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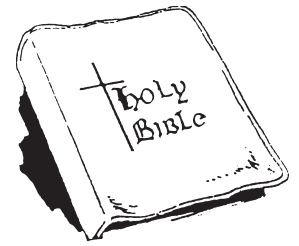
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## New Bethel Approves Budget And Recommendations Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. To Visit Holy Land



**DEACON THOMAS THORNTON  
RESIGNS AS CHURCH TREASURER  
AND FINANCE CHAIRMAN**

### Church Adopts Budget For 2008-2009 Members Approve Recommendations

By Hattie Ingram

The Pastor and members of New Bethel Baptist Church approved the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 during the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

The Financial/Treasurer report was presented by Deacon Wesley Curtis. The report, a complete financial accounting of all monies, was approved.

Trustee Daniel Piggott presented the audit report. There were no recommendations again this year from the committee. Deacon Douglas Joyner gave the report of the Maintenance Committee.

The recommendations to the church were as follows:

1. That the proposed budget for 2008-2009 be accepted
  2. That Mr. Richard Walker, Mr. Jerry Leach and Mr. Perry Hairston become New Trustees
  3. That the 2009 Outreach Ministries Presidents and Chairmen be accepted
  4. That we accept the resignation of Deacon Thomas Thornton as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Treasurer of New Bethel Baptist Church
  5. That we accept the resignation of Deacon Betty C. Williams as Financial Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Administrative
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**DEACON BETTY C. WILLIAMS  
RESIGNS AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
ASSISTANT TO TREASURER AND  
PASTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**



**DEACON WESLEY CURTIS  
NAMED CHURCH TREASURER**



**DEACON CAROLYN CROSBY  
BECOMES FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO PASTOR**



**DR. KENDALL D. JONES, SR.  
TO EXPERIENCE PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL**

### Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. To Participate In Holy Land Renewal Program

By Hattie Ingram

Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. has been accepted into Wake Forest's Holy Land Pastoral Renewal program for 2009. Pastor Jones was informed of this wonderful and exciting opportunity on November 17, 2008 by Professor Neal Walls of the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Neal is the program director for "Experiencing Spiritual Renewal: A Lenten Pilgrimage." He will handle all of the administrative details of the program. Fred Horton is the pilgrimage leader. Pastor Jones is among a list of 20 program participants. Five of the participants reside in Winston-Salem. Others are from cities throughout the United States.

The entire program will include Orientation and Reflection Retreats on January 28-30, 2009 and June 15-17, 2009 here in Winston-Salem. Costs for the program including all travel and accommodations on the two retreats and pilgrimage to Israel, February 27 to March 13, 2009 will be assumed by Wake Forest.

Pastor Jones is in the process of reading and preparing for the January retreat. He is devoting himself to individual and communal renewal and spirituality. The New Bethel Church family congratulates Pastor Jones for his participation in this illustrious pilgrimage. Our prayers are that he will increase his knowledge and understanding of the Holy Land and return safely to impart his findings with us.

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Dedicated to those who are  
Interested in New Bethel

## Do You Need A Fresh Start?

Guest Writer, Deacon James Brown  
Sunday School Superintendent

Many adults begin a new year by resolving to change something about their lives. Please start the New Year off by becoming a weekly member of the Sunday school at New Bethel Baptist Church. The Sunday school's lessons for the month of January address the need adults often express to make a fresh start in their lives. Based on selected Old Testament and New Testament passages, the first two lessons focus on adults gaining new perspective and hope. The January 18th lesson relates the Study Theme of making a fresh start to issues of the sanctity of human life. The January 25th lesson aim is to help adults understand that a genuinely fresh start involves new life that is received by faith in Jesus Christ.

**Weeks of Lesson Title and Focus Passages**

- Jan. 4 Gain Fresh Perspective—  
Psalm 19:1-14
- Jan. 11 Discover Fresh Hope—  
Psalms 42:1-43:5
- Jan. 18 Show Fresh Respect—  
Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26
- Jan. 25 Receive New Life—  
Acts 16:13-15, 25-35

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.

**EDITORIAL FIRE... Continued**

working smoke detectors, which should be strategically located throughout the home, which means they should be placed primarily between the bedrooms and any heat source (i.e.: furnace, fireplace, wood stoves, kerosene and space heaters). It is important to note that all heat sources should be UL approved and properly serviced and maintained before and after each seasonal use.

It is also very important to know that your heat source should be kept away from all combustible materials (meaning anything that will burn). In most cases fire and or potential hazards can be prevented if we would follow a few simple rules. Read and follow proper operation instructions and service and maintenance as suggested by the manufacturers.

In closing I would recommend that each family practice and familiarize themselves with the proper way to report a fire or any other emergencies that require calling the 911 emergency system. The caller should always be able to give the basic information such as their names, what type of emergency and the location. (i.e.: John or Mary Smith, 1016 N. Trade Street, bedroom, or kitchen fire, etc.)

