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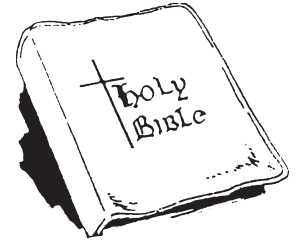
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## Ushers and Nurses To Observe Joint Anniversaries



**PASTOR KENDALL JONES, SR., MRS. ETHEL BROOKS AND MRS. PEGGY McCULLOUGH  
ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION**



**MR. RICHARD SMITH  
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### Pastor and Sunday School Members Attend National Baptist Convention

Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Mrs. Ethel Brooks, and Mrs. Peggy McCullough attended the 103rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, June 15-21, 2008. The Theme for the "Christ-Centered Congress" was "The Heavenly Vision: The Morals of the Church." Proverbs 6:16-19 and Micah 6:8 were selected scriptures.

"Growing Our Church through Sunday School" was the course study for the week. Much discussion was centered around the Theme—"Jesus Christ Only — Always," focusing on Vision, Integrity, Structure, and Accountability. Emphasis was placed on:

1. reviewing the Sunday School's effectiveness for Christian Church growth
2. reviewing and refreshing the ways organizational growth in the Sunday School benefits the church
3. becoming increasingly aware of the challenges in preparation and practices of Christian growth in the church
4. being effective teachers for our youth and relating to their needs as they are confronted with many choices

Our delegates to the convention headed home on a spiritual high after enjoying classes and fellowship with others in attendance. They hope to be able to use ideas and suggestions they received in their classes to help our Sunday School grow.

### Rev. Azurée D. Johnson Receives Her Master of Divinity Degree

Rev. Azurée D. Johnson graduated from Wake Forest University Divinity School on Monday, May 19, 2008 at Commencement. A weekend long event, Rev. Johnson received her Divinity Hood during a Saturday evening ceremony. As a custom of the Divinity School, faculty members selected individual scriptures which captured each student journey during divinity school. The faculty picked 1st Corinthians 14:12 for Rev. Johnson which states "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to edifying of the

church." As each student was hooded, their scripture was read.

On Monday, Rev. Johnson received her graduate degree and The John Thomas and Dorothy Porter Award. This award is named after Rev. Dr. John Thomas Porter who was Pastor at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama and a civil rights advocate who was the first African American elected into Alabama legislature in the 1960's. Dorothy Porter was an outstanding musician  
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### Ushers and Nurses To Celebrate Anniversaries

The Ushers and Nurses will celebrate their 94th and 74th anniversaries respectively on Sunday, July 2, 2008 by sitting in a body during the 11:00 worship service.

Mr. Richard Smith is President of the combined group. Deacon Constance Segers is Director of Nurses and Ms. Rosa Rice is First Lady.



**REV. AZURÉE JOHNSON  
RECEIVES MINISTRY DEGREE**

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## **Editorial**

### **Summer Has Always Belonged to the Kids**

#### **Help Make Summer 2008 A Memorable One**

*By Hattie Ingram*

Kids will do just about anything to keep them busy during the summer. While it's great to watch TV and videos, surf the net, and hang around the pool, there are some productive activities that can help increase enjoyment for your kids. They will also be rewarded with a wealth of knowledge.

Try fun summer camps. Academic Camps, Tennis Camps, Art Camps, Music Camps, Fitness Camps, Dance Camps, and several overnight camps can provide much fun and an opportunity for kids to brush up on their skills and interests.

Parent Institute reports that research shows that kids who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines, and newspapers are more likely to become good readers and do better in school. Take your child to the library every week or watch for the bookmobile in your neighborhood. Select a book for everyone in the family and organize a family book club and spend quality time together.

Summer can be one of the most dangerous times of the year for teenagers. Without planned activities and adult counselors and instructors, many teens will find themselves involved in activities that might lead to trouble.

The city of Winston-Salem has started a Friday night summer teen series called The Mix. Parents must accompany teens and fill out application forms and register teens in order for them to receive identification badges for admittance to the Friday night Mix. This series of 10 programs offers a place to enjoy food, athletic activities and video games.

Hanes Hosiery Recreational Center, usually  
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**MRS. LUCILLE SPENCER**  
**STILL EXCITED ABOUT NEW BETHEL**

## **Mrs. Lucille Wofford Spencer**

*By Dollye Mack*

One of the oldest and longtime members of New Bethel is Mrs. Lucille Wofford Spencer, widow of the late John Henry Spencer. She was an employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, having retired in 1975. Mrs. Spencer's beloved sister, Ms. Johnnie Wofford, passed away four years ago and she now makes her home with her devoted niece, Ms. Artrice Martin, also a member of New Bethel.

