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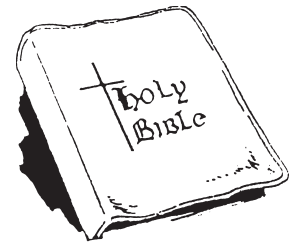
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Pastor To Observe First Anniversary October 14 Annual Laymen's Day Scheduled For October 21

Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., To Speak For Annual Laymen's Day

By Hattie Ingram

The Laymen's League of New Bethel will celebrate its Annual Laymen's Day Observance on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The celebration marks the 48th Anniversary of the Laymen. Our Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., will be the featured speaker.

During the service, Trustee Carl Bankhead will serve as Worship Leader. Other program participants are: Mr. Keith Smith, Scripture; Trustee Gerald Pauling, Prayer; Mr. Myran Hairston, Announcements/Recognition of Visitors; and Mr. William Poe, Introduction of Speaker.

Trustee Charles Hunt is president of the Laymen's League.

Drayton Honored By Sigmas

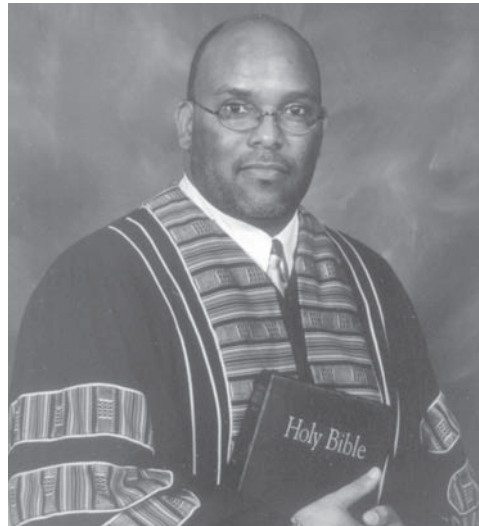
By Diane Piggott

Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church, was honored on Saturday, September 15, 2008 by the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated at its Sigma Heritage Awards Gala. The gala was held in the McNeil Ballroom of the Anderson Conference center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University at 6:30 p.m. The event honored Sigma brothers and distinguished community leaders.

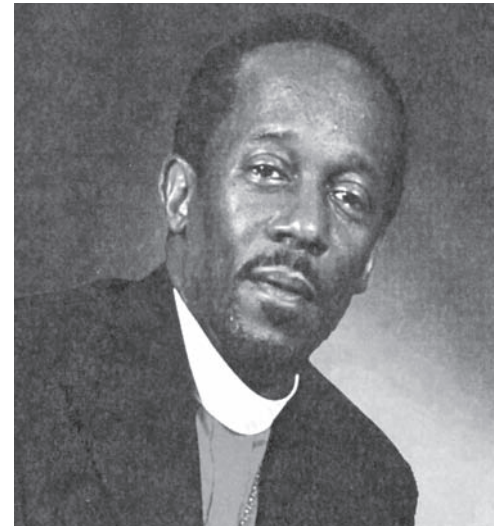
Drayton was singled out for his record of
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**DR. JERRY DRAYTON
HONORED BY THE SIGMAS**



**DR. KENDALL D. JONES, SR.
OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY-OCT. 14TH
TO SPEAK FOR LAYMEN-OCT. 21ST**



**BISHOP SHERWOOD T. DAVIS
ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER**

Dr. Kendall Jones to Celebrate 1st Pastoral Anniversary

By Carolyn C. Crosby

The New Bethel Baptist Church Family will celebrate the first Pastoral and the 24th Ministerial Anniversary of our Pastor, Dr. Kendall Dwayne Jones, Sr. on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for this illustrious occasion will be Bishop Sherwood T. Davis, Sr., Pastor of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Bishop Davis is a native of Lumberton, North Carolina and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Winston-Salem State University. He also received a Master of Theology from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He was licensed at Union Baptist Church under the late Dr. B. F. Daniels and ordained under the Lumber River Baptist Association — Dr. E. B. Turner. Bishop Davis was also consecrated to the Bishopric by the late Bishop Robert Evans, Jr. under Beth-El Churches of Christ, Inc.

He is a member of the Winston-Salem & Vicinity Minister's Conference; CHANGE of Winston-Salem; the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Women's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina; and Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The celebration will begin on Saturday, with a Family Fun Day event which will be held at Old Town Park. Many games and activities are planned for all ages to enjoy. A Dessert Contest is planned and a Basketball Game that will feature the old school players against the young school players.

Services will conclude on Sunday with a special anniversary program. Deacon John Posey, Chairman of the Deacon Board will be the Worship Leader. Mr. Chris Farabee, Jr. is the chairperson of the Music Ministry. He will be assisted by Ms. Audrey Brown, Ms. Linda Feemster, Mrs. Peggy McCullough, Mr. Steve Thornton, Mr. David Mason, and Ms. Towanna VanEaton. Dinner will be served following the worship service in the Drayton Fellowship Hall.

Trustee Carolyn C. Crosby and Ms. Audrey Brown are co-chairpersons of the Anniversary events.

