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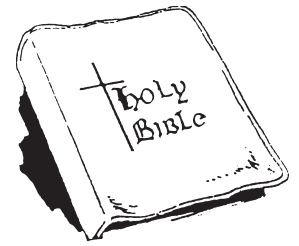
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Ushers And Nurses To Observe Joint Anniversaries July 22nd



REV. DR. JERRY DRAYTON
PASSES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

New Bethel Mourns The Death Of Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus

By Barbara Ford

Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church, passed on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Forsyth Medical Center after a brief illness.

Dr. Drayton was born to Solomon and Marie Drayton in Savannah, Georgia. He earned an A.B. degree from Morehouse College and Bachelor and Master of Divinity degrees from Howard University. He received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, the College of Lynchburg, and Shaw University. He received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Winston-Salem State University. In addition to those degrees, he held a certificate in Clinical and Pastoral Counseling from Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Under Dr. Drayton's spiritual leadership and administration he successfully completed several major projects; renovated the church, built a two-story new addition, purchased land for the parking lot and built a 110 unit apartment complex.

Dr. Drayton has been a pillar of the Winston-Salem community for more than 62 years, a period during which he has also served as senior pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. He became pastor of New Bethel while still a student at Howard University, having been appointed in June 1944. Dr. Drayton provided leadership in the General Baptist
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Catch The Holiday Spirit Early

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

The Senior Ministry of New Bethel Baptist Church will once again support Senior Services' **Christmas in July** campaign. The entire congregation is invited to join us in our efforts to remember our community's elderly in need. The kindness and generosity you extend through your donation will let seniors know that someone cares.

Donation boxes will be available in the annex beginning Sunday, July 1. The boxes will remain in the annex for collection of donations until Sunday, July 29. Needed items include health and hygiene products, household helps a non-perishable food items.

Many thanks in advance from the Senior Ministry for your cooperation and support as we strive to make a difference in the lives of our elderly brothers and sisters in the community.



MR. RICHARD SMITH
USHER BOARD PRESIDENT

Ushers and Nurses To Observe 98th and 78th Anniversaries

By Hattie Ingram

Ushers and Nurses of New Bethel will observe their 98th and 78th Anniversaries respectively on Sunday, July 22, 2012 when they sit in a body during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The Ushers and Nurses have worked tirelessly through the years to assist the Pastor in preparing a setting appropriate for worship. Ushers strive to see that an atmosphere of reverence is maintained throughout each service. Under the leadership of the current president, Mr. Richard Smith, board members have had a very successful year. They have improved their service to the church by engaging in state and local conventions and conducting workshops in each department of the Ushers and Nurses Board.

Mr. Smith is assisted in leading the Ushers by Ms. Valjean McKinney, First Lady; Carlos Dixon, Young Adult Ushers; Dominique Hill, Junior Ushers and Deacon Constance Segers, Director of Nurses.

NEW BETHEL MOURNS... Continued Council for his contributions to the church and community. Mayor Joines issued a proclamation designating April 13, 2004, "Reverend Dr. Drayton Day" in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Drayton leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife of 66 years Susie Jones. They are the parents of one son Attorney Jerry Drayton Jr. (Dr. Wilma) of Atlanta, GA. He had three brothers Paul, Jesse, Robert and one sister Josphine; the New Bethel Church family, and other relatives and friends.

NEW BETHEL MOURNS... Continued State Convention. He chaired the convention's Executive Committee for ten years and the Political Action Committee for eighteen years. In the community, he distinguished himself as a pioneer, becoming the first African American to hold several key posts: president of the North Forsyth Ministers Fellowship; president of the Winston Interracial Fellowship and chairman of the North Carolina Human Relations Council. In addition, he has been an active member of numerous boards and committees, including the Board of North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Board of Directors of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and the Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the Governor's Committee on Rural Transportation, the Governor's Task Force of Racial or Religious Violence and Intimidation, and the Board of Directors of Leadership Winston-Salem for which he served as president for four years.

Through the years Dr. Drayton has been especially vigilant in using his pulpit to promote racial equality in Winston-Salem. He amassed a plethora of awards for his efforts including: the 1976 NAACP Humanitarian Awards designated in 1987 of a modern housing complex built by the City of Winston-Salem as Drayton Pines, Lifetime Achievement Award presented in 1993 by the *Chronicle*, North Carolina's most prestigious award, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, presented in 1994 by Governor James Hunt; the Ambassador's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002, and recognition in February 2003 by the Winston-Salem City Council. Most recently, Dr. Drayton was honored by Mayor Allen Joines and the Winston-Salem City
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Editorial

The Joys of Summer

By Diane Piggott

School is out and many families get to spend more time with each other. These times can add to precious memories that you treasure for a lifetime. It is also a time that many families come together in family reunions and trips.

