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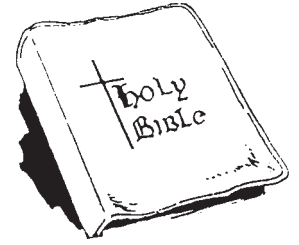
THE SPOTLIGHT

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New Bethel Baptist Church

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Missionaries' 116th Anniversary Scheduled For December 8



MS. WANDA DAVIS – PLAYWRIGHT
OF "OUR GREATEST NEED"

The Forsyth County Sunday School Unions' Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 15, 2013, a few of New Bethel's members will present the play, "Our Greatest Need" for the Forsyth County Sunday School Union's Christmas Program. The Union will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Charles E. Gray Drive, Winston-Salem, NC at 1:30 p.m.

If you missed the play, "Our Greatest Need," when it was presented during the Journalistic Society's Annual Dinner Theater in August 2012, you will now have the opportunity to see the play and witness the wonderful performances of New Bethel's cast members on that day.

The play, written by Wanda Davis, is a dramatic and humorous presentation that focuses on what our greatest need truly is during this Christmas holiday. Minister Brian Cager, an Associate Minister of First Woughtown Baptist Church, will serve as director.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
To All*

December/January Calendar of Events

Christmas Mailbox

December 1, 2013 – January 5, 2014

Fourth Union Service

December 15, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.

St. John C.M.E. Church – Host
New Bethel Baptist Church – Guest

Annual Board Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Annual Church Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Soulful Christmas

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 4, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School To Celebrate Jesus' Birth

By Diane Piggott

The Sunday School Department of New Bethel is asking the nine classes and members of New Bethel to come together for the annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. The program will be a tribute to the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to read a poem, present a skit, sing a song or play a musical selection, just contact Mrs. Diane Piggott or Mrs. Lisa Myers to inform them of your wishes. Deacon James Brown is Sunday School Superintendent.

Let's have a great tribute!



MINISTER ROSHELL L. MARTIN
"ALL MISSIONARY DAY" SPEAKER

Minister Roshell L. Martin To Speak For "All Missionary Day"

By Hattie Ingram

The Missionary Department of New Bethel Baptist Church will observe its 116th Anniversary on Sunday, December 8, 2013 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The speaker for the occasion will be Minister Roshell L. Martin, a member of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She serves under the tutelage of Dr. James F. Linville. It was under Dr. Linville that she accepted her calling into ministry and preached her initial sermon in March of 2012.

At Piney Groves, Minister Martin serves as an Associate Minister, Sunday School Teacher, Nurses Ministry President, Daughters of Hannah Women's Ministry and a member of the Executive Board. She also served as a teacher with the High Point Education Baptist Association training other nurses in the HPEMBA.

Minister Martin earned her high school diploma from the secular school systems in Horry County, South Carolina and a diploma in Practical Nursing from Conway School of Practical Nursing in Conway. She earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Winston-Salem State University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2002 and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society. She later received a
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*Dedicated to those who are
Interested in New Bethel*

Editorial

Help Spread Christmas Joy Donate To Charities For Needy Children

By Hattie Ingram

Kids and Christmas go together like peanut butter and jelly. Unfortunately, there are many children in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas who are not looking forward to the holiday. Why you ask? There are situations out of their control—their parents do not have the “bread” to provide a shiny new toy for Christmas. Their parents might have to choose between putting food on the table or paying a utility bill to keep the lights burning or the furnace operating. This leaves little else for Christmas gifts.

There are many ways that we who feel a special calling during the holidays can help spread the holiday cheer to a deserving boy or girl this Christmas. Donate to a charity that collects money to provide gifts and other needed items for children. You don't have to be ashamed if you can only afford a dollar or two, or even pocket change. Any donation will go a long way to put a smile on a child's face on Christmas morning.

Please consider helping the Angel Tree Program through the United Way; Toys For Tots sponsored by the US Marine Corps; and The Salvation Army provides holiday food baskets and toys for children. The Winston-Salem Urban League, Agape Care and Share, The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and many others are charities that you can donate to that give back to families in need.

Help spread Christmas Joy this year. You will be glad you did!