The last and probably the most important rule is the accountability rule, which ensures that all family members are accountable for each other by making sure that everyone practice E.D.I.T.H., edit drills in the home and they meet in a designated place outside the home. Once you are out do not re-enter the home for any reason.

## Youth Corner



**BIANCA BRALEY**  
YOUTH REPORTER

### It's Time

By Bianca Braley  
Youth Reporter

What do the two words "It's Time" really mean? When I hear these two words, I think it means that it's time to make a change or its time to make a difference in your life or the world around you. I always try my best to make this world a better place in which to live. I like to do good things for the environment; volunteer as much as possible; and just be polite to people at all times.

I think we all have a choice whether it is to **let our voice be heard**, or **sit back and complain**. I have chosen the path that I want to follow, which is evident in the things that I am involved in. I **let my voice be heard**. I am currently a member of the Crosby Scholars; National Academic League; a cheerleader for Walkertown Middle school, and a cheerleader for Cheer Extreme. I believe all of these activities show that I have teamwork and leadership abilities.

At New Bethel, I am a member of the Sunday School, and the Youth Choir. At school I am also a member of the Chorus, while participating in other extra curricular activities. My ability to multi-task by doing fun and helpful things is not hard, but it has many challenges. There is always time to make good grades, and get on the Honor Roll. These are challenges that I look forward to everyday. Now that I have made my choice, wake up people!!! Because "It's Time!!!"

## Editorial



**TRUSTEE JOHN LUCAS**  
GUEST WRITER DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF  
WINSTON-SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Fire Prevention Tips

Guest Writer  
Trustee John Lucas  
Deputy Fire Chief  
Winston-Salem Fire Department

During this time of the year Fire Prevention and Safety in the home is a must. Recently we have had five house fires in our community resulting in the loss of four lives. In each case the loss of property and lives could have been prevented if a few safety tips had been adhered to.

First and foremost a home should be equipped with the appropriate number of  
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**MR. KEITH SMITH  
EARNS MASTER'S DEGREE**

## Smith Receives Master's Degree

*By Diane Piggott*

Keith Smith received his Master's Degree from North Carolina A&T State University in Technology Education with concentration in Trade and Industry Technology. He received his degree during the Fall Commencement on December 13, 2008 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The native of Erwin is a 1990 graduate of A&T with a Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering. He has been teaching for six years and is presently at Northeast Guilford High School.

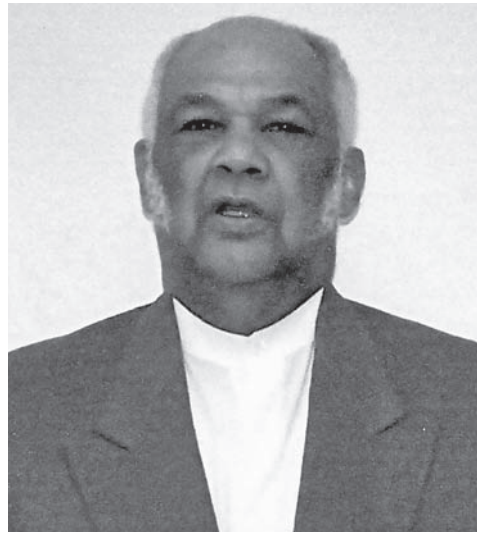
At New Bethel, Smith works with the Usher Board, Laymen's League, the Youth Council and Sunday School. He is also a Vacation Bible School teacher.

He is married to the former Freda Smith and is the father of two beautiful children, Ashley and Kelson. All are devoted members of New Bethel.

## Proclamation Of The Good News

*By Carolyn Crosby*

New Bethel church members gathered on Sunday, *(Continued Page 3, Column 2, Article 2)*



**DEACON DOUGLAS JOYNER  
NAMED CHURCH FINANCE CHAIR**

## Joyner Is Chairman Of The Finance Committee

*By Hattie Ingram*

Deacon Douglas Joyner has assumed the duties of Chairman of the Finance Committee of New Bethel Baptist Church. In this position, he will be responsible for receiving and receipting all monies and making sure that monies are properly deposited in the general church treasury.

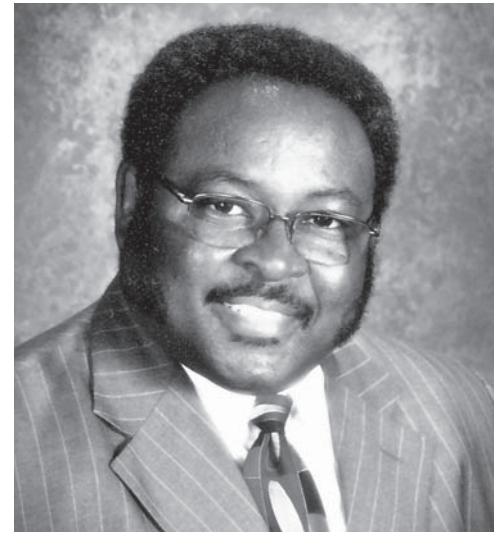
Deacon Joyner, a gold star member of New Bethel, is Vice Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Maintenance Committee and the Men's Day Committee.

