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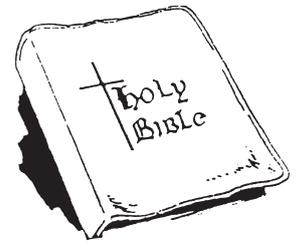
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**MRS. HAZEL L. GASTON PASSES
FORMER SPOTLIGHT REPORTER**

Mrs. Hazel Lawrence Gaston Passes After Illness Served as Obituary Reporter For *The Spotlight*

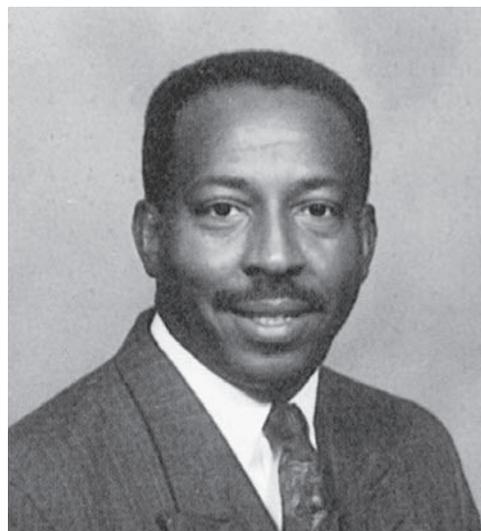
Mrs. Hazel Lawrence Gaston, 201 N.E. Thirtieth Street, departed and transitioned to her heavenly home on Friday, April 20, 2007. She passed away peacefully at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

Mrs. Gaston was born September 22, 1922 in Statesville to the late Winfred and Ida Lawrence. She moved to Winston-Salem at an early age and attended the local public schools. She continued her education at La Mae Beauty School of Cosmetology and in later years earned a doctoral degree in Cosmetology. Mrs. Gaston was a practicing beautician for more than 50 years, until two years ago when ill health befell her. Her affiliation with the Winston-Salem Beauticians' Association No. 2 included the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the membership committee, which she executed with diligence. She was also a member of Theta Nu Sigma Sorority and a dedicated employee and longtime friend of Hooper Funeral Home. Further, she was a lifelong member of New Bethel Baptist Church where she served on *The Spotlight* newspaper staff, the Cathedral Choir, as a faithful member of the Missionary Department, the Flower Club, the Sunday School and the Effort Club.

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**TRUSTEE JOHN LUCAS
2007 MAN OF THE YEAR**



**TRUSTEE CARL BANKHEAD
2007 MAN OF THE YEAR**

Two Trustees Share Top Honors

By Diane Piggott

Trustee Carl Bankhead and Trustee John Lucas were named "Men of the Year" during the 60th Observance of Men's day at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 15, 2007 during the 11 a.m. worship service. They were singled out because they had so valiantly come to the aid of Dr. Jerry Drayton, then pastor of New Bethel during a meeting of the officers of the church in July 2006. He is alive today

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**MINISTER BEVERLY H. ALEXANDER
WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER**

Minister Beverly H. Alexander To Speak for Women's Day

By Hattie Ingram

Minister Beverly H. Alexander, Associate Minister of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will deliver the Annual Women's Day address at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The women of the church will be in charge as they celebrate their 60th Annual Women's Day Observance.

Minister Alexander was born and raised in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She is the youngest of 13 children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hicks.

Our speaker attended Claflin College, Winston-Salem State University and Vintage Bible College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is currently continuing her education at Shaw University in High Point, North Carolina where she is majoring in Psychology and counseling. She is a Social Worker Assistant and Financial Counselor for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Out-Patient Dialysis Centers.

Minister Alexander accepted her calling from God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on July 3, 1982. She was ordained and licensed by the Fire Baptized Holiness Churches of God under the leadership of Bishop W.T. Bowens in Lancaster, South Carolina.