**REV. DARRICK L. CLEMONS – PASTOR
ST. JOSEPH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Letter To The Editor

November 20, 2013

Hello New Bethel,

I would like to thank you all for coming out to my Installation Service showing your love and support. I can truly say that you all have been a blessing to me and my family. Since I have been at St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, I can truly say we have really come together as a family. I went into the church with a vision from God to bring more people to Christ and to finish the Fellowship Hall.

During my first baptism, at the church, I had five people to be baptized. I had eight to join. I still stick to my saying with God nothing
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**KAYLA ROSE BURDETTE
YOUTH MINISTRY REPORTER**

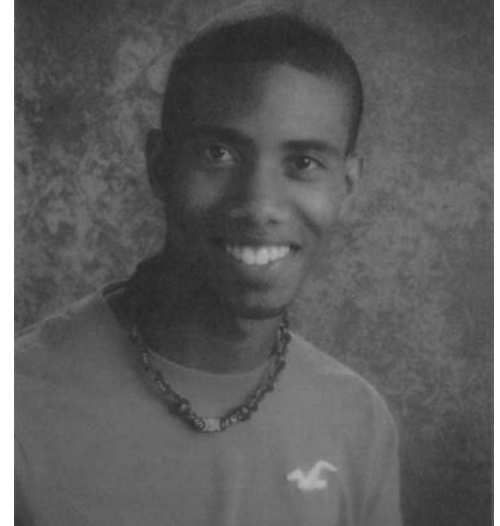
Youth Ministry Wraps Up 2013

The Youth Ministry of New Bethel is thankful for a year full of blessings. We are now in the process of closing 2013 activities and start making plans for 2014.

Some of the activities that we accomplished were honoring African Americans for their achievements, awarding the honor roll students of the church, recognizing our youth for special achievements in the various schools, adopted Senior Buddies and traveled to “The Great Wolf Lodge to 2 nights and 3 days... just to name a few. We are now making plans for Christmas...

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Youth Corner



**TERRELL PIOUS BRITTON, II
YOUTH REPORTER**

The Greatest Gift

By Terrell Pious Britton II

Christmas is a joyful time to collaborate with friends and family and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Most people celebrate the season by sharing gifts of love with their loved ones. I believe that we give gifts as a means of sharing love as the wise men did when they searched for Jesus in Bethlehem. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. When they saw Jesus, they fell down, and worshiped him; and they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

When Christmas comes, I get a great joyful feeling of giving people what they would like to have. Also, I enjoy receiving gifts as well. The most cherished gift that I have received is not a physical gift, but it is the emotional feeling that over comes me. It's hard to describe, but it is not about the gift that is so important but the idea that somebody took their time and money to bless me with love because they care about me. It makes me feel essential to their life, like I actually matter to them. I get this exhilarating feeling in my heart to remember all my life. I hope my gifts to others give them the same feeling.

Scriptures John 3:16, Roman 5:8 and Romans 6:23 were very important scriptures as well as many others. These scriptures talk about God loving the world so much that he gave up his son so that whoever believed in him shall have everlasting life. Giving and receiving gifts are like giving and receiving eternal feelings of importance in life. I believe giving gifts during Christmas is the best thing to do rather than receiving, because the main idea of Christmas spirit is to give to show how much you care about the world, God, and other people. Giving to other people is one of the things that I know God would be most pleased about.

LETTER TO THE... *Continued*

is impossible. I would like to invite you all to our Friends and family Day and Building Dedication Service on December 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. We will have our very own Associate Pastor, Reverend Deborah Hauser-Odom, a sister in Christ who has helped me in the ministry. The address is 513 Trinity Road in Statesville, North Carolina. We look forward to seeing you. May God bless each and EVERYONE OF YOU.

Your Brother in Christ,
Reverend Darrick L. Clemons

Effort Club Enjoys Successful Race Progress Promoters Program

By Hattie Ingram

November 10, 2013 was a very exciting day for the Effort Club of New Bethel Baptist Church as they celebrated their 116th Anniversary and the 17th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program.

Among those who were honored and received awards for their achievements this year were three New Bethel members, Reverend Louis S. Werts, Associate Minister at New Bethel; Mrs. Diane Piggott; and Priscilla Estelle Stephens.

