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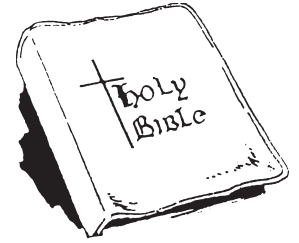
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62nd Youth/Young Adult Day To Be Observed March 10

The Door: A Resurrection Celebration

Members of New Bethel are preparing for an Easter Cantata. Individuals have spent numerous hours preparing for this resurrection celebration to be presented on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 6:00 in the evening. The play entitled "The Door" is written by Dennis and Nan Allen. The passion and resurrection of Christ opened the door to eternity. The Door is the unfolding story of those events, recounted in music and drama.

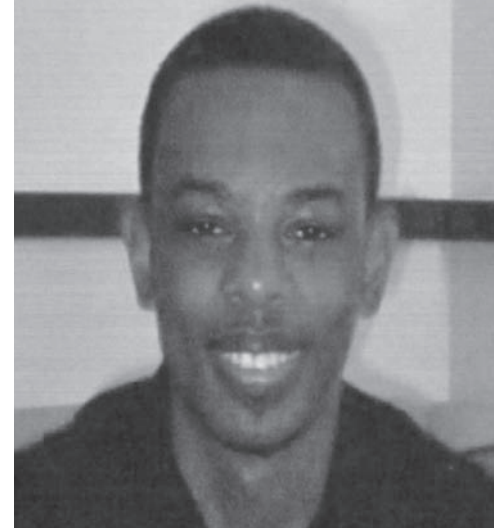
The team of actors and actresses are directed by Sister Mae Jones and Trustee Eva McWillis. The choir is under the direction of Ms. Linda Feemster and Reverend Deborah Odom.

We cordially invite you and your guests to come and witness this glorious celebration.

Know that God is the door. He is the way. Whoever may enter shall live forever more. God is the door; He is the way. Enter now the door.



**JORDAN SMITH—WORSHIP LEADER FOR
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY**



**REVEREND JEREMIAH E. SHIPP
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY SPEAKER**

Reverend Jeremiah E. Shipp To Deliver Youth Day Message

By Hattie Ingram

Reverend Jeremiah E. Shipp, Teen Leader and Altar Worker at Love & Faith Christian Fellowship in Greensboro, North Carolina, will deliver the message at the 62nd annual Youth/Young Adult day at New Bethel at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2013. This year's theme is "Following God's Footsteps As A Shepherd." Miss Cierra Campbell is Youth/Young Adult Chairperson. Jordan

Smith will serve as Worship Leader.

Reverend Shipp is a native of Winston-Salem where he resides with his wife, Vanita Shipp. They serve God as a TEAM: Teaching, Encouraging, Admonishing, and Mentoring the people of God.

In 2005, Reverend Shipp accepted the call to preach God's Word. He was licensed and ordained under the leadership of Dr. James F. Linville, Pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church. He is currently a member at Love & Faith where Reverend Michael Thomas is Senior Pastor. In the community, he serves as a member of the Forsyth County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. As he teaches and preaches the Word of God, he strives to see people saved, delivered, and equipped for the work of ministry.

Reverend Shipp received the Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Information Systems from Tennessee State University and earned the Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Piedmont International University in Winston-Salem. He is pursuing a Doctorate of Education degree in Higher Education Leadership.

He has used his education to excel in corporate America. He is an employee of Wells Fargo Corporation where he works as a Systems Support Analyst.



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Editorial**A Promise Kept
Is Reason For Easter**

By Hattie Ingram

Flowers are beginning to bud and bloom. Leaves are beginning to show up on trees. According to Punxsutawney Phil, the proverbial groundhog, we only have a few more weeks of winter and spring will be here. The long winter is almost over and nature once again, as reliably as ever, keeps its promises to us.

Easter comes early this year, March 31, a time when new life has special meaning for those of the Christian faith. We can celebrate the fact that as surely as spring follows winter, we can count on everlasting life.

