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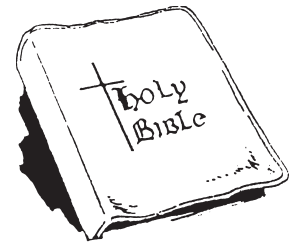
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## New Bethel Ordains Two Assistant Pastors, One Deacon

### Grooms Named To The Deacon Board

By Diane Piggott

Trustee Johnny Grooms was ordained to the Deacon Board of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at a service at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. Rev. Shannon L. Jessup brought the Ordination message.

Grooms has been a member of New Bethel for more than 25 years. He is the oldest son of the late Johnnie Mae and Willie Grooms and has three sisters and two brothers. He has been married to Sharon Harrison Grooms for 26 years and they have one daughter, Sharika Denise Grooms.

He was employed by Douglas Battery Manufacturing Company where he has held several jobs in his 31 year association with the company. He is now employed with Johnson Control Battery Manufacturing Company where he is a Plate Parter.

At New Bethel, he is a member of the Trustee Board, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, Assistant Sunday School Teacher of Class Number 5, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Laymen's League, Chaplain of the Usher Board and member of the Genesis Prayer Cottage. He also assumes the task of making sure Communion Supplies are available and setup for Sunday Communion. He faithfully helps with Saturday Morning Prayer and Sunday Morning devotion.

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, washing cars and surfing the net looking at the value of cars. He also enjoys spending quality time with his family.



**REV. CAROLYN DIANNE HORTON AND REV. AZUREE DANIELLE JOHNSON  
RECEIVE ORDINATION CERTIFICATES FROM PASTOR JONES**

### Horton and Johnson Ordained as Ministers

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Carolyn Dianne Horton and Rev. Azuree Danielle Johnson were ordained on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 4 p.m. at a service at New Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Shannon L. Jessup brought the Ordination message.

Rev. Horton, an Augusta, GA native, has lived in Winston-Salem for the past 23 years. She and her husband, George united with New Bethel under the pastorate of Dr. Jerry Drayton. They are the proud parents of Jamaal Ali and Escada Simone. She announced her call to ministry on Sunday, May 11, 2008 and delivered her initial sermon on Sunday, September 21, 2008. She was issued her certificate of licensure on the same day.

Rev. Horton earned an Associate Degree in Early Childhood education from Forsyth technical Community College and opened a five-star childcare facility. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Salem College in 2007 where she majored in Sociology and minored in Religion. She earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity where she received the special honor of the John Thomas and Dorothy Porter Award in Vocational Formation

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**DEACON JOHNNY GROOMS  
RECEIVES LAYING OF HANDS BY PASTOR AND DEACONS**

### Journalistic Society To Sponsor Annual Dinner Theater

By Hattie Ingram

The Journalistic Society will sponsor its 17th Annual Dinner Theater on Sunday, August 21, 2011 in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Room at 1:00 p.m. Humorous sketches about how we get so much of a good thing wrong taken from Martha Bolton's book "The Gospel According To Us" will be featured. Rev. Carolyn Dianne Horton will be the guest director

Members are invited to attend with their friends and enjoy a delectable dinner prepared by the members of the Journalistic Society and the laugh out loud sketches and entertainment that will be provided.

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**Editorial****Back to School Strategies**

*By Hattie Ingram*

School starts in just a few weeks and now is the perfect time to talk with your kids about goals for the new school year. First reflect upon the positives from the previous year such as what worked and what didn't. Make plans to repeat successful routines and look for alternatives for those that were not helpful.

What do kids want to accomplish this year? It's not just about improving grades. Become more efficient with homework by completing it early. Use the extra time to branch out into a new activity like student government or community volunteer service.

Summer is oftentimes full of spontaneous activities but back to school calls for a routine and planned activities. A large family calendar placed in a favorite location in the home will allow family members to write in all of their activities so that parents are aware of everything that is scheduled and no one misses an event.

With summer cook outs and late night trips to the ice cream shop, summer eating schedules usually vary from the school schedule. Now is a good time to get back on track with healthy choices. Don't forget to add a good breakfast. Shift your sleep schedule so that kids are getting between nine or ten hours of sleep each night.

When school officially opens, make plans to connect with your kids' teachers at open house and attend all conferences so you won't be surprised when first quarter report cards come home.