We can make plans that don't break our budgets. There are many activities around town that can enhance your daily enjoyment. Remember, though, that if an activity is outside, sunscreen is a much needed accessory. You will burn!

The summer is time to connect with friends. Three picnics have already reunited with friends that I haven't been in contact with in years. With retirement, I have been away from the colleagues in the classroom. Seeing them again I was able to catch up with what their children are doing and share what mine are doing, which provided several hours of enjoyment.

Remember not to overeat! Tempting dishes and the abundance of dishes at picnics draw you into overeating which is bad for your health. You don't want to bring on health problems caused by poor eating habits.

Remember not to over exert yourself! The beautiful weather seems to call me to the outdoors. You must remember to limit your most active hours to the cooler parts of the day.

Remember to check on your senior friends. See if they are eating properly; see that they are cool in these hot days; and just stop by to offer stimulating conversation. They are a wealth of information and you need to get it out of them and pass it on down from generation to generation.

Enjoy your summer!

Sunday School Living Beyond Yourself

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of July focus on God's presence in our lives through His Holy Spirit. Christians are dependent on the presence and power of the Spirit. The Spirit is the continuing presence of Christ with believers. One of the things the Spirit does is to enable and empower believers to live like Jesus..

July 1st—**Free**—John 16:5-15

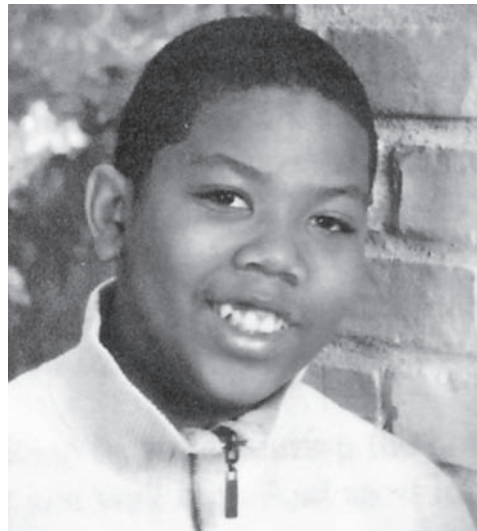
July 8th—**Victorious**—Romans 7:20-8:9

July 15th—**Empowered**—Romans 8:26-27;
Ephesians 5:17-21; 6:18

July 22nd—**Wise**—I Corinthians 2:1-16

July 29th—**Confident**—Romans 8:14-17;
II Corinthians 5:1-15; Ephesians 1:13-14

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



KENDALL BRITTON
NEW BETHEL'S YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Youth of the Month— June 2012

The youth of the month for June 2012 is Kendall Britton. He has demonstrated exceptional performance and participation in the community, school and church.

He volunteers his time at the Samaritan Kitchen in an effort to help the community.

At Northwest Middle School, he is a sixth grader who excels academically. He is an honor roll student and has been featured as Student of the Week. He was also awarded the School Citizenship Award. His extra-curricular activities include the Robotics Club, the Builders Club and the Spanish Club. His future scholarly pursuits include attending a university.

At New Bethel, this Youth Ministry member is also a dedicated usher. He ushers with polite manners and a kind smile.

He lists his hobbies as golf and swimming. He also enjoys playing video games. He hopes to one day turn his love of games into a career by becoming a game designer.

Kendall describes himself as a great friend, a very loving younger brother and a great son. He states, "I am extremely caring of others." He is the son of Bro. Terrell and Sis. Patrice Brown. He is Terrell Jr.'s little brother. He is the grandson of Sis. Willa Lash.

Youth Corner



JUSTIN WALKER
YOUTH REPORTER

School Ends... Summer Begins!

By Justin Walker

It's the end of another school year. New Bethel has 5 high school graduates and they all will be attending college this fall. As for the rest of us, I think I can speak for all students when I say we are excited about school being out! We can now spend the days sleeping late, raiding the refrigerator and watching TV all day! Ok...maybe that's not exactly what our parents have in mind for us...but here are a few suggestions to keep us healthy and our minds moving in the right direction. Household chores or finding jobs even if it's doing chores for neighbors and people that need our help is a way to spend our time. Walking neighbor's dogs, volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, Church, the food bank and recreation centers are ways to give back to the community. Find a hobby. Crafts, sewing, drawing, scrapbooking, photography and cooking can be very rewarding.

Stay in shape by eating healthy; keep hydrated during the hotter days and stay active by swimming, bike riding, hiking or just walking. And most important...**READ! READ!! READ!!!**

It would be really great if we could go on a road trip across the country and see sites like Niagara Falls, The Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty or the Golden Gate Bridge.

