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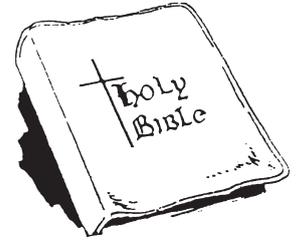
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Effort Club To Sponsor Race Progress Promoters Program



CARLOS DIXON
2012 LAYMAN OF THE YEAR

Dixon and Holloway Named "2012 Laymen Of the Year"

By Hattie Ingram

The Laymen's League of New Bethel conferred upon Carlos Dixon and Lee C. Holloway the prestigious award of "Laymen of the Year" at their 44th Laymen's Day Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 21, 2012 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Deacon Charles Hunt made the presentation citing both Dixon and Holloway as dedicated laymen who supported all of the programs of the Laymen's League. Both men received plaques bearing their names which read "In Honor of" (Continued Page 2, Column 2, Article 3)

Michael Curtis Emphasizes The Importance of Voting

By Kristen Curtis

As one of the most crucial elections of our time begins, a slew of voters have already flocked to the polls, many of them voting for the first time ever. Michael Curtis, who is a first-time voter this year, feels it is his "right and duty" to vote. He believes that every U.S. citizen should not only vote, but be an educated voter. He says, "If everyone in the U.S. became an educated voter and actually voted, I think the democratic system would work much better and people would complain less. Democracy hinges on the people's right to" (Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 3)



MRS. SUSIE JONES DRAYTON AND MRS. OLIVIA THOMPkins
MAKE PLANS FOR RACE PROGRESS PROMOTERS PROGRAM

Effort Club to Celebrate Its 88th Anniversary And 16th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program

By Lisa Myers

The Effort Club of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its 88th Anniversary and 16th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2012. This year's program is being dedicated "In Loving Memory to Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton" for his dedication, support and the faithful service that he shared with the Effort Club. The Race Progress Promoters Program will honor individuals and groups who have made significant contributions in Winston-Salem towards promoting race progress. This idea started from our own former first lady and current Effort Club member, Mrs. Susie Drayton, to look upon people in our own community who have promoted Race Progress.

The Effort Club held a meeting on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the home of Mrs. Susie Drayton to finalize the Race Progress Promoters Program. Twenty members attended and after the meeting a delicious and wonderful dinner was served.

The honorees will be introduced by a judge who accepted the nomination of the candidates. This year's panel of judges is: Chief Judge, Carol Poe, Nigel Alston and Virginia Newell. This year's recipients are:

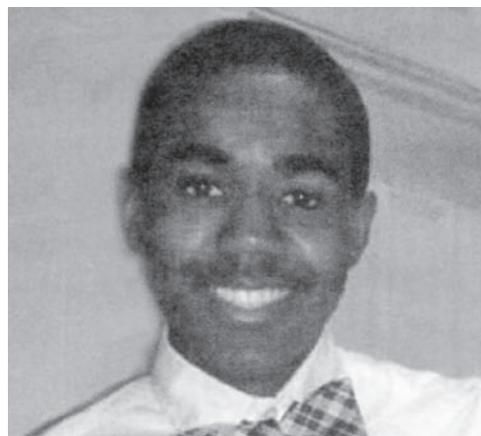
Wesley Curtis (*Business*)

Edward Hanes (*Sports*)

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L.C. HOLLOWAY
2012 LAYMAN OF THE YEAR



MICHAEL CURTIS
ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS TO VOTE

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Editorial

Blessed to Be a Blessing

By Diane Piggott

"Blessed to be a Blessing" was the subject of Rev. Dianne Horton's Sunday message at New Bethel that continues to resonate with me. It came only a short time after Deacon James Brown, Superintendent of our Sunday School presented some incredible statistics for Forsyth County that 24% of our county's residents are in need of help with food.

So because I feel very blessed I came to church with cans of food to go into the Second Harvest Food boxes to kick off our annual Food Drive. I urge those of you in the New Bethel Family who feel blessed to be a blessing to others and donate food to this drive. I had no idea that the need was so great.

As I write these words, I am being bombarded by hours of news coverage of the storm, Hurricane Sandy that is ravaging the eastern coastline from North Carolina up to Boston, Massachusetts. I feel that I am out of harm's way, but I am offering prayers for the safety of some 50 million people who will be affected by this storm. There may be a need for those of us who are not affected to donate to help those who suffer damages or loss from this storm.

There are times that I just meditate on the numerous blessings that I enjoy. I give thanks to God for them. The subject line of Sunday's message put it all in perspective for me.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving now that November is in, let us all who are blessed continue to be a blessing to others who are less fortunate than ourselves!

Letter To The Spotlight Staff

Washington, D.C.
October 15, 2012

To *The Spotlight* Staff:

Congratulations!

Enclosed is a love token of appreciation for all of the more than 45 years that you have mailed *The Spotlight* to me.

Take pride in and celebrate
Your wonderful success.

Your style of journalism is superb, informative and concise. It keeps me in touch with my hometown church and the activities going on.

May God continue to bless you as you continue your work for God.

Love,
Ophelia W. Stephens

Sunday School The Church: Transforming Lives in a Challenging Culture

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of November address the elements that define transformational churches. Our culture is changing. In the midst of all this change, churches are called to stand for some unchanging beliefs and moral convictions. It is important for believers to maintain these unchangeable areas of thinking and living. The model for eternal things is the written Word of God.

November 4th—**Pray with Dependency**—
Acts 4:23-31

November 11th—**Do Life Together**—Acts
4:32-35; 5:1-6; 6:1-7

November 18th—**Engage in Kingdom
Building**—Acts 13:1-4; 14:21-28

November 25th—**Hit the Streets**—Acts 17:
16-31

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

DIXON AND HOLLOWAY... *Continued*

Your Dedication and Support to the Laymen's League of New Bethel Baptist Church on October 21, 2012"

Carlos Dixon is a lifelong member of New Bethel and participated in all of the youth activities of the church through the years. He is a graduate of North Forsyth High School where he showed great interest in motor vehicles and developed entrepreneurial skills leading to the development of his own flatbed towing service. He continued in this business until he had a motorcycle accident which injured his left hand and left him unable to successfully handle the requirements for managing the towing service. He now manages the K. & S. Entertainment Store.

At New Bethel, he is president of the Young Adult Ushers, member of the Youth Council, and the Singles Ministry. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Dixon.

Lee C. Holloway, a native of Mullins, South Carolina spent most of his adult life in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the University of District Columbia with a BA degree in economics. After thirty years of service, he retired from the Department of
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Youth Corner



KERRY CAMPBELL
ADJUSTING TO COLLEGE LIFE

Hello From Kerry

Hi!

I am Kerry Campbell Jr. I am a freshman at Winston-Salem State University. I am presently enjoying my first year in college. My schedule this semester has worked out great. My first class on Tuesday and Thursday starts at 8 a.m. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, my earliest class is at 10 a.m. I have basketball team workouts every morning at 5 a.m., which is not the best but I have been able to get up and make practice so far. The food is alright, but the dorm rooms are small. My roommate and I have been friends for a long time so we get along well. He plays football so we don't see each other until late at night. Homecoming was a great experience. There was so much going on all week long. I was in the parade with the basketball team. We had lots of fun posing for pictures as we walked down 4th Street. I have really enjoyed college life so far.

DIXON AND HOLLOWAY... *Continued*

Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics), Washington, D.C. as an economist. Shortly after retiring, he and sister Holloway relocated to Winston-Salem, N.C. in 2006. After residing in Winston-Salem for a short period of time brother Holloway joined the New Bethel Baptist Church. He then joined the New Bethel Baptist Church Laymen League where he became an active member.

Brother Holloway is a lover of all sports and he spends most of his time perusing the computer.

He and sister Holloway are the parents of two children and the grandparents of one granddaughter.

EFFORT CLUB TO... *Continued*

Linwood Jerald, Athletic Dir. Atkins HS
(Sports)

Daphne Holmes-Johnson *(Public Service)*
Dr. Michael Macgruder & WSSU "Red Sea Of
Sound" Marching Band *(Music/Fine Arts)*
Walter Marshall *(Politics)*

Mount Eagle Institute—Mrs. Dorothy S.
M. Edward and Dr. Lucas D. Shallua
(Education)

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Fulton Asked, “How Are You Walking?”

By Diane Piggott

Bishop Todd Lamont Fulton, pastor of Mt. Moriah Outreach Center of Kernersville addressed the 44th Laymen's Day of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, October 21, 2012. He used 2 Corinthians 5:7 as his text and asked, “How Are You Walking?”

He began with “We can't get too comfortable in these earthly houses! You are going to leave there. This is just a rent house, but while you are here He (God) tells us how to live.” Bishop Fulton suggested three points: 1) Who are you going to believe—God or your lying eyes? 2) Thank God for faith; and 3) How to walk by faith?” He stressed, “You come to church and pay your tithes, but you see the drug dealer getting ahead of you. The Bible says we walk by faith and not by sight. It was my faith that got me this far!” Fulton stormed, “As I was growing up in Happy Hill Garden, people told me that I wouldn't be anything. Life is nothing but one tightrope. Jesus helps you walk that tightrope by putting one foot in front of the other. Balance yourself by getting something in your hands.” Here Bishop Fulton held up the Word of God. Lastly, “You learn to walk down low and God will raise you up!”

The laymen saluted two dedicated laymen with “Laymen of the Year” honors. These recognized for their loyal and dedicated service were Carlos Dixon and Lee Holloway.

EFFORT CLUB TO... *Continued*

Pat Mumford (*Humanitarian*)

Rev. William L. Owens (*Religion*)

Prelude Music for the program will be provided by members of the MU Beta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity. The Napper Singers will provide the music for the awards ceremony. Other program participants are: Mrs. Olivia Thompkins, Presiding; Ms. Angela Logan, Scripture; Mr. William Poe, Prayer; Mrs. Peggy McCullough, Welcome; Ms. Bianca Bradley, Offertory Prayer; Ms. Geneva Wright, Program Synopsis; Mrs. Daphne Johnson, Presentation to the NAACP; and Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas, Introduction of Judges. Mrs. Lisa Myers will present the plaques to the judges as the recipients' names are called.

Please come out and bring your family and friends. A Meet and Greet reception will be held in honor of the award recipients following the program. Mrs. Olivia Thompkins is the President of the Effort Club.



DR. KENDALL JONES AND FAMILY CELEBRATE PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

6th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

By Wanda Davis

The weekend of October 13th and 14th turned out to be a weekend of celebration and love. The New Bethel Baptist Church Family celebrated the 6th anniversary of our pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

The celebration began on Saturday evening, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. with a beautiful banquet that was held at the Event Center, 330 Summit Square Court, Winston-Salem, N.C. Approximately 160 members and friends came out in their formal/semi-formal dressed to impress attire.

Mrs. Tina Carson-Wilkins served as Mistress of Ceremony. The Invocation was given by Deacon James Brown. We had a musical selection by Willie Mason and Friends and the blessing of the food, Trustee Daniel Piggott. A wonderful and delicious meal was catered by our very own member, Mrs. Jeannette Hatcher.

Following the dinner, we had lovely remarks from Mrs. Vivian Burke, Council Member (Northeast Ward) and Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Winston-Salem. Remarks and a musical selection were given by Rev. C. Anthony Jones, Pastor of United Cornerstone Baptist Church. We were also delighted to have remarks coming from our guest minister, Rev. Dr. F. Delano R. Benson, Jr., Senior pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri.

The evening concluded with a presentation from Mrs. Alfreda Smith. She elaborated on the them: “Looking Back...Reaching Forward.” This theme helps members remember and honor their ministry past. It provides a great opportunity to review what God has done in our church during the past year. While we keep an eye on the past, we are reaching toward the future.

During the closing of the banquet, greetings and presentations were presented to Pastor Jones with a “Gathering” followed by Associate Ministers, Church Officers and Outreach Ministries. The celebration ended with everyone standing, singing “Amazing Grace,” lead by Ms. Linda Feemster.

The celebration continued on Sunday morning, October 14th with a lovely processional; Pastor Jones and First Lady Mae Jones, followed by Associate Ministers, Deacons/Trustees and the Mass Choir. Rev. Deborah Odom served as Worship Leader. Mrs. Rosetta Pauling read the scripture and Deacon John Posey gave the Invocation. Mrs. Cynthia Curtis presented us The Occasion. We had a beautiful and spiritual presentation by our Liturgical Dance Team, under the leadership of Ms. Brooke Brown and Company. Mrs. Bonnie Moorman introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. F. Delano R. Benson, Jr. He delivered a dynamic message. His inspirational message focused on God's assignment for us. II Kings 4:1-7. His topic was, “Preach the Gospel—The Blessing is in the house.” He gave us points on achieving, receiving and how to use the blessings after we get the blessing.

We were truly blessed as always from the musical selections that were rendered by our Mass Choir. Following the sermon by Dr. Benson, there were additional presentations given to Pastor Jones and First Lady Mae Jones. An Anniversary Presentation was presented by Trustee and Mrs. Richard Walker from the New Bethel Church Family. Remarks of gratitude and expressions of thanks were given by First Lady Mae Jones and Pastor Jones.

We give God the Glory for such a beautiful 6th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to the Planning Committee for your dedication and love toward making this Anniversary a success. Mrs. Brenda Redd and Ms. Wanda Davis were the Co-Chairpersons of the Anniversary events.

Golden Celebrates 97 Years

By Diane Piggott

Ms. Flora Golden celebrated 97 years of life on Sunday, October 14, 2012. A dear friend remembered her with a sheet cake with a picture of her standing beside her 1963 turquoise Chevrolet Impala as a part of the cake's decoration. It read, “Happy 97th Birthday” across the top and “God Bless You” along the bottom.

She has been the owner of this vehicle for about 50 years. She is often stopped and asked about the car. Yes! She drove it to church that Sunday.

Ms. Golden is a faithful and dedicated member of New Bethel. She shared her cake with the members of her beloved Effort Club that met that day at the home of Mrs. Susie Drayton.

The church saluted her during the morning services on that Sunday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAKE HONORS MS. FLORA GOLDEN'S 97TH BIRTHDAY



DAVID AND JOB PRAYER COTTAGE CELEBRATE WITH FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Cottages Celebrate Two Blessed And Successful Years

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton, M.Div., P-BCC

On Saturday, October 6, 2012, six New Bethel Prayer Cottages came together to celebrate and thank God for two wonderful years of fellowship and growth. The Prayer Cottage members enjoyed an afternoon of prayer, worship and fellowship. The celebration was held at Walkertown Community Park.

Rev. Dianne Horton began the program by giving the welcome. Sister Mae Jones read scripture. Trustee Elwood Ford prayed.

Each cottage came prepared to share a presentation. All of the presentations were creative and inspirational. Here is a brief highlight about each one.

- Genesis Prayer Cottage (Sister Carol Poe, Leader) shared testimonies and encouraged all those in attendance to let go and let God. This was visually demonstrated by releasing a balloon bouquet.
- The Worship and Praise Prayer Cottage (Sister Barbara Ford, Leader) presented a skit that introduced us to a character, played by Brother Willie Malachi, that was struggling with the pressures of life. The members of the cottage offered encouragement to him by sharing scripture.
- The David & Job Prayer Cottage (Sister Barbara Hairston and Sister Barbara Smith, Co-Leaders) shared stories of David and Job that demonstrated how we can all be inspired by these two biblical heroes. Their presentation included a soul rousing poem penned and recited by Brother Gary Hairston titled, *To God Be The Glory*.
- The Lion of Judah Prayer Cottage (Trustee Carl Bankhead, Leader) presented a display board that depicted their many activities over the past two years. Rev. Azuree Johnson-Dalton elaborated on their activities which included a prayer ride, a prayer walk, foot washing and visitation.
- The Isaiah Prayer Cottage (Trustee Richard Walker, Leader) offered personal testimonies that answered the question, what has the Lord donee for you? They reported that answering this thought and praise provoking question is how they start all of their cottage meetings.
- The Intercessors Prayer Cottage (Sister Geri Bell, Leader) presented a skit where we were introduced to Sister Helen, played by Sister Mae Jones. Sister Helen was inquiring about a prayer cottage, as well as, the power of prayer. The prayer cottage members share scriptures and Christian wisdom with her to help support her in her prayer life and relationship with God.

The program ended with all cottage members united in hands, hearts and spirits for a final word of prayer led by Dr. Jones. Following the program everyone in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal.

Senior Ministry Hosts Educational Event

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton, M.Div., P-BCC

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Senior Ministry hosted a *Lunch & Learn* in the Drayton Multipurpose Room. This educational event was open to the entire New Bethel congregation. The potluck style lunch was tasty, and as always, plentiful.

Our guest speaker was Sergeant C. P. Sayers. Sgt. Sayers serves in the Community Services Section of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. The topic of his presentation was Personal Safety, Scams and Identity Theft. Sgt. Sayers provided those in attendance with good and useful information to help us avoid becoming a victim of these crimes.

Sgt. Sayers describes his service to the community as his mission and his joy. He has served in law enforcement for thirty years. **(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)**

SENIOR MINISTRY... *Continued*

During the course of his career he has been assigned to all aspects of the job: Civil, Patrol, Narcotics, Court Security, Transportation and Criminal Investigations. The Senior Ministry was very blessed by this guest. We are grateful for Sgt. Sayers' willingness to share his time and expertise with our church.

MICHAEL CURTIS... *Continued*

vote and on people exercising that right. If [we don't], more and more people will start being underrepresented."

If elected, the presidential candidates in this election have several issues they direly need to address, as the majority of voters this year have concerns about certain social and fiscal issues that have exacerbated over the recent years. Michael is particularly concerned about foreign policy and the national debt. Also, as an education major, he is aware of the heavy **(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 3)**



MRS. LUCILLE WOFFORD SPENCER PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

Mrs. Lucille Wofford Spencer Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Lucille Wofford Spencer, "Aunt Cile," 99, passed away peacefully at her home at 2:20 a.m. on October 19, 2012.

She was a Gold Star member of New Bethel Baptist Church and was faithful in her service to the church for most of her life until her health failed. She was a member of the Missionary Department, Sunday School, Senior Choir and the Effort Club.

Mrs. Spencer retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company after 39 years of service. She enjoyed Bible Study and sports. She loved baseball and basketball.

She leaves to cherish her memories loving and devoted nieces, Artrice Martin (her caregiver) and Cherrlyn (Harry) Jones; nephew, Benny (Virginia) Wofford; great nephews, Timothy Matthews, Ryan Jones and Justin Jones; great nieces, Arnita Wofford and Shantae Wilson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at New Bethel with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Douthit Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Deaths and Funerals

Mr. Nicholas Franklin Thompson, Jr.

Mr. Nicholas F. Thompson, Jr. passed on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home after an extended illness. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church with Bishop Seth O. Lartey officiating. Interment was at the Salisbury National Cemetery. Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. Thompson was the father of Mrs. Lennetta (Deacon Joseph) Bartley, grandfather of Chante Thompson and Jaleesa A. Bartley and great-grandfather of Jolen Thompson.

MICHAEL CURTIS... *Continued*

workload and lack of respect teachers endure throughout their careers, so he believes more emphasis should be placed on education and the importance of teaching. "Teachers should get higher salaries and should also be given higher expectations and goals to achieve," he says.

Whatever your concerns about our nation may be, anyone who hasn't already voted early is strongly urged to make their voices heard this Tuesday. Individual votes add up, so each vote does indeed matter.