Reverend Werts was honored in the field of Religion. He has served in the Ministry for more than 64 years and was previously a minister in the A.M.E. Church before coming to New Bethel. A native of Little Mountain, South Carolina, Reverend Werts is a graduate of Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina and is a retired Letter Carrier for the US Postal Service.

Mrs. Diane Piggott, a native of Concord, North Carolina is a graduate of NC A&TSU where she received the Bachelor of Science degree in Math and the Master of Arts degree in Education from Wake Forest University. She was named Teacher of the Year of the Hospital/Homebound Staff in 2002. She retired from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System after 31 years of service. She was honored in the field of Education.

Ms. Priscilla Estelle Stephens was honored as a Pioneer in the Professional Operators Field. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a graduate of John Walter Paisley Senior High School, she became the first African American female employed as a driver for Safe Bus Company. She later received a position as a truck driver for R.J. Reynolds and later drove for Greyhound Bus Lines. She won safety awards for never having had an accident during her career.

Other awardees were: Minister Brian Cager (Theatrical Arts); Dr. Padonda Boyd Campbell (Medicine); Mrs. Brenda D. Diggs (Banking); Ms. Orielle E. Jope (Business); Atty. Monica McKinney (Law); Ms. S. Wayne Patterson (Civic Activities); Chief Barry Rountree (Public Safety); and Mr. Jarrett Coleman (The Inspiration).

(Effort Club Awardees Below and on Page 4)



**MS. PATRICIA MUMFORD
HANNAH MISSIONARY PRESIDENT**

Hannah Missionaries Do Makeovers

By Diane Piggott

The Hannah Missionary Group of New Bethel Baptist Church visited the Brookridge Retirement Community on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 and did "makeovers" on some of the residents for their monthly birthday celebrations. Eight members of the group met Artice Martin who is also a member of Hannah and works at Brookridge for the afternoon missionary effort. Patricia Mumford is leader of the Hannah Group.

Martin had arranged for the affair to coordinate with their monthly birthday celebration. The ladies of Hannah brought along hats, scarves and costume jewelry to makeover the residents. The missionary group opened with a short devotional period conducted by Mary Shuler. The Brookridge residents seemed to thoroughly enjoy the makeovers. One 110 year-old resident was full of much joy during the outing. Each resident who participated was given a scarf to keep even though some of the hats and jewelry were returned, but not before a picture was taken to capture the moment.

Other Hannah members in addition to Martin, Shuler and Mumford were: Debra Moore, Dessie Wilson, Sarah Brown, Mary Bradley, Alene

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**DEACON CAROLYN CROSBY
RETIREES AFTER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Retirement Celebrations Honor Carolyn Crosby For 42 Years Of Service

By Hattie Ingram

Deacon Carolyn Crosby completed her last system implementation and has left the daily grind behind. No more meetings, conference calls, status reports, or managing of resources and financials. Her many co-workers and friends joined together at a Retirement Tea on October 30, 2013 to honor Carolyn for 42 years of service to Novant Health.

Carolyn started in 1971 as a registration clerk at Reynolds Hospital, moved to Forsyth Hospital and was soon transferred to Information Technology. After serving as Lead Computer Operator, Help Desk Manager, Production Control Analyst, Application Support Analyst and Project Manager where she led more than 40 projects for Pharmacy, Human Resources, ED Supply Chain, Revenue Cycle, and Women's Services, these are just a few of her service areas at Novant. Her vast knowledge of Novant, her mentorship of new project managers, her calmness under pressure and her professionalism have been immeasurable to the team.

Coworkers and friends shared anecdotes, stories and well wishes about Carolyn at a formal celebration at Frontis Plaza where they sang her praises, offered congratulations and encouraged her to reconsider her decision to retire. A formal dinner followed at the Jeffrey Adams Restaurant where her family joined her for the occasion.