On January, 19, 2003, Minister Alexander recorded her first album entitled "He Saw My Needs." In 2006, she had the opportunity of

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Editorial Mother's Day

By Hattie Ingram

Sunday, May 13, 2007 is Mother's Day. This is what we think of when we think of Mother's Day — moms, happy moms; brand new to motherhood and dazzled by the new experience. Moms pushing toddlers in strollers, or later standing encouragingly beside the slides or swimming pool edges, or later still palming in the malls with their daughters or yelling from the sidelines at their sons little league games. Moms also smile with pride at graduations and weddings in their best attire. And finally, older moms, vital and handsome, faces marked by generous lives, arms around their midlife children, a grandchild or two now added to the picture.

Mother's Day is day the we join others throughout the world as we honor the women who gave us birth and non-biological mothers who daily nurture and pray for us.

We honor the ministry of mothers. Mothers are special. They guide and lead us. Mothers of the church are noble persons of authority and understanding. We look to them for wisdom and spiritual teaching. Mothers have offered hundreds of intercessory prayers, soothed thousands of fevers, made or selected countless Mother's Day outfits and baked dozens of cookies for Vacation Bible School.

Mothers have passed on folk wisdom, given advice, learned when to keep silent, and helped rear grandchildren. Mothers love the Lord and walk by faith.

For those of us who are still blessed with mothers and those of us who are not, let us remember as we send that Hallmark card, or lay that single rose on her tombstone, that "Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world."—Kate Wiggin

Macho Men And Stubborn Women Subject of Message

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Moses L. Edwards, Pastor of Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church, used "Macho Men and Stubborn Women" for his message's subject at the 60th Observance of Men's Day at New Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007. He also commented, "If I Step on some toes, it's not me, it's God!" Mr. Ronald Wilkins acted as worship leader. The men used as a theme, "Christian Men Empowered By God to Make a Difference."

Rev. Edwards admitted being in a quandary about what message to give. He remarked that he excluded a message on David, Joseph and even dismissed considering a message about Samson. He said, "My mind went all the way back to a group, "The Village People" and a song by the legendary great late James Brown and a song of his entitled, "It's A Man's World," but even he added, "But it wouldn't be nothing without a woman or a girl." "Men," began Edwards, "We must affirm that men wouldn't be who they are without a woman or a girl!" We see this in Genesis 2:21 and 22.

His message brought out many truths: "The world is no place for battering women for women are the mortar that holds everything together. The church can be no better than the homes. Religion doesn't start in the church; it starts at home. Your mom and dad should teach you the words of God. Divorce is higher than it's ever been and it's rising among Christians. There is a certain respect that a man needs to show to his woman. God never meant for man to have dominion over our women. Genesis says God gave man dominion over the fish, birds of the air, fowls and creeping things. I don't know any women that creep or fly. Ladies are special! Where would we be if our women didn't step up and keep the family together? If you want to be a "macho man," take care of the house and the woman God gave you. When we destroy the family, it destroys the church. Men, If you want your wife to submit to you, you must submit to God. "Macho men" walk as God. 2 Corinthians 15 tells us we must learn to LOVE. Husbands, when you do right by the women, they have no trouble honoring you at home. When she's happy, she is not a "stubborn" woman. We need good men to set
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VBS Takes a Second Look at Family Reunions

By Diane Piggott

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will convene on June 11-15, 2007 and finish off a 10-day unit that was begun in 2006. The theme to be continued is "The Jesus Family Reunion" from Urban Ministries, Inc. The school will open each evening at 6 p.m. with a repast followed by classes for all ages beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Jesus is the great unifier of families so let's make VBS a family affair. You'll enjoy the week!

Youth Corner



**NAIKESHA POE-SMITH
YOUTH REPORTER**

It's Time (To Have a Talk with Jesus)

By Naikeesha Poe-Smith

I was asked to make the youth presentation for Sunday, April 8, 2007. The youth's theme this year is simply "It's Time." It's a short theme, but it provides youth presenters with a lot of personal thoughts and response. My response to this theme comes from my own personal experience. So, my presentation on that Sunday was "It's Time (To Have a Little Talk with Jesus)!"