**Sunday School****One Anothering**

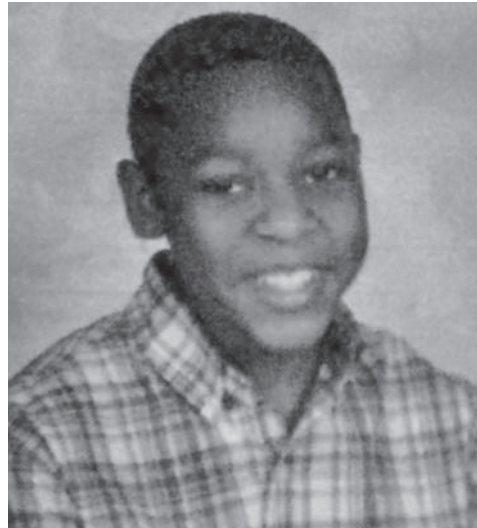
The study for the month of August examines ways believers are to relate to one another. The Bible teaches believers that living the Christian life involves community and the fulfillment of certain reciprocal responsibilities toward one another.

August 7th—"Love One Another"—John 13:34-35; I John 3:10b-12, 16-18; 4:7-13, 19

August 14th—"Forgive One Another"—Colossians 3:12-13; Philemon 8-22

August 21st—"Don't Criticize One Another"—Romans 14:1-12, 19, James 4:11-12

August 28th—"Agree with One Another"—Genesis 13:1-12; Romans 13:16-18; 15:5-6

**SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**JUSTIN WALKER**  
**YOUTH OF THE MONTH FOR JULY**

**Justin Walker**  
**Youth of the Month**  
**For July 2011**

*By Elinor Walker*

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Justin Walker as Youth of the Month for July 2011. Our honoree was selected for his outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministry, his school and his community.

At New Bethel, Justin is a member of the Youth Ministry. A rising 8th grader at Walkertown Middle School, he stays busy with academics and sports. Justin participates in the Boy Scouts, the Crosby Scholars and basketball. In his community, he strives to be a good citizen. He lists his hobbies as playing football and basketball. He also enjoys putting model cars together. Justin is the son of Brother Stephon and Sister Nina Walker, the grandson of Sister Barbara Smith and the younger brother of Jonathan Booker.

Congratulations to Justin Walker.

**Youth Corner**

**ALEXIS SUMMEY**  
**YOUTH REPORTER**

**Our Washington, DC Trip**  
**Part I**

*By Alexis Summey*

Members of the Youth Ministry traveled to Washington, DC on July 21-23, 2011 to visit the White House, Capitol and some of the museums. Thanks to Trustee Carl Bankhead (driver of the bus) we left the church at 12:15 a.m. Friday and returned at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday evening.

The youth were asked to tell what they enjoyed about the trip and here are their quotes:

"On the Washington, DC trip I really liked touring the White House and the Capitol. I really wished that we had more time to tour though. I would have loved to also have more time to go through the museums, but I still had an amazing time. The highlights of my trip were the tours of the great historic buildings. I loved our trip to Washington, DC."—Alexis Summey

"I enjoyed going to the White House. I like my I Love DC pocketbook that I got. I liked going to the Capitol seeing all the statues. I also liked seeing Michele Obama's Dress and the slippers from the Wizard of Oz."—Armani Mankins

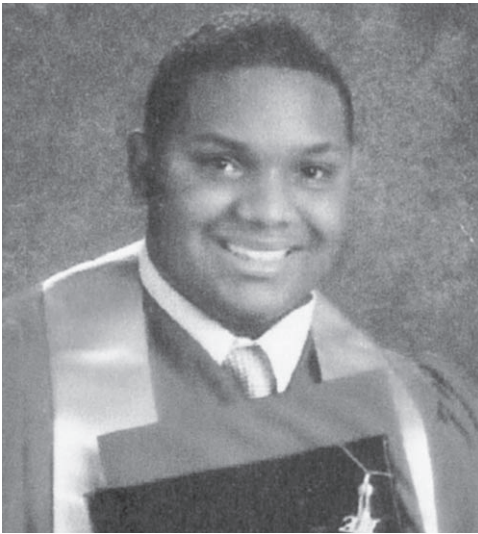
"I liked that we went to the museums as a group and we got to see the Capitol and White House. I also liked that the youth got to do things together."—Escada Horton

