. You may not be able to change circumstances. However you have complete control to change your reactions to situations.

It's tough being a kid. If your kid was embarrassed by an incident, he thought he'd never live it down. He's probably the only kid who remembers it. If your daughter had friendship woes, didn't get invited to the party, had hurt feelings; unfortunately, hurt feelings are a part of life. Acknowledge your child's feelings and put it behind you. Was there a situation with the teacher and your child no longer wanted to be in that teacher's class? Chances are that child ended up loving the teacher and having an excellent year.

Remind your children that things are not always as bad as they seem. Remind
(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 3)

**Sunday School
Focus On The Family**

All members of the Sunday School are invited to attend a free workshop entitled **"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY."** The workshop is sponsored by The Forsyth County Sunday School Union. The workshop will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Mount Zion Baptist Church. It will take place in the File-Goodwin Center at Mount Zion from 9:00 A.M. until 12 noon. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. Pre-Registration is requested. Please see Sister Valjean McKinney or James Brown for Pre-Registration forms. School supplies will be available for all registered youth.

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!



PRINCESS POE-SMITH
YOUTH COORDINATOR FOR SPOTLIGHT

Princess Tatayana Poe-Smith Assumes Position Of Youth Coordinator For The Spotlight

By Hattie Ingram

Princess Tatayana Poe-Smith is the new Youth Coordinator for the New Bethel *Spotlight*. She succeeds Justin Walker who held this position and served diligently for the past year. The Journalistic Society is grateful for his service and New Bethel congratulates him for a job well done.

Princess will be responsible for contacting youth to prepare articles for the Youth Corner of *The Spotlight*. These articles should be related to church, school, and activities of interest to the entire membership of New Bethel.

Princess is a sophomore at North Forsyth High school where she made the honor roll all four quarters of her freshman year. She's an avid reader, works on computers and talks on the telephone with her friends. She is currently employed at the Central Library this summer through a grant with the Urban League. At New Bethel, she is a member of the Youth Ministry. Princess is the daughter of Ms. Alisa Poe. She has four siblings, Naikeesha, Cierra, Malachi and Elijah.

Our new Youth Coordinator is eager to
(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2)

Youth Corner

NAYSA SMITH
YOUTH REPORTER

My Great Wolf Lodge Experience

By Naysa Smith

The Youth Ministry went to the Great Wolf Lodge on July 17th through the 19th. There were many activities to keep everyone occupied and out of their rooms. Some of the activities included bowling, games, a water park and storytelling in the evening. One of the most enjoyable activities to do was swimming, but there were more than just swimming pools, there were water slides that came down from four floors above, a wave pool, a water tower that dumped what seemed like a hundred gallons of water down upon you. The water park was climate-controlled to a comfy 78°. You could even reserve a little private cabana with lounge chairs and a TV.

If the heat doesn't bother you, you could go outside for miniature golf and tennis.

The Lodge was enormous! You got plenty of exercise just walking from your room to the Water Park's entrance on the ground floor.

Everyone had something they enjoyed. Everyone had a fun time and hopefully we can make a return trip.

PRINCESS TATAYANA... *Continued* begin her new responsibility of assigning and reporting to *The Spotlight* in a timely manner. She invites all youth who are interested in reporting a story of interest to contact her at p.poesmith@gmail.com. She plans to call youth to assist with the monthly Youth Corner articles. She is looking forward to working with youth to keep the Youth Corner of interest for all to enjoy.

EDITORIAL... *Continued* them that things have a way of working out. Remind them to worry about nothing. Remind them to make a conscious effort to have a better year this year!



MRS. DIANE PIGGOTT
NATIONAL NWOA TREASURER

Piggott Becomes Treasurer of NWOA, Inc.

Mrs. Diane Piggott attended the 17th Biennial Convention of National Women of Achievement, Incorporated (NWOA, Inc.) in College Park, Georgia being held at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road. During the convention, she was nominated from the floor and was elected "National Treasurer" of the organization.

Piggott is a charter member of the Rural Hall Chapter of NWOA, Inc. which was organized in 1995 by Achiever JoAnne J. Falls and the late Achiever Helen Wilson Falls. She was initially elected its financial secretary. She has since served as its treasurer, president and repeatedly, its financial secretary.

On the regional level, she has served as corresponding secretary, recording secretary and financial secretary. On the national level she has served as Sergeant-At-Arms. NWOA, Inc. focuses on youth and young adults, senior citizens, the status of women, illiteracy, community service and political awareness.

At New Bethel, she is a member of the Sunday school, the Missionary Department, the Journalistic Society, Bereavement Committee, Hospitality Committee and the Deaconesses and Trustee Wives. She has coordinated Vacation Bible school for 34 years.

Piggott is active in the Twin City Alumni Chapter of North Carolina A&T States University.

She is married to Trustee Daniel Piggott and they are the parents of four young adults, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She is active in her local chapter where Achiever LaVerne G. Gaither is president and Achiever Shirley B. Eaton is Regional Director. NWOA, Inc. was founded in 1975 by the late Achiever Maudest Walls Stewart in Houston, Texas.