My family and teachers know that I have struggled with math this year because of the requirements set by the state's EOG exam. I have struggled to understand some of the terminology and formulas. My family has helped me tremendously with tutors in school and outside of school. At one point I was getting frustrated with all of the tutoring. My family told me that they pray for my understanding, but that I need to also ask God for understanding for myself. So, I do.

Sometimes you feel that teachers don't care, but some of them really do. One day a teacher at my school gave me a book titled Jesus Bible. She addressed it to me, autographed it and told me to read Psalms 91. The Psalm talks about how God will rescue and protect those who love Him, and that HE will answer prayers. God does answer prayers. He let me know that others do care about my progress

On April 17, 2007 my teacher gave me praise in front of the class for being one of two students who made an A on my math quiz. That made me feel great! "It was my time!"

MACHO MEN AND... *Continued*
the example!" "Men," he admonished, "We need to make a commitment to treat her with love, respect and care. Don't let her see a stranger on Sunday!" He closed with prayer in which he asked men to be "men of God" and "more like Jesus."

The Men's day celebration was a very spiritually uplifting event. Pastor Jones remarked, "The choir was 'awesome!'"

TWO TRUSTEES... *Continued*

due to their courageous actions and quick wit to administer (CPR/First Aid to him when he fell unconscious following a coronary episode just at the conclusion of the business meeting being held on a warm summer morning.

These gentlemen are very active at New Bethel and share some of the same ministries at the church in addition to being trustees. They both sing with the Spiritual Choir and Communion Singers, are members of the Laymen's League and Sunday School of the church.

Trustee Bankhead is a native of Hickory Grove, South Carolina (Near York). Duke Power, now Duke Energy in 1984, transferred him to Winston-Salem. After repeated visits to New Bethel and other churches, he joined where his late uncle and aunt, Wardell and Pearl Bankhead were members. He is now a Scheduling Specialist with Duke Energy after 27 years with the company. A demanding schedule with Duke and his dedicated service to New Bethel leaves little time except maybe a night of bowling to support the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Trustee Lucas is a native of Trinity and united with New Bethel in 1995. He holds a B.A. degree in Sociology from Livingstone College in Salisbury. He is presently Deputy Fire Chief of the Winston-Salem Fire Department where he is in his twenty-seventh year of employment. He's been deputy Fire Chief for the past 9 years. He is married to the former Deronda Kee and they have two sons, Stephawn and John, III.

In the community, Trustee Lucas has worked with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Junior Achievement, March of Dimes and the United Way.

At New Bethel, Lucas is Chairman of the Medical Emergency Response Team. He also conducts the 11 a.m. devotion on Sundays.

The Men's Day Committee admitted that it was extremely difficult to pick just one of them and name a single "Man of the Year" for they, both had jumped into the save and rescue mode when our beloved pastor of 62 years became ill at the meeting. Dr. Drayton applauded the Selection process and remarked, "I am and will be eternally grateful that they were at the meeting and possessed the skills that they possess that were instrumental in saving my life. The doctors admitted to me that if it were not for their quick action I would not be here today!"



TRUSTEE JAMES BROWN
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Personnel Committee Addressing Needs Of Church Staff

By Carolyn Crosby

The Personnel Committee of New Bethel Baptist Church is currently reviewing job descriptions for all paid employees of New Bethel Baptist Church. This committee was appointed in July of 2006 by Dr. Jerry Drayton. Trustee James Brown serves as the chairperson of the committee. Other committee members are Ms. Audrey Brown, Deacon Douglas Joyner, Trustee John Lucas, and Trustee Carolyn Crosby.

The committee is responsible for the recommendation of hiring of all paid positions at New Bethel. They work closely with Pastor Jones in the interviewing and hiring of vacancies of staff for the church. They are currently reviewing and revising all job descriptions for consistency and to ensure all responsibilities are clearly defined.