If you do have the pleasure of being home all day, relaxing around the house, take a tip from me. Make sure the house is always spotless when your parents come home from work. Attempt to have something out for dinner. This will excite your parents and will make you have a smooth summer!

ROMETTA SUE LEACH... *Continued*

Nursing Sorority.
At New Bethel, she is a member of the Nurses Board.

She is the wife of Trustee Jerry Leach and they are the proud parents of Jessica and Jennifer Leach.



**JASMINE MOSS
RECEIVES HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

Jasmine Moss to Attend Salem College

Jasmine Moss received her high school diploma from Atkins High School of Biotechnology on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Annex.

While attending Atkins she was a member of the Golden Aces Dance Team, Key Club, Crosby Scholars, and the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). Jasmine received a certificate as a Certified Nurse Assistant, assisted in the Student Run Credit Union sponsored by Allegacy Federal Credit Union where she also served an Internship.

Jasmine has been an Honor Roll Student
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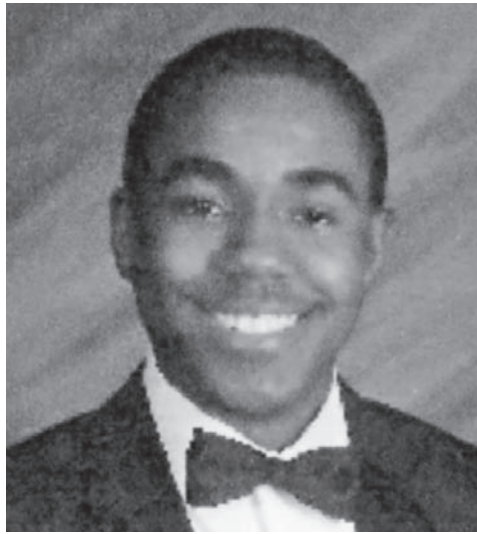
Rometta Sue Leach Receives Masters

Mrs. Sue Leach received a Masters in Nursing Degree from the University of Phoenix on May 27, 2012. She has been employed at Wake Forest Baptist Health for thirty three (33) years and has been in Nurse Management for over twenty five (25) years.

Mrs. Leach recently accepted a new position in Medical-Surgical as the Nurse Manager. Her professional involvement includes membership in the National and Local Chapters of AACN, the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing-Rho Lambda Chapter, and Chi Eta Phi
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**ROMETTA SUE LEACH
RECEIVES NEW POSITION**



**MICHAEL CURTIS
WILL ATTEND UNC-GREENSBORO**

Michael Curtis Receives High School Diploma

By Carolyn Crosby

Michael Curtis received his high school diploma from Parkland IB Magnet School on Saturday, June 9, 2012 during commencement exercises held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Michael also attended Paisley IB Magnet School and continued with the IB Magnet program at Parkland High School. He served as president of the Chess Club; a member of the Foreign Language Club and JV and Varsity Wrestling teams. He was named Most Valuable Player of the Paisley-Parkland Lacrosse Team, and received the IB Middle Years Diploma and earned an Eagle Scout Award.

In the community, Michael served as a Patrol
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Jonathan Booker Receives High School Diploma

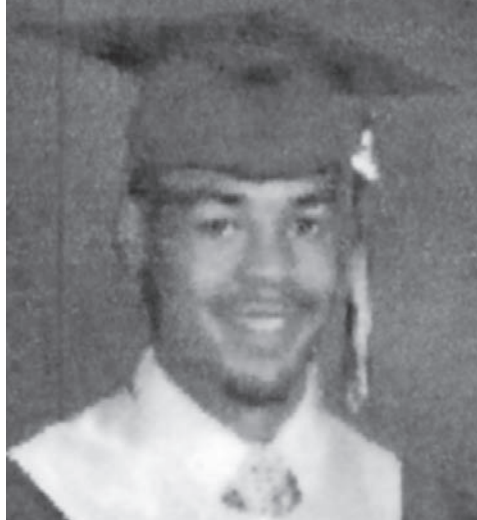
By Carolyn Crosby

Jonathan Booker received his High School Diploma during commencement exercises on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from Mount Tabor High School at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

While attending Mount Tabor he was active with the Crosby Scholars, a member of the Football and Basketball teams, a member of the Art and Theatre Club and an Honor Roll Student.

In the community Jonathan volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, United Way and the Harvest Food Bank.