Christians live according to a promise made to them more than 2,000 years ago. During His time on earth, Christ made the promise that those of the faith would join Him in Heaven.

He was crucified, was dead, and was interred. Then on the first Easter, Christ arose from the dead, providing validation of His promise.

Easter has always tended to be more low-key than Christmas and that is very appropriate. The lack of hustle and bustle gives us time to reflect on the meaning of the day.

It is quite simple, He is risen. The promise has been kept. And that, for Christians, means assurance that while winter will come, an eternal spring most assuredly will follow.

Letter To The Editor

20 Peacock Way
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January 11, 2013

Mrs. Hattie Ingram, Managing Editor
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Dear Mrs. Ingram:

Greetings from South Carolina! Since relocating here we have received editions of *The Spotlight* each month on a timely basis. *The Spotlight* keeps us informed of the activities at New Bethel for which we are grateful.

We have failed to show our appreciation so please accept this check and forgive us for not responding earlier.

Please extend our thanks to all and may God continue to bless New Bethel.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Yvonne Kenner
Trustee Arthur Kenner

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**Sunday School
Questions Jesus Asked**

The Sunday school lesson for the month of March will explore questions Jesus asked. Getting the answers right is essential to growing in discipleship. Jesus often used questions to teach spiritual truths and to challenge assumptions.

March 3rd—**Tradition or God's Words?**—Matthew 15:1-11, 17-20

March 10th—**Half-Hearted Interest or Total Commitment?**—Luke 9:20-26, 57-62

March 17th—**Indifference or Compassionate Action?**—Luke 10: 25-37

March 24th—**Being Served or Serving?**— Luke 22:19-30

March 31st—**Seeing or Recognizing?**— John 20:1-18

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Corner

KELSEY SUMMEY
YOUTH REPORTER

I Am Offended

By CHRISTA LIFE, Beaumont, TX

I am offended.
I can't pray in public
I can't sing "Joy to the World"
I can't set up a nativity scene in my front yard—

I'm "Shoving Religion" down "people's" throats.

I am offended.

Everyone speaks during the "moment of silence"
No one says the Pledge of Allegiance.
It's ok to drop a bomb.

But if I bring my Bible to school I'M crazy?

I am offended.

Atheists can publicly denounce GOD ALMIGHTY
Catholics can cross themselves

But BAPTISTS are fanatics?

I am offended.
Liars have senate seats
Fools represent our nation
PRAYER was taken out of school

and no one has protested YET?

STAND UP, AMERICA!!!

Submitted By Kelsey Summey

**First Union Service
Of Year At New Bethel**

The first Union Service for 2013 will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church on March 24, 2013 at 5 p.m. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. will be the host pastor.

Rev. Peris J. Lester of St. John C.M.E. Church and his congregation will be in charge of the service.

The four churches are Emmanuel, St. John CME, Union Baptist and New Bethel.

Smiles

Most smiles are started by another smile, it then becomes infectious and everyone is smiling.



TRINITY ZHURÉE DALTON
MINISTER TODD AND REV. AZUREÉ
JOHNSON DALTON'S BUNDLE OF JOY

Trinity Zhurée Dalton Arrives

By Diane Piggott

Minister Todd and Rev. Azureé Johnson Dalton welcomed little "Trinity Zhurée Dalton on Monday, February 11, 2013, her scheduled due date. She weighed in at 8 pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Marlene Johnson and the late Thomas Johnson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Cornelia Dalton of Madison.

Eleven Delegates Attended Christian Education Conference

By Diane Piggott

Eleven members of New Bethel Baptist Church attended the Christian Education Conference at Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Host pastor was Rev. Clifford Jones.

Delegates were: Elaine Brown, Jannie and Richard Smith, Mary Shuler, Doris Crosby, Carol Poe, Helen Bishop, Cierra Campbell, Nasya Smith, Princess Poe-Smith, and LaShyia Mankins.