The committee will also be implementing a room reservation form that will be used when persons wish to use facilities at the church. This will enable the staff to have the rooms set up in a timely manner and cleaned after usage. A diagram of the Drayton Fellowship Hall and Multipurpose Room has been designed so persons can provide a layout for their event.



MR. STEVEN THORNTON
MINISTERS WITH MUSIC

Making a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

By Brenda Redd

It's the call of all Christians to take the Good News to the world they live in and Steve Thornton delivers the Good News by way of his sax.

Since second grade Mr. Steve Thornton, a devoted lifelong member of our church, has loved and played the saxophone. Recently, he has come to share his God given talent as saxophonist for the New Bethel Baptist Church choirs. His musical accompaniment has added another dimension to songs of praise and worship; lending a beautiful peacefulness that compliments the musical team and fills our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

During a recent interview, I asked Mr. Thornton how he came to incorporate the sax into songs of praise and worship. He proudly stated "I've always wanted to play and I've always had the desire to play in our morning worship service. In fact, I felt that God placed it in my heart. Our job as Christians is to take the Good News to our area of influence and share that good news." Therefore, and without hesitation, he is sharing the blessings God has bestowed upon him. "I see it as an opportunity to minister in music. Others may feel the spirit more through the word. I feel like I am also ministering God's word by providing music to our congregation." Thornton plays soprano, alto, and tenor saxophone as well as the flute. He is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Thomas Thornton.

New Members Receive Certificates

By Lucille McCormick

New Bethel congratulates members who received certificates upon completion of lessons for the first session of the new members' classes on March 25, 2007.

Congratulations go to: Glenda Anderson, Henry Byrd, Thomas Atkins, Betty Atkins, James Conner, Tina Owens, Barbara Hairston and Alphonso Lea.

Dr. William Owens is new members class teacher. Mrs. Lucille McCormick is secretary.



NEW BETHEL'S NEW MEMBERS CLASS



**MRS. DORIS CROSBY
CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

Mrs. Doris Crosby Celebrates Birthday

A birthday dinner and celebration were held for Mrs. Doris Crosby on March 31, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedge Garden Recreation Center. The "celebration of her life" was hosted by her children, Robert Jr., Gregory of Buffalo, New York, Alicia, Anderson, Jerry, and Reginald of Newport News, Virginia and Michael of Greensboro, North Carolina.

More than 150 relatives and friends were in attendance to make the birthday one of the best surprises ever. There were so many expressions of love shown toward Mrs. Crosby. Red roses and yellow and orange roses were presented to her. A scrumptious dinner and a big birthday cake were enjoyed by all.

Ushers in New Attire

By Diane Piggott

New Bethel's Lady Ushers have emerged during the last few months in stunning new white two-piece suits and a three-piece navy suit which includes a navy silk shell. The ladies look very professional as they carry out their ushering duties on the first Sundays. Mrs. Alenia Sligh is vice president of the Lady Ushers.

The position of usher is very important in setting the tone of the worship service. As the first person a member or visitor sees as he or she enters for worship, it's so very important to project the right attitude. Pictured here are: (front row) Ms. Valjean McKinney, Mrs. Bonnie Moorman, Mrs. Awilda Neal, Mrs. Jeanette Hatcher, (second row) Ms. Beverly Brown, Mrs. Barbara Smith, Ms. Rosa Rice, Mrs. Dessie Wilson; (top) Mrs. Alenia Sligh, Ms. Geneva Wright and Mrs. Brenda Witherspoon. Not pictured here are: Mrs. Ethel Brooks, Mrs. Sarah Brown, Mrs. Ruth Sims, Ms. Loretta Robinson, Mrs. Willa Lash, Ms. Debbie Frazier and Mrs. Lisa Myers.



NEW BETHEL LADY USHER UPDATE THEIR PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

MINISTER BEVERLY... *Continued*
recording and being the Mistress of Ceremony on nine live recordings for Union Baptist Church here in Winston-Salem.

Minister Alexander is the proud mother of a son, David Maurice Baxter.