"The thing I enjoyed most about this trip was going to the Capitol."—Nasya Smith

"I had fun in Washington, DC it was fun. I enjoyed it a lot."—Jada Phillips

**VFCS To**  
**Celebrate Anniversary**

The Volunteers For Christian Service will celebrate their 56th Anniversary on the second Sunday in August at 4:00 p.m. here at the church. Various groups and soloists will appear on the program. We are happy to have as the narrator for this event Rev. Robert Carter, one of New Bethel's assistant Pastors. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of good gospel singing. Refreshments will be served after the program. Mrs. Ethel Brooks is President of the Volunteers. (See picture on Page 3)



**DEMARCUS BRADLEY  
TO ATTEND FORSYTH TECH**

### DeMarcus Bradley Receives High School Diploma

DeMarcus Bradley graduated from Simon G. Atkins High School during commencement exercises on July 29, 2011.

He plans to enroll at Forsyth Technical Community College this fall and pursue a degree in Mechanics or Computer Engineering. He hopes to eventually start his own business as a mechanic.

At New Bethel, DeMarcus is a member of the Youth Ministry.

He is the son of Ms. Sonya Bradley, brother of DeShawna Bradley and grandson of Mrs. Mary Bradley.

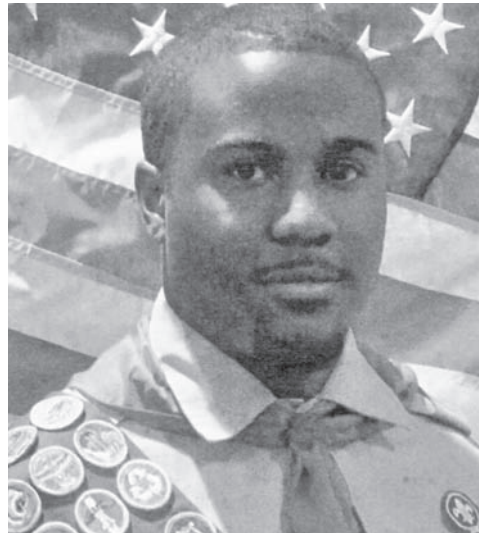
**HORTON AND JOHNSON...** *Continued* and Community Ministry. During her second and third year, she performed ministerial internships at New Bethel as well as spending time in New York City studying and observing Urban Ministry.

Rev. Horton currently serves on the personnel staff as the Pastor's liaison in her role as Minister of Small Groups.

Rev. Johnson, a native of Philadelphia, PA, migrated to Winston-Salem and joined New Bethel in March of 2007. She had acknowledged God's call on her life in 2005. She was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology from Pennsylvania State University and a Master's Degree in Developmental Biology and Teratology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

After receiving the call to ministry, she knew she needed to equip herself with the necessary tools to carry out ministry. She enrolled in the Wake Forest University's School of Divinity and graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree on May 19, 2008. She preached her initial sermon on September 23, 2007 and was licensed to preach the gospel. While at Wake Forest she did concentrated study in Pastoral Care with emphasis on Hospice and Palliative Care and Rehabilitation and Nursing Home Care and she ministered in the Rehabilitation and Intensive Care Unit. In November, 2007 Rev. Johnson became Co-Director of the Children's Church Ministry at New Bethel which serves children ages 5 to 13 years. This ministry is an interactive worship experience where children are able to participate in worship through songs, arts and crafts and worship lessons.

Rev. Johnson presently also serves as an English Inclusion Teacher at Mt. Tabor High School which gives her an opportunity to  
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**LEWIS WESLEY "TREY" CURTIS RECEIVES  
HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SCOUTING**

### Trey Curtis Earns Eagle Scout Rank

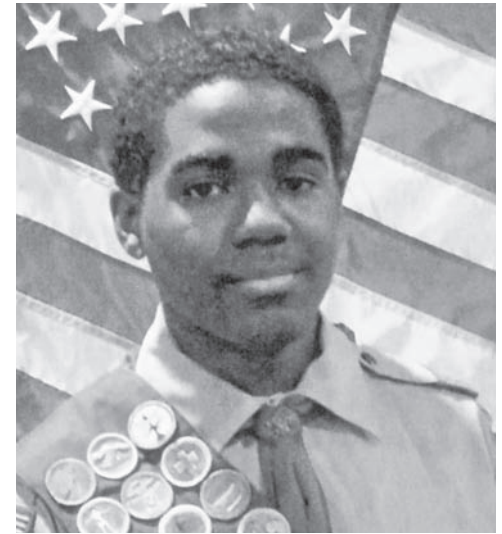
Lewis Wesley "Trey" Curtis III has completed his Eagle Board of Review and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Trey is a member of Boy Scout Troop 916 at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist church. Trey began scouting as a Cub Scout at United Metropolitan Baptist Church. When he became a Boy Scout, he accepted leadership roles including Troop Scribe and Senior Patrol Leader. As a Boy Scout, he earned 32 merit badges. For his Eagle project, Trey installed a community basketball goal at New Bethel and constructed a basketball court as well.

He graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School in 2009. While in high school, he was a member of the Junior Varsity Wrestling team and the Junior varsity Football Team. He was also a member of the marching band. While in high school, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. Upon completing high school, Trey enrolled in the University of Kentucky where he has just completed his sophomore year as an Air Force ROTC cadet majoring in International Business.

At New Bethel, Trey serves as a teacher assistant in the Children's Church and a Vacation Bible School teacher.



**MRS. ETHEL BROOKS VOLUNTEERS  
FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE PRESIDENT**



**MICHAEL ROY CURTIS RECEIVES HIGHEST  
LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SCOUTING**

### Michael Roy Curtis Achieves the Rank Of Eagle Scout

Michael Roy Curtis has completed his Eagle Board of Review and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael is a member of Boy Scout Troop 916 of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Michael entered Scouting as a Boy Scout seven years ago in Troop 916. Michael's brother, Trey Curtis, was already a member of the Boy Scout Troop and encouraged Michael to join as well. Michael's positions of responsibility in the troop included Troop Chaplain, Troop Scribe, and Troop Treasurer. Michael is also a member of Wahissa Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

Michael has taken part in the annual summer camp adventures at the boy scout camp, camp Raven Knob. During his seven year tenure as a Boy Scout, Michael has earned sixteen merit badges. He has spent numerous nights camping and provided countless hours of community service during his membership in Troop 916. Michael's Eagle Scout project consisted of conserving hundreds of VHS tapes of church services for New Bethel Baptist Church by transferring them to DVDs. He also organized the room in which the DVDs are now being stored. Michael recognized the importance of conserving the history of the church by saving the tapes in a more durable format.

Michael will graduate from Parkland Magnet High School in June 2012. Michael is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program and plans on earning his International Baccalaureate program diploma.

At New Bethel, Michael sings on the Youth Choir, assists in Children's Church, and was a teacher at Vacation Bible School.

### Resource Fair Is Rich In Resources

*By Diane Piggott*

A Community Resource Fair sponsored by the Laymen's League, the Health Ministry and the Youth Ministry of New Bethel Baptist Church offered a wealth of services for its members and the general public on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants bringing their knowledge and services were: the Salvation Army, Consumer  
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**MRS. NIRA ROBINSON  
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## Robinson Is In The Sunday School's Spotlight

By Diane Piggott

We shine our spotlight on Mrs. Nira Robinson, teacher of Class Number 6 this month. Mrs. Robinson eased into this role less than four years after the death of her husband, the late Deacon Charles Robinson.

The Winston-Salem native is an alumnus of Atkins High School. She began her affiliation with New Bethel under the pastorate of Rev. Jerry C. Gilmore when her parents the late Horace and Ira Massey brought her to church. She came to the realization of her salvation and joined under Dr. Jerry Drayton. She was the mother of three daughters—Debra R. Massey, Brenda R. Simpson and Myra R. Wilson. Only Myra survives. Mrs. Robinson has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is active at New Bethel. In addition to teaching the Sunday School Class, she chairs the Bereavement Committee which ministers to bereaved families, is a member of the Baptist Training Union, the Flower Club, Deaconness and Trustee Wives, the Political Action Committee and the Grievance Committee.