VBS On A Fishin' Mission

By Diane Piggott

The Vacation Bible School, June 24-28, 2013, at New Bethel Baptist Church was a week of energetic students studying the travels of Paul, Silas and Timothy as they spread the gospel. This wrapped up the "Fishin' On A Mission With Jesus" lessons six to ten of the Urban Ministries 10-day course.

(Continued Page 4, Column 1, Article 3)



BIANCA BRAILEY, ESCADA HORTON AND K.J. ROCKER RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

High School Graduates Receive Scholarship Awards

By Hattie Ingram

On Sunday, July 28, 2013, Ms. Jessica Leach, Chairperson and Ms. Shari Summey of the New Bethel Scholarship Awards Committee presented 7 awards to 3 high school graduates during the morning worship service.

Bianca Brailey, a graduate of East Forsyth High School received the New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship Award for \$500.00, the Gerald L. Pauling, Sr. Memorial Education Aid Scholarship Award for \$500.00 and the Deaconess Sally Shell Award for \$1000.00. Bianca plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University and major in engineering this fall.

The Deacon Douglas Shell Scholarship Award for \$1000.00 was presented to Escada Simone Horton, a graduate of Mount Tabor High School. She also received the New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship Award and the Gerald L. Pauling, Sr. Memorial Education Aid Scholarship Award both for \$500.00. Escada will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and major in Biology.

K.J. Rocker, a graduate of Atkins High School was awarded the New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship Award for \$500.00. He was presented an award for \$1000.00 from the Ceasar Family. He plans to attend A&T State University this fall and major in Information Technology with a minor in Accounting.

This year the Shell family chose to give the scholarships to two females because no male was recommended because of required qualifications.

Gullick's Learning Room Is Now A 5-Star Facility

By Diane Piggott

Under the State of North Carolina's rating system, The Gullick's Learning Room Family Childcare Home is now a "5-Star" facility offering childcare for ages 6 months to 12 years. The facility operates during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shifts. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gullick, Jr. are the owners.

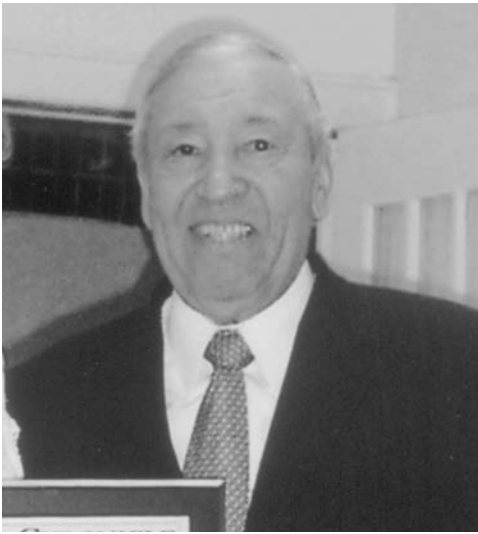
The childcare facility is located at 4250 Viking Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 off of Carver School Road. It accepts vouchers from the Department of Social Services, Smart Start and any others charities. The facility has a certified CPR and First Aid Trained Staff. It offers meals, snacks, games, creative arts, and educational activities along with field trips. Limited transportation is provided. For more information, contact: Cassandra or Norris Gullick @ 336-749-1990.

The Gullicks expressed that "it truly is a blessing to have our home daycare." They would like to thank Pastor Jones (Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church), the officers and the New Bethel Church Family for their support and prayers.

Their motto is the scripture, Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." They are now enrolling!



GULLICK'S CHILDCARE HOME RECEIVES TOP RANKINGS



MR. DAVID THOMPKINS
EAGER TO RETURN TO CHURCH

Effort Club Visits The Thompkins

By Kay Hawkins

The Effort Club visited Mr. and Mrs. David and Olivia Thompkins recently. Mrs. Thompkins is a faithful member and director of the Effort Club and we wanted to share our love and prayers with them during her husband's illness. Mr. Thompkins had returned home from the Brian Rehab center. He was doing well and was so glad to return home with his family. He was so delighted to see us and engaged in much laughter and conversation with the group. After our visit the Effort Club presented him with a cheer package with assorted care items. He was in such good spirits and thanked us for sharing our day with him and stated that he would be returning to New Bethel soon.

VBS ON A FISHIN'... Continued

A Closing program on Friday, June 28 showcased the students' talents and accomplishments. Reginald Noble, II showcased his talent on the piano by playing our theme song, "O How I Love Jesus." Michael Curtis read scripture and Deacon Constance Segers offered prayer.

First up were the Beginners, ages 1 to 6, who were instructed by Ms. Angela Logan, Ms. DeShawna Bradley and Ms. Taisha Watts. The little ones sang "This Little Light of Mine" and "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands."