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**JONATHAN BOOKER
WILL ATTEND HOWARD UNIVERSITY**



**ALEXIS SUMMEY
GRADUATES FROM MT. TABOR**

Alexis Summey To Attend UNC-Charlotte

By Carolyn Crosby

Alexis Summey received her high school diploma from Mount Tabor High School during commencement exercises on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

While attending Mount Tabor she served as captain of the Cheering Squad, and a member of the Tabor Girl's Club. Alexis was an Honor Roll Student and received a four (4) on the State Writing Test, she received the Varsity Cheerleading "Best Attitude" Award, the JV Cheerleading "Spartan Award," JV and Varsity Cheerleading "NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award," Varsity Cheerleading Athletic Letters "MTHS," received "Honorable
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Kerry Wayne Campbell, Jr. To Attend WSSU

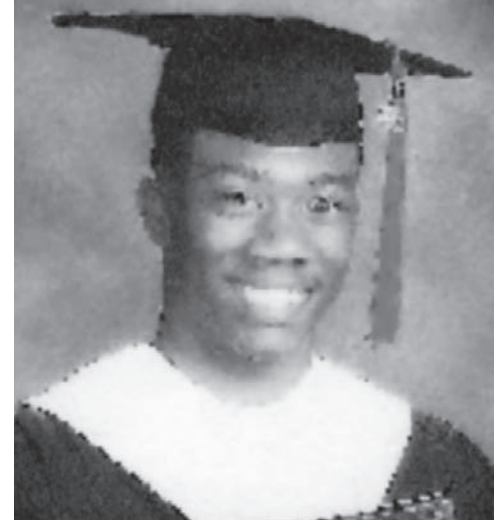
By Carolyn Crosby

Kerry Campbell, Jr. received high school diploma from Winston-Salem Prep Academy on Sunday, June 10, 2012 during commencement exercises held at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

While attending Winston-Salem Prep he was a member of the Crosby Scholars, Latin Club and the Basketball team. The basketball team won this year's 1A Division Championship.

Kerry was also active in the community volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, helped a needed family and participated in a mentoring program.

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**KERRY CAMPBELL — WINSTON-SALEM
PREP ACADEMY GRADUATE**



**MRS. DOROTHY DIXON
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Dixon Under July's Spotlight

By Diane Piggott

Mrs. Dorothy Dixon, secretary of Class Number 4 is under the spotlight as the Sunday School Department's honoree for July. Longevity has been a strong point for Mrs. Dixon as she has held her position for the past 34 years.

She is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and received her formal education in the public schools there. She was transplanted in Winston-Salem in 1962 seeking a better situation for herself and children. As she looked at churches in the area, she settled on New Bethel in 1963 and made her home.

She started her affiliation with Sunday School in Class Number Six. She boasts of working under eight teachers beginning with Joe Pratt*, C. E. Barksdale*, Mary Hairston*, Sharon Leak Penn, Kennetta Thompson*, Barbara Stewart, Trustee Daniel Piggott and Deacon Constance Segers (*deceased). She keeps impeccable records, checks on persons who are absent from class and ministers to the sick and shut-in members. She added, "On the fifth Sunday of the months, Mrs. Susie J. Drayton would teach the class in her early years as secretary."

She is the sole survivor of her family. Eight of her siblings as well as her parents are deceased. She now has six children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She is no stranger to work. She worked in housekeeping at Wake Forest University for twelve years; eight years at Hanes Hoisery and retired from Winston-Salem State University in 2000. Since retiring, she worked another five years at Oldtown Daycare.

Mrs. Dixon is truly dedicated to her work with the Sunday School Department. A devoted grandson, Carlos Dixon worships with her here at New Bethel. Congratulations, Mrs. Dixon. Have they offered you a retirement plan?

KERRY WAYNE... Continued

At New Bethel, he is a member of the Youth Missionary Society, Youth and Young Adult Usher Board and the Youth Ministry.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Campbell, Sr. and the big brother of Kory Campbell. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown and the niece of Ms. Beverly Brown, also active members of New Bethel.

Kerry will attend Winston-Salem State University in the beautiful city of Winston-Salem this fall where he will be a preferred walk-on to the WSSU Rams Basketball team. He plans to major in Sports Management.

Community Garden Gaining Popularity

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

The New Bethel Baptist Church Community Garden was a huge hit with the community residents last summer and is off to a blessed beginning again this season. The blessings started earlier than expected this year due to last year's greens volunteering themselves to return again in abundance. The gardeners and our neighbors have been thrilled with nature's surprise.

The garden is also becoming known on a wider scale. A DVD featuring the New Bethel Baptist Church Community Garden was made by our friends at the Cooperative Extension and Cancer Services' *Body & Soul* Program. The star of the DVD is a lady from the neighborhood. She shares how impactful the garden has been to her and her neighbors. She tells a touching story of a young mother that regularly comes to the garden to gather food in order to feed her young children.