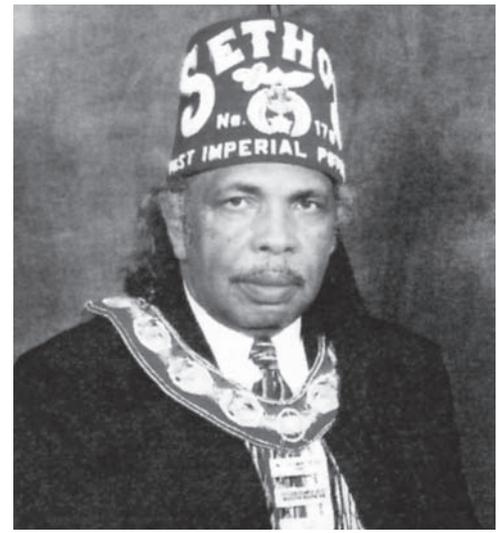
Music for this occasion will be provided by the Women's Day Chorus under the direction of Organist, Mr. Chris Farabee, Ms. Audrey Brown and Ms. Linda Feemster.

Other appearing on the program are: Worship Leader, Mrs. Tina Carson-Wilkins; Scripture, Mrs. Barbara Ford; Invocation, Mrs. Carol Poe; Announcements/Recognition of Visitors, Trustee Carolyn Crosby; the Occasion, Miss Escada Horton; Special Presentations, Mrs. Cynthia Curtis; Presentation of Speaker, Mrs. Susan Hunt and Reflections, Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

MRS. HAZEL L. GASTON... *Continued*

Survivors include two daughters, Pauline G. (Donald) Benson of Winston-Salem and Juanita Deavers of New York City; three grandchildren, Rahsan (Tangela) Deavers of San Diego, Calif., Ibsani Deavers of Richmond, VA; and Dominique Benson of Kernersville; two great grandchildren, Niya and Noah Deavers, of San Diego; one sister, Catherine Lawrence of Winston-Salem; a special nephew, Eddie Massey of Brooklyn, NY; a devoted cousin, Lester Hairston of Winston-Salem; and a host of family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at New Bethel with Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr., Pastor and Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus, presiding. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.



**MR. MIDDIE D. GLYPH
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**

Mr. Middie David Glymph, Jr. Passes

Mr. Middie David Glymph, Jr., of 2027 Lincoln Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC, was born on Saturday, January 30, 1932 to Middie and Idella Stephenson Glymph. He departed this life on Monday, April 23, 2007 after a period of illness.

He was a graduate of Atkins High School, Class of 1950, and attended Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

He was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and one of the First Black Supervisors in Truck and Storage. He worked for 35 years and retired in 1987.

He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where he served with the Communion Singers and the Laymen's League. In addition to his church affiliations, he was also a member of the Phalanx Fraternity, Sethos Temple #170, King Solomon's Consistory #64 and Salem Lodge #139 PHA. He was also an Honorary Imperial Past Potentate.

Mr. Glymph is survived by his wife of 30 years and 10 months, Mittie P. Glymph; one brother, Richard (Arlene); one sister, Dorothy G. Hughes; two sons, Middie, III (Linda) of Columbia, SC and Michael of Spencer, NC; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating. Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements. Interment followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

Mrs. Pauline Atkins

Mrs. Pauline Atkins of 921 Roosevelt St., Badin, North Carolina, passed away on April 15th, 2007. She was funeralized on April 18th, 2007 by Rev. Parnell Kelly at Shiloh Baptist Church. Mrs. Atkins was the mother of Mr. Thomas (Betty) Atkins, members of New Bethel Baptist Church. Kelsey Funeral Homes was in charge of services.

Ms. Alvonja Jackson

Ms. Alvonja Jackson Austin affectionately known as Al to family and friends of 1101 East 14th St., Winston-Salem, NC, passed away on Friday, April 13th, 2007. Ms. Austin's funeral services were held April 19th at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church with Rev. Roy Swann officiating. Ms. Austin was the daughter of Mrs. Dolores Jackson, a member of New Bethel Baptist Church.