Ms. Martin, a nurse, gets high marks for the love and care she provides her aunt. Mrs. Spencer loves to shop and must have her make-up. So, Ms. Martin takes her out frequently to do her shopping. She also enjoys watching basketball, baseball and game shows on television. She keeps up with her daily devotions by singing hymns and reading her bible.

Mrs. Spencer will be ninety-five years old on August 23rd of this year. She looks forward to celebrating with her two nieces and nephew, as well as her grand nieces and nephews from Atlanta, New Jersey, Maryland and here in Winston-Salem. They visit often and pitch in to help take her on trips occasionally. She enjoys having them come to celebrate holidays and special occasions with her.

You can hear the excitement in her voice when she talks about New Bethel. She appreciates getting phone call, cards, gifts and visits from church members. The visits from Pastor Jones and the Wednesday morning prayer group are a joy and inspiration to her. The encouragement and prayers of the entire church family mean a lot to her, as well. This wonderful lady maintains hope that she will be able to return to church again when her health permits. When that time comes, the church services will surely be enhanced by her enthusiasm and positive influence.

### **EDITORIAL... Continued**

a place where young people go to have fun, will become a place of employment for local teens (ages 15-17) who are looking for part-time jobs this summer. Clerical positions at City Hall, duties at the Salvation Army and Big Lots, and yard work are a few of the opportunities available.

SciTech Summer Technology Institute is  
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## **Youth Corner**



**SHARIKA GROOMS**  
**YOUTH REPORTER**

### **Only Believe**

**A mind is a terrible thing to waste!**  
**So exercise that which the Lord hath given thee with gladness, to achieve all goals, expectations, and the fullness thereof for educational and spiritual knowledge to be enlightened from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.**

**Never become complacent in any area.**  
**Strive to be the best and excel with accuracy as well as speed. To fulfill all dreams and desires, knowing that he supplieth all our needs if we just ask and only believe.**

**—Unknown**

Sometimes we give up, but what I want to tell you is that you should always believe in God and put him first in anything and everything that you do. I believe that if you put your mind to, focus on, have faith and believe, God will help you achieve all of your goals.

As youth, we should encourage each other in whatever we try to do such as sports, school work, especially what we do in church for the Lord. We shouldn't try to bring each other down just because we can't do things better than anybody else. No one is perfect and no one should judge anyone else. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do anything or that you will never amount to anything. Have confidence in yourself and Trust in God. Don't let your teachers tell you that you will never graduate or be anything, have FAITH and ONLY BELIEVE.

As people of Christ, we should believe in God's word and praise him at all times. Most of all ONLY BELIEVE!!! Have a safe and happy summer!!!

**—Sharika Grooms**

### **EDITORIAL... Continued**

completing a free enrichment program for rising 8th graders. It focuses on science, math, and technology. The program aims to get students involved in these areas during their adolescence. Interested youth can apply for the next session.

Parents are encouraged to help their kids make this summer a memorable one.



**MRS. CORDELIA COOPER**  
RECENT GRADUATE

### **Mrs. Cordelia Cooper Receives B.S. Degree**

Mrs. Cordelia Cooper received a BS Degree in Business Administration from High Point University at its Madison Park campus on May 10, 2008. She is a native of Winston-Salem and graduated from Atkins High School. She was a member of Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society, the Business Honor Society at High Point University. She is married to Mr. Frederick Cooper. They have a daughter, Crystal who has blessed them with a granddaughter, Jordyn and a son, Rev. Bjorn Cooper. She is fond of music and reading.

### **Darryl Taylor Is A Tim Duncan Award Winner**

Darryl Taylor has received the Tim Duncan Character Award Certificate from the Tim Duncan Foundation. The award was presented at the Annual Awards and Recognition Program at Mt. Tabor High School where Darryl is a rising sophomore. He was nominated for this award by his teacher and guidance counselor. This new educational incentive, introduced by Tim and Amy Duncan, is designed to reward students for doing good things and making good choices. This nationwide program focuses on all of the qualities that go into being a good person. It is based on six character traits: integrity, respect, dependability, fairness, caring and civic responsibility. Students are rewarded with items ranging from Spurs Rampage and Silver Stars tickets to Character program T-Shirts to Sea World Passes to Achievement Certificates.



**DARRYL TAYLOR**  
RECEIVES HONORED AWARD



**MILTON SEGERS AND ANDREA RAE  
DAWKINS—NEWLY WEDS**

### **Segers and Dawkins Exchange Vows**

Andrea Rae Dawkins and Milton Daniel Segers, Jr. were married April 19, 2008 at a morning beachside wedding ceremony at John U. Lloyd State Beach Park in Dania Beach, Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dawkins, Sr. of Lewisville, Texas. Andrea earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Business Studies from Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas and is employed with Syntex as an HR Benefits Specialist.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Segers, Sr. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Milton earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina and is employed with IBM Corporation as an IT Specialist.