The unedited version is so powerful that the Cooperative Extension now uses it as an educational tool. The Cooperative Extension agents recently used the DVD in a presentation to researchers at Wake Forest University School of Medicine to demonstrate the impact that community gardens are having on people in our local area that have limited resources.

The community garden has quickly become a very popular outreach ministry provided by New Bethel. However, much work is involved in order for the garden to be fruitful. We are grateful for the investment of time, talent and treasure of our gardeners. The New Bethel Baptist Church Community Garden would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of Sis. Catherine Douthit, Sis. Barbara Eure, Bro. Charles Greene, Bro. George Hatcher, Sis. Jennette Hatcher, Sis. Rethea Holloway, Bro. George Horton, Trustee John Lucas, Bro. Reginald Noble and Bro. Robert Pitts.

JASMINE MOSS TO... Continued

since first (1st) grade and received the Presidential Education Award, Crosby Scholar Recognition and was accepted to eight (8) college and universities.

In the community she volunteered her services at the Samaritan Soup kitchen, assisted at the Boys and Girls Club, assisted with the SciTech Summer Camp and mentored in the Big Brother Big Sister Program.

At New Bethel she served on the Youth and Young Adult Usher Board, Youth Ministry, Youth Choir, Liturgical Dancers, the Step Team, Youth Missionary Society where she served as Vice President for four (4) years, a member of the Sunday School, participated in Vacation Bible School, assists in our "Heaven's Little Angels" Nursery, and Children's Church.

Jasmine is the daughter of Mrs. Melody Ford-Couthern and the granddaughter of Trustee and Mrs. Elwood Ford.

She will attend Salem College this fall and plans to pursue a degree in Biology.

JONATHAN BOOKER... Continued

At New Bethel, Jonathan is a member of the Junior Missionary Society, Youth and Young Adult Usher Board and the Youth Ministry.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephon Walker; the grandson of Mrs. Barbara Smith and great grandson of Mrs. Catherine Cason, all members of New Bethel. He is the big brother to Stepvoni and Justin Walker.

Jonathan plans are to attend Howard University this fall where he has received a scholarship to play football. He plans to pursue a career in Bio-Chemistry.



**MS. JESSTENA NICHOLS
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**

Ms. Jesstena Nichols Passes

By Barbara Ford

Ms. Jesstena Gayle Nichols departed this life June 7, 2012 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. She was born to Laura C. Powell and Jesse B. Nichols on November 6, 1959 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ms. Nichols was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth county school system. She was a former employee of Forsyth Medical Center, Baptist Medical Center, and Arbor Acres.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, five children, Dwayne Nichols (Shara), Omarr, Travis, Sherrod, and a devoted daughter, Nicole Nichols. Eleven grandchildren, a devoted mother, Laura C. Powell, three brothers, Reginald (Annette) Nichols, Marcellus, and Wreernus Nichols. Two sisters-in-laws, Vanessa and Shirley Nichols. Ms. Nichols was preceded in death by her father, Jesse B. Nichols Sr. one sister Sophronia Nichols, two brothers Jesse B. Nichols Jr. and Denorris Nichols, Stepfather James C. Powell Jr. and one special friend Tony Brown.

ALEXIS SUMMEY TO... Continued

Mention" on her art work display at Mount Tabor and at the Dixie Classic Fair. She participated with Positive Image Performing Arts and won "Top First Award," "First Place Overall," the "High Point Award" at KAR Nationals Dance Competition and "Gold" at the Show Stopper Dance Competition.

Alexis also volunteered at the Samaritan Soup Kitchen and in food drives and Girl Scouts.

At New Bethel she is a member of the Youth and Young Adult Usher Board, Youth Ministry, assists in the "Heaven's Little Angels" Nursery, and served as the Youth Coordinator for *The Spotlight*.

She is the daughter of Darryl and Shari Summey, the granddaughter of Mrs. Willa Lash and sister of Kelsey Summey. She is also the niece of Ms. Eleanor Brown.

Alexis plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and pursue a career in Education with a focus on Administration.

MICHAEL CURTIS... Continued

Leader for Boy Scout Troop 916, served as a tour guide for Old Salem Historic Park and volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House.

At New Bethel, Michael is a member of the Junior Missionary Society, Sunday School, Youth Choir, Youth Ushers, Youth Ministry and assists with Children's Church.

Michael is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Wesley Curtis, Jr. and is the brother of Kristen and Trey Curtis. He plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall where he plans to pursue a career in education with a concentration in History or Math.