The Middlers, ages 7 and 9, presented next. Their instructors were Mrs. Vickie Adams and Mrs. Geri Bell. Their presentation began with singing "I'll Praise The Name of Jesus." They dramatized the scene of Paul and Silas being in chains before all of the prisons doors opened and the scene of Paul and others being on a boat and a violent storm came up.

The Juniors, ages 10 to 12, presented a skit—"Praise Summer Camp" written by one of their instructors, Ms. Sharika Grooms. Ms. Jessica Leach assisted with the Juniors. The skit began in a dance class with the students actually dancing to "I Love You More." The class is interrupted by some male visitors who want to know—"Who is God? And "How Can I Believe in someone who isn't real?" The girls invite the boys to a Bible Study Class and they accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The teens ranged in age from 13 to 18 and were taught by Michael and Trey Curtis. Nasya
(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)



MRS. DOROTHY SHIPP
ENJOYS EFFORT CLUB VISIT

An Awakening Experience A Visit with Mrs. Dorothy Shipp

By Carol Poe

The Effort Club of New Bethel made a visit to the home of Mrs. Dorothy Shipp on June 15, 2013 for their monthly visit to the sick and shut-in members of their family. Mrs. Shipp has been a dedicated member of the Effort Club for many years. It was an informative visit for those members who shared this time with Mrs. Shipp. She shared her story of how she became ill the morning she entered the hospital. She informed us that approximately a month before her illness, she was getting something out of the trunk of her car when the car trunk came down and struck her on the top of her head. According to Mrs. Shipp, she knew that she had bruised her head because of the pain she felt at the time, but she did not think that she required medical attention. She said that she continued to come to church, drive, and participate in her usual routines. She explained that one morning she was awakened by a perfused sweating over her body. This unusual sweating led her to call the EMS. The EMS team transported her to Forsyth Medical Center where she was hospitalized for an internal head bleed. The Effort Club members expressed great joy that **God's Awakening** allowed her to get the help that she needed. We were glad to see her up and able to talk with us.

Eight members of the Effort Club were present during this visit. A gift bag was provided to Mrs. Shipp and Ms. Patricia Mumford led a prayer for Mrs. Shipp's continued recovery.

VBS ON A FISHIN'... Continued

Smith began a narration which was "Sin is very prevalent in the world; Jesus came to save us. Four girls sang. Kelson Smith followed with another narration—What do you do with a man of misery? LaShayia MaNkins and Cierra Campbell sang "Praise the Lord." Nasya returned with a narration that told the story of Jesus commanding the disciples to "GO OUT!"

The Adult Class, ages 19 and up, wrapped up the program. Students—Ms. Sabrina Garret, Trustee Eugene Thompson, Mrs. Nira Robinson, Mrs. Carol Poe, Deacon Constance Segers and Deacon Wesley Curtis all did presentations on "What Is Witnessing of Jesus?"

Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor gave
(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)



MRS. BESSIE SHIPP WILLIAMS
PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

Mrs. Bessie Emeline Shipp Williams Passes

By: Barbara Ford

Mrs. Bessie Emeline Shipp Williams passed away on June 26, 2013 after an extended illness. She was born in Yadkin County, North Carolina, where she spent most of her young life before moving to Philadelphia, PA where she met and married her husband, Dewey Williams. After the death of her late husband she relocated to Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Bessie was a longtime member of New Bethel Baptist Church where she served on several boards that included the Effort Club, Senior Choir, Elizabeth Missionary, Secret Pal Club and she was also a member of the Worship Praise Cottage. She was best known for her stylish wardrobe, comical personality and forthright spirit.

Bessie leaves to cherish loving memories, her great niece, Mrs. Angelia (Marvin) Shipp-King; great grandnephew, Mr. Jeremiah (Vanita) Shipp; great grandniece, Ms. Tiffany Hood; sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Shipp; devoted friends, Mrs. Peggy Carpenter and Mr. Adam Spillman, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Williams was funeralized on July 2, 2013.

VBS ON A FISHIN'... Continued

closing remarks and asked that we give the staff a hand. He also remarked, "Your life is more important than your words!"

The Kitchen Staff under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Grooms prepared some delicious meals each evening. Those assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Mary Bradley, Ms. Wanda Davis, Mrs. Sue Leach, Mr. Reginald Noble, II, Mrs. Jannie Smith, Mrs. Brenda Witherspoon and Trustee Jerry Leach, Griller.

Ms. Nicole Nichols directed nightly crafts. The students made necklaces, painted wooden art pieces, designed flags and an assortment of items that were displayed at the end of the week.

The VBS was an enjoyable experience. Mrs. Diane Piggott served another year as Principal; Ms. Debbie Frazier served as Assistant Principal and Mrs. Lisa Myers served as Secretary. She recorded the following attendance figures: Weekly totals for each class—Beginners-30; Middlers-39; Juniors-28; Teens-40; Adults-85; Kitchen Help-36; and Crafts-6; for a total for the week of 254.