## PROCLAMATION OF... *Continued*

December 21, 2008 to proclaim the "Good News—God's Greatest Gift, Jesus—A Day Like No Other" during the worship service.

The congregation participated in responsive readings led by Reverend Azuree Johnson. Reverend Gary Hairston served as Worship Leader. Music was provided by Mr. Dale Hairston and the music ministry of New Bethel. Readings from the gospel with selections to tell the story highlighted the program.

Ms. Audrey Brown and Ms. Linda Feemster led the *(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)*



**TRUSTEE DANIEL PIGGOTT  
TO OVERSEER CHURCH FINANCES**

## Piggott Named Budget Control Officer

*By Diane Piggott*

Trustee Daniel Piggott has been named Budget Control Officer of New Bethel Baptist Church that comes with the responsibility of overseeing the finances of the church. It was pointed out that it is necessary to have someone check to see if expenditures run within the budgetary limits.

Piggott is chairman of the Trustee Board and Budget Committee. He is a Silver Star member of New Bethel and works with several auxiliaries of the church.

**PROCLAMATION OF... *Continued***  
choir during their rendition of seasonal songs as well as the finale "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season."

The choir was a representation of all ages, a mixture of members of the Youth Choir and Mass Choir and other church members. Soloists and leaders for the selections were as follows: Mrs. Brooke Graves, Mrs. Peggy McCullough, Mrs. Terry Barnes, Mr. Brian Johnson, Ms. Linda Feemster, Mr. Monte Odom and Master BreShaun Liles.

The Liturgical Dancers blessed the congregation with a performance to "Praise Is What I Do."

Remarks were given by our Pastor, Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr.

## Three New Trustees Appointed

*By Hattie Ingram*

Mr. Richard Walker, Mr. Jerry Leach, and Mr. Perry Hairston were appointed to the Board of Trustees during the Annual Church meeting on December 17, 2008. All of them are members of the Usher Board and Laymen League.

Walker grew up in New Bethel and sings with the Mass Choir and the Communion Singers. He graduated from Forsyth Technical Community College and served in the United States Marine corps. He is a veteran of the Vietnamese war. He is a retiree of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. He is married to Elinor Walker. Tammicia Kelly is his granddaughter.

Jerry Leach is a member of the Sunday School, Youth Council, and Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels and the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. He is married to Sue Leach and they are parents of two daughters, Jessica and Jennifer. He enjoys weightlifting and reading.

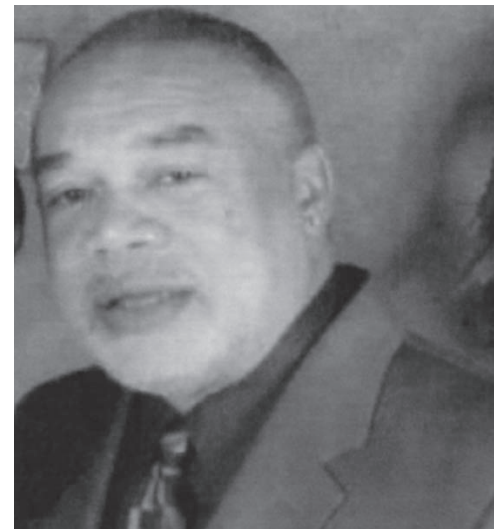
Hairston was recently named "Layman of the Year 2008" by the laymen League during their recent anniversary. He volunteers with Samaritan Kitchen and at Carver High School where he encourages students to stay in school and complete all class work. He visits sick and shut-in members regularly. Hairston is a retired machine operator from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.



**MR. RICHARD WALKER  
TRUSTEE**



**MR. JERRY LEACH  
TRUSTEE**



**MR. PERRY HAIRSTON  
TRUSTEE**



(LEFT TO RIGHT): DEACON THOMAS ATKINS, DEACON JOE BARTLEY, MRS. BONNIE MOORMAN, AND MR. GEORGE HORTON WILL SERVE AS AUDIT COMMITTEE

## Audit Committee Gets New Members

By Diane Piggott

Deacon Thomas Atkins, Deacon Joe Bartley and Mrs. Bonnie Moorman were named to the Audit Committee during the annual Church Meeting on December 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Mr. George Horton also serves on this committee.