Mrs. Carol Poe reported workshops on Ministerial Leadership, Sunday School, Biblical and General Studies, Music Ministry and Youth Ministry. She attended a workshop, "Ten Reasons Your Church May Not Be Growing" instructed by Dr. Leonzo Lynch, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Charlotte. She shared a handout giving the 10 reasons for lack of growth in the church. She also attended a workshop, "Evangelism." She gave four steps to evangelism using a visual display— 1) Let them know God loves them; 2) Bridge the gap; 3) Tell them Jesus came to save; and 4) Ask them to believe and receive God. She also reported that she enjoyed the conference and others would if they attended.



ALEXIS SUMMEY
MAKES DEAN'S LIST



ASHLEY SMITH
DEAN'S LIST HONOREE

Two Coeds Make The Dean's List

Congratulations go to Alexis Summey, a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte who make the Dean's List this fall semester. She is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology. Along with her studies she serves as a Dorm Ambassador and Campus Tour Guide.

She is the daughter of Ms. Shari Summey and Mr. Darryl Summey, the sister of Kelsey Summey, granddaughter of Mrs. Willa Lash, and a host of other relatives who are active at New Bethel.

Congratulations also to Ashley Smith who made the Dean's List this semester at North Carolina AT&T State University. She is a sophomore Liberal Arts Dance Education major. She dances with the Ewynn Dancers at AT&T.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Alfreda) Smith and the sister of Kelson Smith, all active members of New Bethel.



PARKER BABY IS BLESSED DURING DEDICATION

Parker Baby Dedicated

By: Diane Piggott

Baby Braylen Scott Parker was dedicated at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, February 17, 2013 during the morning services. Braylen was born on August 11, 2012 to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando (Kwamina Scott) Parker. His maternal grandparents are Brenda and William Scott and his paternal grandmother is Arnita Parker.

Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel offered a moving prayer asking for God's guidance for the parents, relatives and the Church Family in directing young Braylen's life. Mrs. Jacqueline Posey presented a framed certificate of dedication to Mr. and Mrs. Parker. The Parkers were joined by a host of family and friends.



DEACON WESLEY CURTIS—HONORED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Wesley Curtis Receives Award for Architecture

Deacon Wesley Curtis recently received the Bucky Frye Award for Best Coordination of Construction Documents from the Winston-Salem section of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). AIA Winston-Salem is the professional organization for architects practicing in Forsyth County and 10 other counties in Northwest North Carolina. Curtis is a Partner of the Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce architecture firm, and has been employed with the firm for nearly 31 years. The firm itself received the Bucky Frye Award for Best Large Firm in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

At New Bethel, Curtis is a Sunday School teacher, Mass Choir member, Deacon, the Baptist Training Union Director, and the Church Treasurer. He is married to Cynthia Curtis and has three children: Kristen, Trey, and Michael.

Odom Attends One-Day Session of the Rowan

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Deborah Odom attended the one-Day Session of the Rowan Association held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at New Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro. Rev. William F Wright was host pastor. The sessions's theme was "Strengthening the Church through Spiritual Transformation: Christian Education."

Rev. Dennis Leach, Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church of Winston-Salem and the Association's Treasurer gave an opening address, "Maintaining Our Baptist Identity." He addressed the power of the vote! He stressed, "We must use this power. We must make teaching our members a priority when they come into the church. We cannot assume people know things. Teach them anyway, especially the "Baptist Way". He explained that this is why the Baptist Church is autonomous and we must remember this when we elect pastors.

The next bi-monthly meeting will be in April with Rev. David Bracken, Moderator of the Rowan Association in Spencer.

Black History Celebration and Display

By Diane Piggott

The Black History Committee of New Bethel Baptist Church presented a Black History Celebration Program on Sunday, February 24, 2013 in the Drayton Multipurpose Room of the church following the morning services.

Mrs. Peggy McCullough opened the program with the Lord's Prayer in unison and Mrs. Connie Smith gave a welcome. The group was served refreshments and reconvened with the singing of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Mrs. Vicky Adams gave remarks and did a skit, "Civil Rights Movement and Black Unity." The skit dramatized how Blacks must band together and let nothing or no one penetrate the bond that binds us. Members in attendance locked hands and/or arms to create an unbreakable bond. Mrs. Smith tried to penetrate the field by moving from one member to another trying to break their bond. She was unsuccessful in her attempts.

Mrs. Kathryn Speas, former Committee Chairperson who passed earlier this year was remembered for her dedication and love of history.

Mrs. Mary Shuler read a poem, "Remember the Dream." She also displayed pictures of the former Spiritual Choir which was directed by her sister, the late Mrs. Ida Lee Pauling. Mrs. Shuler served as the vice president.

The program closed with those in attendance joining hands during the singing of "We Shall Overcome" and Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel making closing remarks. There were tables of Black History information on display for those in attendance to study and garner information.

The Black History Committee consisted of: Mrs. McCullough, Chairperson, Mrs. Vicky Adams, Mrs. Micki Malachi, Mrs. Connie Smith and Deacon Douglas Joyner. Mrs. McCullough added thanks to Mrs. Shuler, Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Rosa Rice for their help in setting up the event.

Deaths and Funerals Relatives of New Bethel Members

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Velma Elaine Brooks McCullough

Mrs. Velma B. McCullough passed on Monday, February 11, 2013. She was funeralized on Monday, February 18 in the Chapel of Douthit Funeral Home with Minister Levern Quick offering the eulogy.

Mrs. McCullough was the mother of Mr. William (Peggy) McCullough, faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Esterleen Carson Moore

Mrs. Esterleen Carson Moore of Harmony Highway 4698, Hamptonville, passed away at the Gordon Hospice House, Statesville, following an extended illness.

She was funeralized on February 20, 2013
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**AUDREY LYNETTE BROWN
PASSES AFTER PERIOD OF ILLNESS**

Audrey Lynette Brown Passes

By Barbara Ford

Ms. Audrey Lynette Brown, 55, daughter of Edward Lee and Norma Jean Smith Brown, was born August 22, 1957 in Winston-Salem, NC. She responded to the call of her heavenly father and ascended to her eternal home on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Audrey was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and graduated from East Forsyth High School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC.

Audrey was a dedicated employee of the City of Winston-Salem where she worked until her health declined. She received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career.

She was a lifetime member of New Bethel Baptist church where she served in various capacities and on several boards; Missionary Department, Sunday School Teacher, Youth department, member of Sunday School Class #2, member of Job and David Prayer Cottage, Assistant Principal of Vacation Bible School, Chairman of Scholarship Committee and Director of New Bethel's Voices of Praise Choir, which she directed for 20 years until her last rehearsal on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

Audrey leaves to cherish loving memories, her daughter, Brooke Nicole (Nikki); her fiancé, Perry Hairston; brothers, Reginald W. Brown of Cincinnati, OH, and Pastor Vernon E. (Kim) Brown; one sister, April M. Brown of Winston-Salem, NC; nieces, Shawntae Brown, JáNet Brown, Mrs. Vanita (Jeremiah) Shipp and BríAna Brown of Winston-Salem, NC; nephews, Jeffrey L. Henley and Matthew A. Brown of Cincinnati, OH, Adrian K. Malone, Alexander M. Brown of Winston-Salem, NC; Godmother, Romaine Eaton; Goddaughters, Nichole Nichols, Caryn Fletcher, and Ashley Hazel of Winston-Salem, NC; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and devoted friends.

DEATHS AND... *Continued*

at St. Peter Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C., with The Rev. Sterling Howard officiating.

Mrs. Moore was the mother of Mr. Tony Melvin (Debra) Moore of Advance, both faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.