Matron of Honor was Chrystal Davis of El Paso, Texas, sister of the bride and John Dewey of Carboro, North Carolina served as Best Man.

After the wedding the couple traveled on a Western Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon. They will reside in their new home in Cedar Hill, Texas.

### **Kerry Campbell to Attend College Prep School**

Kerry Campbell, Jr., a rising ninth-grader, will enter the first class of a new college-preparatory school, Veritas Sports Academy, in August. The Christian, all-male high school will open on the campus of First Christian Church in Kernersville (*Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2*)



**KERRY CAMPBELL**  
RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



**BRIAN MURRILL**  
WILL RELOCATE TO MARYLAND

### **Brian Murrill Receives Bachelor of Science**

Brian Murrill received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from Winston-Salem State University on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

While attending Winston-Salem State, Brian worked tirelessly as the President of the united Christian Campus Ministry, a member of the NBA, Undergraduate Business Administration Club, and a member of the Black Men for Change.

Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Murrill and the brother of Stacy (R) McMillan, all active members of New Bethel.

He has accepted a position in Marketing with R. J. Reynolds and will be relocating to Maryland.

New Bethel congratulates Brian on his accomplishments and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

### **KERRY CAMPBELL... Continued**

for the upcoming school year. During the 2009-1010 school year, the school will move to its permanent Kernersville location. Kerry was one of several hundred applicants vying for one of only twelve basketball positions available for entry into the new academy. Veritas students will be competing at the highest level of high school basketball. In all, there will be 100 students playing one of five sports offered at the school. There were several steps to the admittance process, including placement tests, a written essay, and a face-to-face personal interview with staff. Kerry, who plays for the CP3 All-Stars AAU basketball team, will play at the guard position. At veritas, Kerry will take regular academic classes, along with Bible-centered character education. During the summer of 2009, he will travel with his school abroad, participating in basketball camps and doing missionary work. At New Bethel, Kerry is a member of the Junior Usher Board. He is the son of Kerry and Pam Campbell.

### **REV. AZURÉE D. ... Continued**

and soloist known throughout the United States. Dr. Bill Leonard, Dean of the School, gave this award to seniors who had demonstrated significant commitment to Christian ministry in the broad context.

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## Chosen Champions For Jesus

By Diane Piggott

Chosen Champions for Jesus, an Urban Ministries, Inc. product, was used to run a 5-day Vacation Bible School at New Bethel Baptist Church. The school began each evening, June 23 - 27, 2008 at 6 p.m. with a wholesome meal for all in attendance. Classes began after 6:30 p.m. devotional service. Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Audrey Brown alternated the leadership role for the week.

Classes were in place for ages 3 and up. Ms. Debbie Frazier, Mrs. Shari Summey, Ms. Elaine Brown, Ms. Ruby Cain and Ms. Timeka Couthen worked with those ages 3 to 6, called Beginners. Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas, Mrs. Lynda Brown and Mrs. Awilda Neal worked with ages 7 to 9. Mrs. Connie Smith, Mrs. Romaine Eaton and Mr. T. J. Williams instructed those ages 10 to 12. The Teens, ages 13 and 15 performed a liturgical dance and a song. Their instructors were Ms. Barbara Phelps, Ms. Cherelle Phelps and Rev. Azuree Johnson. The youth, ages 16 to 20 who were instructed by Deacon Joe Bartley and Mr. Keith Smith did a "lesson recap." Rev. Bjorn Cooper was instructor for the adults. All of the youth joined forces to perform a musical finale. Working with the music for the week were Mr. Dale Hairston, Minister of Music at New Bethel and Mrs. Peggy McCullough, church pianist. The students created some wonderful crafts under the direction of Mrs. Alfreda Smith, Mrs. Lennetta Bartley, Ms. Valjean McKinney, Mrs. Jackie Posey and Ms. Beverly Brown. The kitchen Committee spearheaded by Mrs. Sharon Grooms served delicious meals each evening with an old-fashioned cookout on Friday. Others working in the kitchen were: Mrs. Elinor Walker, Mrs. Jannie Smith, Mrs. Barbara Carson, Mrs. Mary Bradley, Mrs. Sue Leach and Mrs. Romaine Eaton.

Special thanks goes to Deacon Douglas Joyner for his famous punch, Ms. Patricia Mumford, who donated gifts for the youth attendees.

## 118 Years United In Spirit

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Dr. James D. Ballard, Pastor Emeritus of United Metropolitan Baptist Church and Interim Pastor of First Baptist Church of Fuquay-Varina brought a message dealing with growth, unity and love as he addressed the 118th Anniversary audience of New Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2008. The anniversary theme was "United in Spirit and Bound in Love."