In an effort to avoid a conflict of interest, the aforementioned three persons replaced three members—Trustee Eva McWillis, Kenneth Rocker, and Daniel Piggott who serve on the Budget Committee. The Audit Committee annually looks at the financial records of the church to verify that all monies received by the church are properly receipted and properly deposited in the various banks. Additionally, it also verifies that the Finance Committee is following recommended procedures dealing with voided or returned checks and proper documentation is recorded on check stubs.

### CHURCH ADOPTS... *Continued*

Assistant to the Pastor

6. That Deacon Douglas Joyner become Chairman of the Finance Committee
7. That Deacon Wesley Curtis become Treasurer of New Bethel Baptist Church
8. That Deacon Carolyn Crosby become Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Pastor
9. That the Audit committee be restructured and that Deacon Thomas Atkins, Deacon Joe Bartley, and Mrs. Bonnie Moorman be appointed to that committee
10. That Trustee Daniel Piggott become Budget Control Officer
11. That Mrs. Ruby Cain be appointed the Assistant Church Clerk

All recommendations were approved.

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### CHURCH ADOPTS... *Continued*

Deacon Thomas Thornton has been a valuable and competent official since he assumed the position of Treasurer in 1989. He has been Finance Committee Chair since 1977 and served as Secretary to both Boards. He has served faithfully, diligently and competently in all capacities.

Deacon Betty C. Williams, the first female trustee and first female Deacon of New Bethel has worked faithfully and with great distinction as Financial Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. She has worked long hours during Church and Pastor's Anniversaries, during Centennial Celebration, on Church handbooks, concerns for member's welfare and has completed each task with responsibility and seriousness. She is a person of great integrity and capabilities.

Deacon Wesley Curtis will become the Treasurer (Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)

### CHURCH ADOPTS... *Continued*

of New Bethel. He is Chairman of the Baptist Training Union, Teacher of Sunday School Class Number 7, and other church auxiliaries. He is an architect and Partner in the architectural firm of Walter Robbs and Callahan & Pierce PA. where he has over 25 years of experience in developing designs and contract documents for schools, office buildings, institutional and commercial documents for schools, office buildings, institutional and commercial projects.

Deacon Carolyn Crosby is the new Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. She serves as Church Clerk, Co-Chair of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee and Co-Editor of the *Spotlight* Staff. She is employed as a Project Manager with the Information Technology Department of Novant Health and is a member of the Piedmont Triad Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

## Sunday School Christmas Program Festive

By Diane Piggott

The annual Christmas Program sponsored by the Sunday School Department was a very festive affair! Tammicia Kelly debuted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the occasion.

The program began with Lauren Morris reading the scripture and Nicolis Lyles offering prayer. "Silent Night" and "Joy To The World" were the opening musical selections.

LaShyia, LaCrecha and LaTricha Mankins, Cierra Campbell, Nzinga Hawkins, Ashley Smith and members of the Beginners/Youth Class did recitations. Mrs. Doris Crosby and Mrs. Gwen King did liturgical dancing. Cierra Campbell and KJ Rocker did musical selections. Skits were performed by the Beginners/Youth Class—"And the Animals Sing", Class #1 with Mrs. Peggy McCullough—"The Unprepared Candle" and Class #7 with Deacon Wesley Curtis, Teacher—"His Gift My Joy My Gift". Class #6 with Nira Robinson, Teacher, generated a musical CD telling the "Real Meaning of Christmas". Class #3 Teacher, Deacon Constance Segers, read the Christmas Story from St. Luke: 2.

Ms. Audrey Brown and Mrs. Diane Piggott presented gifts to the youth. Deacon James Brown, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor, made remarks.

## Pastor Plays Santa Claus

Santa Claus stopped by the Journalistic Society's Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Village Tavern Restaurant. He had gifts for everyone.



DR. KENDALL D. JONES, SR. PLAYS THE ROLE OF SANTA

## Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives Of New Bethel Members

By Barbara Ford

### Mr. James Curtis McMillian

Mr. James Curtis McMillian departed this life Thursday, November 27th, 2008 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Mr. McMillian's funeral was held December 3, 2008 at Hooper Funeral Home with Minister Michael Little officiating.

Mr. McMillian was the uncle of Pam (Arnold) Harper and great uncle of Chris Harper, and R. (Stacie) McMillian, all loyal members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### Mr. Linzey Gray Bowman

Mr. Linzey Gray Bowman of 271 Greentown Road, Mount Airy, NC. Passed away on Thursday, December 4th, 2008 at Wake Forest University Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC. He was funeralized on December 9th, 2008 at Central United Methodist Church of Mount Airy, NC.

Rev. James R. Strickland officiated and Rev. James H. Barber gave the Eulogy.

Mr. Bowman was the cousin of Susie (Charles) Hunt and Bonnie Moorman and the second cousin of Candice, Reggie Hunt, Rashan Moorman, Maiya (Albert) Davis, Adrianna and Albert Jr. all faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.