On Sunday, November 17, 2013, Deacon Crosby's husband, George Crosby; daughter, Paula Imes and grandchildren, Charlie, BreShaun, and Londyn, honored her with a well-attended Retirement Celebration in the Sycamore Ballroom of the Hawthorne Inn. Presenters included Londyn and brother-in-law, Stony Crosby. "Faith," a musical tribute by Ms. Linda Feemster was one the highlights of the evening. A musical interlude featuring Mr. Jerry Allen pleased all in attendance. Mrs. Susan Hunt, Mrs. Sheila Sullivan, Mr. Darryl Gaddy and many others went down memory lane and offered congratulations for a job well done and for lasting friendships that have been formed through time.

Deacon Crosby is Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant to Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor, at New Bethel. She is Co-Editor of the New Bethel *Spotlight*, member of the Journalistic Society, Effort Club, Mass Choir, Budget and Personnel Committees.

Congratulations Deacon Crosby!



**REV. LOUIS WERTS
EFFORT CLUB HONOREE**

Watch Out For The Flu!

By Connie Smith

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness resulting in hospitalization or death.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

People with the flu can spread it to others up to 6 feet away by sneezing, coughing or talking.

To avoid this, people should stay away from sick people and stay home if sick. It is very important to wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based rub when soap and water is not available. Frequently touched surfaces, linens, eating utensils, and dishes should be cleaned and disinfected at home, work, and school, especially if someone is ill.

Most health adults may be able to infect other people beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming

sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body. **That means that you may pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.** Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. **Here are some common symptoms: fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness) some people may have vomiting and diarrhea more common in children.**

For more information check out the www.cdc.gov/flu or www.forsyth.cc The Immunization Clinic in Forsyth County is open: Mon, Tues, Wed 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Thurs 9:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m and Fri 8Z:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Clinic 3. 336-748-3292.

YOUTH MINISTRY WRAPS UP 2013... Continued

SERVICES TO RENDER:

Soup Kitchen

Brenner Children's Hospital

Boys and Girls Club

Children's Home

Dore Poe Foundation

- Caroling to the Salvation Army and Soup Kitchen, passing out socks and toboggans
- Each member is asked to purchase a toy to be presented to a child at the hospital, Children's Home or Boys and Girls Club... We will choose a location for the toys at a later date.
- Dore Poe Foundation—will give you an update on this foundation at a later time... I am waiting on the information. At this point I only know that it is related to Africa.



**MRS. DIANE PIGGOTT
EFFORT CLUB HONOREE**



**MS. PRISCILLA ESTELLE STEPHENS
RECEIVES EFFORT CLUB AWARD FROM MRS. CAROL STOWE**



**MRS. ETHEL MAGDALENE DOUGLAS BROOKS
PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS**

Mrs. Ethel Magdalene Douglas Brooks Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Ethel Magdalene Douglas Brooks went on her journey to be with the Lord on November 9, 2013. Mrs. Brooks was born to the late Willie Lee and Bessie Campbell Douglas in Mocksville, N.C.

Mrs. Brooks was a talented and gifted woman, who touched those in and around the city with her passion for being a servant of God. She was a faithful member of New Bethel where she served the Volunteers for Christian Service as president, secretary for Sunday School Class No. 1, Outreach Wednesday Visitation Ministry, the Mass Choir, and the Sunday School Union Choir. She also served her community as a member of the Political Awareness Committee, Community Prayer Band, the Big 4 Choir and the Easter Sunrise.

Mrs. Brooks leaves to cherish her memories three daughters, Mrs. Peggy Ann (William) McCullough, Mrs. Shirley Ann (Cedric) McIlwaine, and Mrs. Wanda (Sherman) Hart; two sisters, Mrs. Francis D. Grissom and Mrs. Martha (Lawrence D.) Mayfield of High Point, N.C. and one brother Mr. Clyde Douglas of Baltimore, MD; nine grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

MINISTER ROSHELL... Continued

Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Minister Martin is married to Mr. Jason G. Martin. They have two adult children and one granddaughter.

By her career choice she is a Registered Nurse currently employed by Physician Discoveries of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. By His calling and her willingness she is an evangelist of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

HANNAH MISSIONARIES... Continued

Davenport and Marcella Crawford. The Hannah Group has two more activities planned for the two remaining months of the year. For November, the group will assist a family of the church who needs a special milk formula. For December the members of Hannah will each donate a toy to the Salvation Army.

Ms. Ruby O. Cain is president of the Senior Missionary Department.