Dr. Ballard came forward with accolades for Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel who preached his Ordination Service in 1958 and gave Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor of New Bethel a hearty welcome to Winston-Salem. His opening remarks caused for a lot of introspection as he suggested, "Love is the means by which you grow in unity for without love people are separated." He challenged us to think as he asked, "Who are they that are united in love and bound? How far have you come? How much farther do you have to go? And lastly, How does each part or person strengthen each other?" Your theme implies that you are united! One cannot escape the scrutiny of God. Most of us are between "thank you, Jesus" and "help me, Jesus." You might ask, "What's love got to do with it! Paul tells us what love is and does in 2 Corinthians 13. This type of love takes its cue from Calvary. You need to keep your focus on God! Be that beacon of HOPE!" Finally Ballard declared, "We must UNITE as we strive for Christlikeness!"

Trustee John Lucas recognized gold and silver star members, I.E., those with 50 and 25 years of membership, respectively.

Mrs. Ruby Cain led a beautiful memorial service for deceased members from June 2007 to June 2008.

Dinner was served in the Multipurpose Room immediately following the service. Over 200 persons dined and fellowshiped.



**MRS. SYVILLA G. WALKER  
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**

## Mrs. Syvilla G. Walker Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Syvilla G. Walker, formerly of 4510 Grove Dr., departed this earthly life on Tuesday, May 25th, 2008, at Silas Creek Manor. Mrs. Walker was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her mother Katherine Beelins. She was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. She was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church where she served on the Senior Missionary Board, Usher Board, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sunday School. She leaves to cherish her memories two great, great grand nieces, Ms. Veronica & Jasmine Clark, four nephews, Julius Jackson, Darryl Broadway, and Caleb & Charles McKey; Close friends, Cynthia Sullivan and Gladys H. Palmer, and a host of other relatives, friends and church members. Her love of life and the excitement she exhibited in her day to day activities will be missed by all family and friends she came in contact with in her life. Eulogy was given by Dr. Kendall Jones and Gilmore Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

### Mr. Joseph Edward Morgan

Mr. Joseph Edward Morgan of Winston-Salem passed on Wednesday, May 28 at his residence.

Mr. Morgan is survived by a nephew, Johnny (Sharon) Grooms and a great-niece, Sharika Grooms, all active members at New Bethel.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 2, 2008 at Hooper Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Leroy McGhee officiating.

### Elder George Hauser, Sr.

Elder George Hauser, Sr. passed on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He is survived by a grandson, Monte Odom and sister-in-law, Hattie Ingram, both active members at New Bethel.

Services were held on Friday, June 13, 2008 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church with Rev. Samuel Cornelius officiating.

### Mr. Willie Grooms

Mr. Willie Grooms also known as (Little Willie) passed away on June 12, 2008. He was born in Dillon, South Carolina to Shelton Stewart and Aginora Council.

His funeral was held on June 20, 2008 at Beasley Funeral Home Chapel in Winston-Salem, N.C. where Elder Carl Morgan gave the eulogy.

Mr. Grooms was the father of Johnny (Sharon) Grooms and the grandfather of Sharika Grooms all loyal and faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.



**MRS. MARY EMMA DAWKINS TURNER  
PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS**

## Mrs. Mary Emma Dawkins Turner Passes After an Extended Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Mary Emma Dawkins Turner departed this life June 13, 2008 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Born in Newberry County, South Carolina to the late Ella and Yancy Dawkins, she moved to Winston-Salem at an early age and was employed with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. She later worked for the McGuire, Sales and Ward Families.

Mrs. Turner was a Gold Star member of New Bethel Baptist Church and was a member of the Ruth Missionary Group and the Tuesday Morning Bible study until her health declined.

She had a strong commitment to her church and family and will be greatly missed.

Surviving relatives who shall cherish her memory include: one son, Larry Turner of the home, one sister, Mrs. Ruth Sims, of the city, one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arnesta Turner, a devoted sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Epperson, of the city: eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Eight nieces and nephews; four of which were very devoted to her, Mrs. Carolyn (George) Crosby, of the city, Dr. Lawrence (Beth) Hopkins of the city, Mr. Alvestus Williams of St. Louis, Missouri, Mrs. Doris Epperson-Griffin (Thomas) of Washington, D.C. a devoted cousin, Ms. Dorothy Hughes of the city and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held June 18, 2008. The Eulogy was given by Dr. William Owens. Johnson & Son Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

## REV. AZURÉE D. ... Continued

During her time at Wake Forest University Divinity School, Rev. Johnson did concentrated study in Pastoral Care. Being a chaplain intern at Hospice and Palliative care center, Rev. Johnson provided end of life care to patients in KBR Reynolds Hospice Home, Oak Summit Nursing Home, and Winston-Salem Rehabilitation and Nursing Home.

At New Bethel, Rev. Johnson is the co-director of the children church.

In August 2008, Rev. Johnson will continue her work in a chaplaincy residency program at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina.