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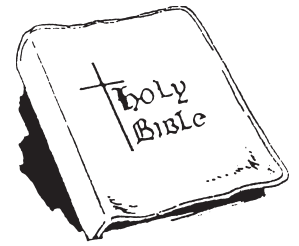
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Missionaries' 110th Anniversary Scheduled for December 9



MS. AUDREY BROWN
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Showcase Your Talent In Annual Christmas Program

By Diane Piggott

An appeal is being made to the New Bethel Church Family to join in the Annual Christmas Program. It will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday School classes will be represented as well as other members of the church.

A traditional program of verses and skits is planned. These exercises are great character builders. They also give the members a chance to showcase skills and talents with which God has so richly blessed them. Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Audrey Brown are coordinating the events of the program.

Last Union Service Of the Year

The last Union Service of the Year will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at St. John C.M.E. Church at 7:30 p.m. Where the Rev. Moses Golman is Pastor. Union Baptist Church, where Rev. S.W. Mack, Jr. is Pastor, is guest church. He will be accompanied by his congregation and choirs.

The Union Service is made up of the following churches: New Bethel, Union Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist and St. John C.M.E.

Annual Board And Church Meetings Scheduled For December 10 and 12

The Annual Joint Board Meeting of the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented to the church at the Annual Church Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

All members are encouraged to come out in large numbers for the church meeting to approve the proposed budget and other church recommendations.

Rev. Dr. A. T. Griffey, III To Deliver Watch Night Message

On Sunday, December 30, 2007, Rev. A. T. Griffey, III, Pastor of Mr. Carmel Baptist Church will bring the annual Watch Night Service of New Bethel Baptist Church at 10:30 p.m. at the church.

Watch Night Services were reinstated last year under the pastorate of Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. as part of the New Year's Celebration. So mark your calendar to be a part of this service!

Auxiliary Financial Reports Due December 31

Forms for 2007 auxiliary financial reports are ready and have been placed in auxiliary presidents' boxes. These forms should be filled out and returned to the church office. All reports are due in by Monday, December 31.



ATTORNEY RENITA LINVILLE
TO ADDRESS MISSIONARIES

Attorney Renita Thompkins Linville To Speak For 110th Missionary Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel Baptist Church will observe the 110th Anniversary of the Missionary Department on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be Attorney Renita Thompkins Linville of Winston-Salem.

Attorney Linville is a native of Winston-Salem where she received her formal education. She was baptized at the age of 14 at New Bethel Church under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Jerry Drayton. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina and graduated from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C. with a Juris Doctor degree in 1982. She graduated with honors and served as member of the Howard University Law Review. She was licensed to practice law in North Carolina in 1982 and approved to practice in the United States District Court in 1986.

Our speaker has been practicing law for twenty-four years. She has extensive experience in the area of real estate
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*Dedicated to those who are
Interested in New Bethel*

Editorial Need From Within The Family

By Diane Piggott

The economic situation in our city, state and country has led to despair among our citizenry. Many basic needs are not being met. The holiday season is upon us and this causes greater frustration for many. Some will celebrate the season with overindulgence of food and gifts. I urge you to look around our church family and see if there are persons who may be in need of help. I'm not talking about their wants, just needs. We reach out to strangers and forget to look around at family or church members to see if they are in need.

It is sometimes difficult to speak up to family about problems. But if you cannot turn to family, to whom can you turn? Mrs. Myra Wilson is the Outreach Coordinator for New Bethel, so if you know of a need, perhaps you can contact her. Mrs. Lucille McCormick is president of the Missionary Department so she is also a source that you could contact about the need. This will help the church reach out to those in our congregation who have situations with which they need help.

*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
To All*

Auxiliaries Reach Out At Thanksgiving

By Diane Piggott

Several groups of New Bethel Baptist Church reached out to the less fortunate at Thanksgiving. To show their thanks for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon them, the Journalistic Society, The Elizabeth Missionary Group, The Mass Choir and The Martha Missionary Group gave donations to families.

The Journalistic Society prepared a large box for a needy family of ten. The parents and their eight children were able to enjoy a turkey, ham, fixings for potato salad, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, pies, a cake and drinks. The family beamed with expressions of thanks as President of the group, Mrs. Hattie Ingram along with Trustee and Mrs. Daniel Piggott, delivered the box.

The Elizabeth Missionary Group with Mrs. Martha Riley as group leader donated a box of groceries to a family. They packed the box full with turkey, ham, breakfast foods and all of the trimmings of a huge Thanksgiving dinner and for a few more dinners afterwards.

The Mass Choir was able to spread cheer to two families at Thanksgiving. One family, a mother and two small children, was the recipient of one box. She had been laid off from her job. The other family, a family of five, received the box of plenty food items to enrich their holiday.

The Martha Missionary Group delivered a box of groceries to a family of five. Among the goodies were new potatoes, a cake, green beans and other items to add to the Thanksgiving meal. A monetary gift was added to allow them to purchase any other items they desired Mrs. Freda Smith is group leader.

ATTORNEY RENTIA... *Continued*
transactions, family law, wills and estates, and traffic laws. She also taught for two (2) semesters at Winston-Salem State University in the Business Department.

Her professional affiliations include the North Carolina Bar Associations, North Carolina State Bar Association, Forsyth County Women Attorneys Association, and the Twenty-First Judicial District Bar.

Attorney Linville has been extremely active in community and civic affairs and has received numerous awards from local community organizations.

She began her ministry service while a member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. She began an Outreach Ministry with New World Cappadocia Outreach Center and later became a member of Radio Broadcast team for the Center.

She is the wife of Dr. James F. Linville, Pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church. At Piney Grove, she serves as Director the PGBC Outreach Center Ministry, President of the Daughters of Hannah and a member of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

Dr. and Mrs. Linville are parents of two sons, two special nephews and seven grandchildren. Attorney Linville's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Thompkins.

Youth Corner



**NZINGA HAWKINS
YOUTH REPORTER**

Giving Your Life To God

By Nzinga Hawkins

I decided to commit myself to Christ and the church so that I could become the best that I could be.

As some of you may know, on November 25, 2007 I was baptized. I know in making this step in my life, I will have a more spiritually-guided and fulfilled life. In giving my life to the teachings of God, I feel that I can get through anything with Him by my side. The definition of "baptism" is "to immerse in water in the Christian rite of baptism; to cleanse spiritually and initiate dedication to the teachings of the church and God." In being baptized and following the Christian life, I believe that you will be able to get through bad peer pressure, trials and temptations in everyday life. With God on your side, you don't have to feel like you have to search for friends on the internet and follow friends who are wrong, just to be popular. I believe that all things are possible when you follow God's commandments.

My beliefs have shown me the power of faith and having my church family help me through stressful times in my life with family, school and friends. God has made me a better person, and I believe that if you do the same—put God first in your life, everything else will fall in its right place. You will also be a happier and better person which will help you have a successful life. So put God in your life and leave the rest to Him! Always remember to be lovely, not ugly!

**"Beware of a half-truth.
You may have
gotten hold of
the wrong half."**



**DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM OWENS
RENEW VOWS AT 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Reverend and Mrs. William L. Owens, Sr. Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

By Lucille McCormick, Special Reporter

Reverend and Mrs. William L. Owens, Sr. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 10, 2007 with a renewal of their vows at the Village Inn in Clemmons. The Reverend Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church officiated.

The hosts of the celebration were the couple's children and daughter-in-law: William L. Owens, Jr., Johnny L. (Tammy) Owens, Sr., Derek Owens, Tina L. Owens, Archie Owens and Angela Owens.

The couple has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Owens retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Mrs. Owens retired from Kroger. They were married on November 9, 1957 in Union, South Carolina.

Deaconess and Trustee Wives To Sponsor Annual Prayer Breakfast

By Hattie Ingram

The Deaconess and Trustee Wives of New Bethel will sponsor their Annual Prayer Breakfast at the church on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Dining Hall.

Members attending the service will be able to incorporate prayer with fellowship as we begin an exciting new year. The program is planned for the entire church family, relatives and friends. Those in attendance will enjoy a delicious breakfast and music rendered by the Communion Singers. Everyone is asked to come out and be blessed.

**Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!**



MR. AND MRS. DAVID THOMPkins CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Thompkins Honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Thompkins were honored with an Anniversary Dinner at the Marriott Crab Tree Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina on November 23, 2007. This Thanksgiving Day Celebration represented 50 years of happiness for the couple who count everyday a celebration because they travel many different places and are engaged in many interesting civic and cultural events.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompkins received many gifts during the celebration which was hosted by their children Attorney Renita and Dr. James Linville, Dr. Cheryl and Mr. Glenn Horton, Mrs. Tracy and Mr. Barry Fortune, and grandchildren, David and Barry, II.

Mr. Thompkins retired as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Forsyth County. Mrs. Thompkins retired as Business Office Manager at Reynolds Health Center.

Baptismal Accessories Donated

By Diane Piggott

Ms. Glenda Anderson and Mr. Alphonso Lea made a presentation of baptismal robes and towels on Sunday, November 18, 2007 during the morning services. "I recently joined here at New Bethel and I thought that the gift would enhance our baptismal services," remarked Ms. Anderson.

The gift to the church included robes for the pastor, a deacon, three adult robes and three youth robes. The robes are monogrammed with "NBBC" and "pastor" or "deacon." They are made of a white polyester material trimmed in red. The monogramming is also red. Large white towels accompany the robes and are also monogrammed with "NBBC." This will bring about uniformity during this most holy of procedures that we are asked to perform. Ms. Anderson is a professional seamstress and had contemplated the gift for quite sometime.

On Sunday, November 25, 2007, the Baptismal Service put the gift to use. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Pastor was handsomely attired in the "pastor robe" and Deacon John Posey was handsomely attired in the "deacon robe." Baptismal candidate, Nzinga Hawkins, wore a matching white robe. The attire added to the sacredness of the occasion. She was covered with a huge white towel. A hamper was also donated to receive the dirty articles after the baptism.



PASTOR KENDALL JONES, SR. DISPLAYS NEW ATTIRE FOR BAPTISMAL SERVICES



**DR. VIRGINIA NEWELL PRAISES CHIEF PATRICIA NORRIS
CITED FOR SERVICE IN PUBLIC SAFETY**



**MS. VERONICA L. PHILLIPS
PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY**

Effort Club Honors Nine Race Progress Promoters And YMCA Black Achievers

By Hattie Ingram

The Effort Club of New Bethel celebrated its 83rd Anniversary on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. with a highly successful Race Progress Promoters Program. The group honored nine local citizens for doing an outstanding job in promoting Race Progress in our community. The honorees were: Dr. Chere M. Chase (Medicine); Ms. Florence P. Corpening (Volunteer Activities); Attorney Harry Glenn Davis, Sr. (Law); Mr. Bo Gilliam (Business); Ms. Carol F. Montague (Educator); Police Chief Patricia D. Norris (Public Safety); Mrs. Adell Scott Norton (The Arts); Mr. Christopher (Chris) Paul (Sports); Mrs. Mable H. Stevenson (Human Services); and the YMCA Black Achievers program and its Director, Ms. Lisa Lide. Beautiful plaques were presented to the honorees by a panel of judges including Mr. Daniel Piggott, Sr., Executive Principal of Atkins High School; Mrs. Virginia Newell, Broker/Owner Virginia K. Newell Realty; and Mr. Nigel D. Austin, Director Employee/Community Relations, GMAC Insurance.

Music and inspiring and soul stirring selections were rendered by the Youth Choir of New Bethel under the direction of Mrs. Linda Feemster accompanied by Mr. Christopher Farabee, Jr.

Our Pastor, Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr. and Pastor Emeritus Dr. Jerry Drayton commended the Effort Club for an outstanding program and its effort to recognize those persons who make a difference in our lives through their contributions to our community.

Zeta Prematurity Awareness Weekend Presentation

By Connie Smith

November is Prematurity Awareness Month in America. Mrs. Dollye Mack and Mrs. Rosetta Pauling, both Zetas representing the Zeta organizations, have teamed up with the March of Dimes to present the facts to the New Bethel congregation November 18, 2007 about Premature Births.

Premature births are the number one killer of newborns. Babies who survive may be disabled for life. Every year, more than half a million babies are born too soon. The national average is one premature baby per 8 babies born, but for African American it is one in every six births.

The March of Dimes is a leading national effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs that offer hope, and help for families with a baby in intensive care. You can learn more and take action to stop this national health crisis by visiting the web site, www.marchofdimes.com at any time.

Five Tips for a Healthier Baby—1. Get early and regular pre-natal care. 2. Eat nutritious foods: Proteins vegetables and fruits. 3. Don't smoke: increase chances of miscarriage and low birth weight babies. 4. Don't do drugs: seek Dr. advice first; can cause disabilities. 5. Don't drink: causes birth defects.



**SORORS DOLLYE MACK AND ROSETTA PAULING
HIGHLIGHT ZETA PREMATURE MONTH**

Ms. Veronica L. Phillips Passes

By Barbara Ford

Ms. Veronica L. Phillips, daughter of the late Corinne Mitchell and Rapon Jasper Phillips, departed this life on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Ms. Phillips is survived by four sisters: Andrea Garner of Kernersville, Harriet Thomas of Brooklyn, NY, Sandra (Kenneth Sr.) Walker of Detroit, MI, and Linda (Charles) Davis of Cornelius. Seven nieces and nephews: Crystal and Caryl Garner of Kernersville, Kenneth Jr. (Kenyetta) and Kerry (Deni) Walker of Detroit, Sharrika Davis of Blacksburg, VA, Sydney Davis of Greensboro, Michael Leonard of Greensboro and other relatives and friends.

Ms. Phillips graduated from Paisley High School and the Business Institute of Winston-Salem, NC. She worked for R.J. Reynolds for twenty-seven years and was a former employee of Winston-Salem State University and Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a long time member of New Bethel Baptist Church where she worked as the Financial Secretary of her Sunday School Class and as a Data Entry Clerk. She was also a member of the Effort Club.

The funeral was held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 and Dr. Kendall D. Jones delivered the eulogy.

Gilmore Funeral Home was in charge of Services and arrangements.

Help Prevent Diabetes

By Connie Smith, RN

The Healthy Living Partnership to Prevent Diabetes needs your help. There are around 54 million people in the United States, who have pre-diabetes, a condition where your blood sugar levels are high than normal, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Researchers at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, will look at ways of reducing the chance of developing diabetes in people at risk by making changes to their diet and increasing their level of physical activity.

The research study will look at the health effects of weight loss in men and women who are overweight and have pre-diabetes. Research has shown that if you take action to manage your blood glucose when you have pre-diabetes, you can delay or prevent Type 2 diabetes from ever developing.

The invitation to participate is extended to men and women 21 years and older of all races and ethnicities residing in Forsyth County. To determine if you qualify, call 336-716-8747 for more detailed information.

I am a Believer that Prevention is always better than a Cure.