Mrs. Robinson says, "I'm not a teacher and I tried to find someone else to take the class. For ten years I taught every fourth Sunday as I served as assistant teacher to my husband who succeeded the late Deacon Moriese Davis. When Deacon James Brown assumed the Superintendent's position in 2008, he asked me to take on the teaching duties of Class Number 6. Once I said, "Yes", the Lord gave me an inner peace! I'm fine with it now. He feeds me daily.

### RESOURCE FAIR... *Continued*

Credit Consulting Services, the Experiment in Self-Reliance, the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, Goodwill Industries Job-Links, Community Care Center/Diabetes Education, Winston-Salem State University's Healthcare on Wheels' Mobile Unit and Dr. Brittain's Chiropractic Spinal Screenings. One could receive a check of important vital signs, job or career counseling, transportation aid in light of the high gas prices as well as many more services. After an information overload, you could relax and enjoy some healthy snacks of apples, bananas, fiber and breakfast bars and water.

Good fellowship was also enjoyed by those in attendance!



**MS. ANNA BELLE COCKERHAM  
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**

## Ms. Anna Belle Cockerham Passes

By Barbara Ford

Ms. Anna Belle Cockerham affectionately known as "Annie B" passed away July 5, 2011 at Forsyth Medical Center and was funeralized on July 11, 2011. She was born to James and Deanna Cockerham in Forsyth County.

She attended Atkins High School and afterwards moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. for 42 years where she was employed as an underwriter with the Columbian Protective Association. She returned to Winston-Salem in the early seventies and was employed at St. Phillips Daycare Center as an Administrative Secretary.

She leaves to mourn two daughters, Linda Golden and Jacqueline (Raeford) Wilkins; four grandchildren Sheri Golden and Stephanie Wilkins of Raleigh, N.C., Valerie McGill of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Raeford Jr. (BJ) Wilkins of Durham, N.C. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Dr. Kendall Jones Sr. gave the eulogy and Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.



**MS. LORI LAVERA LEAK  
PASSES SUDDENLY**

## Ms. Lori LaVera Leak Passes Unexpectedly

By Barbara Ford

Ms. Lori L. Leak was the eighth child born October 21, 1964 to James Oscar and Marie B. Leak. Our beloved Lori, unexpectedly, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 18, 2011.

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**MRS. ELAINE BURROUGHS ODOM  
PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS**

## Mrs. Elaine Burroughs Odom Passes After Long Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Elaine Burroughs Odom completed this journey of life on July 8, at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born in Summerton, S.C. to the late Louis and Sarah Johnson Burroughs. She was preceded in death by her husband David L. Odom. Mrs. Odom's mother and husband were also members of New Bethel. Mrs. Odom was a member of the Senior Choir. She was a Cosmetologist by trade. She also worked retail merchandising at the former Davis Department Store. She is survived by a daughter Juliet Odom also a member of New Bethel, three sons David R., Hal and Curtis (Laura) Odom, two daughters-in-law Rev. Deborah Hauser-Odom and Rosetta Odom, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Graveside services were held on Monday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Piedmont Memorial Gardens Chapel with Dr. Kendall D. Jones Sr. officiating.

### MS. LORI LAVERA LEAK... *Continued*

Lori was a graduate of North Forsyth High School and Forsyth Technical Community College. She was a faithful employee of Wachovia Financial Services in Winston-Salem, N.C.

She was a devoted and much loved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. Lori was a caring person whose presence touched all those around her, she will be remembered for her faith, smile and laughter.

Her memory will be cherished by her loving mother, Evangelist Marie B. Leak; daughters Donneitra and Bianca Bryan. Family members include one brother, Gravis Leak of Dayton, Ohio; six sisters, Karen Leak-Simmons (Bernard) of Virginia Beach, VA; Sharon Leak-Penn (James) of Mount Airy, NC; Valerie Leak-Fields (Reginald) of Spokane, WA; Naja Leak Edwards of Winston-Salem, NC; Melody Leak Kavota of Yorktown, VA and Lisa Leak-Simmons (Matthew) of Salisbury, NC and a host of other relatives and friends.

### HORTON AND JOHNSON... *Continued*

minister to students and adults coping with everyday life.

On February 14, 2011 she became engaged to Todd Alan Dalton. They work together in ministry to allow others to see Christ in them and they strive to seek Him daily in their lives. Both ministers were joined by family and friends to celebrate such a milestone in their lives. A reception was held following the service where they received the congratulations of many in attendance.