DRAYTON HONORED BY SIGMAS... *Continued*

academic excellence, professional involvement, prestigious accomplishments and personal integrity. It was also noted that he graced the pulpit of New Bethel Baptist Church for more than sixty-two years where he served the city, state and nation. Brother Reginald McCaskill presented him his award. His gracious wife, Susie Jones Drayton, accompanied him. Dr. and Mrs. Kendall D. Jones, Pastor and First Lady of

New Bethel along with several New Bethel members were in attendance.

Other community leaders recognized along with Dr. Drayton were: Attorney Annie Brown Kennedy and Darryl Hunt. Sigma brothers recognized at this affair were: Beaufort O. Bailey, Benjamin W. Warren, Jakay W. Ervin, Marshall B. Bass, Robert E. Brower, Frizzell Forbes, Henry S. Lewis and James W. Ferree.

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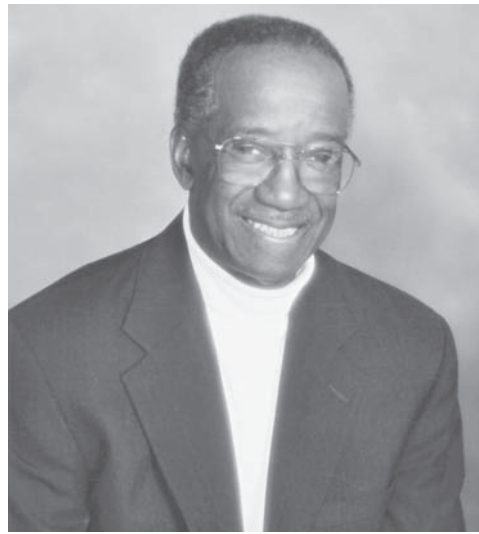
Editorial Using God's Gifts

By Shirley Willis

God gives us gifts (talents, abilities) that sometimes go unused because we take them for granted or think they are insignificant or don't recognize them as gifts. For example, the gift of a contagious smile and the winning way of encouraging or uplifting the discouraged are gifts not to be taken lightly. God can use these gifts to further the cause of His Kingdom.

Just take a moment to notice all the things that go on to make a successful Sunday service and note the many persons using their talents in so many different ways, starting with the parking assistants who guide you to a parking space, to the ushers who greet you at the entrance and help you find a seat and the nurses on stand-by to help with medical needs, to the persons who sing to the glory of God and the musicians who accompany them, to the ministers who lead in the worship service, to those who communicate through announcements, to the Pastor who preaches the Word — these are all individuals who visibly display their talents. Then, there are others who work in the background who are not so visible, but whose contributions are just as important in carrying out the mission of the church. They include the videographers who record each Sunday's service and those who take photos of special events, and there are the persons who decorate the pulpit each week with beautiful flowers, the ladies and men who prepare for the communion service, and the emergency team members who are on stand-by for medical emergencies.

Then, there are mentors for the youth; persons who write articles for the church newspaper, *The Spotlight*; those who visit, call, and/or send cards to the sick and shut-in; those **(Continued Page 3, Column 1, Article 3)**



**DEACON CHARLES ROBINSON
PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY**

Deacon Charles Edward Robinson Passes Unexpectedly

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Charles Edward Robinson departed this life on August 28, 2007, following a short period of illness. Mr. Robinson was a lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, N.C., and attended Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. He retired from McLean Trucking Company and The Forsyth County School System. After retiring, he was employed as a part-time school bus driver.

Mr. Robinson attended New Bethel, where he had many church affiliations that included Sunday School Teacher, Mass Choir, Laymen's League, Deacon Board, Baptist Training Union, President of the Forsyth County Baptist Training Union and Chairman of the Forsyth County Deacons Union Executive Board.

Surviving are his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Mrs. Nira Robinson, one daughter, Myra (Dennis) Wilson; two brothers, Albert and Donald Robinson. Two sons-in-law, Larry Massey and Romulus Simpson, two granddaughters, one grandson, two great-grandsons, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was funeralized on August 31, 2007 with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating and Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.

New Bethel Baptist Church 3rd Quarter Outreach Report

The Missionaries are continuing their ongoing projects, which consists of: giving clothing to those in need, calling and visiting with the sick and shut-ins, sending cards and monetary gifts.

The Young Adult Missionaries are: sending get well cards to the sick and shut-in, participating in the detention ministry supplying them with paper, pens, pencils, envelopes and writing materials. The following donations have been made to: **(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2)**

Youth Corner



**MAIYA THOMAS
YOUTH REPORTER**

Introducing Maiya Thomas

By Maiya Thomas

For those who don't know me, my name is Maiya Thomas. I am a 10th grader at Parkland High School. Ever since the summer time, I was ready to get back to school. I didn't know what to do. Now that I'm back in school, it's tiring, but it's worth it! I always have something to do. I also realize that I really like math. It comes easier to me now because I understand it and I have a "goofy" math teacher who makes it fun! Of course, I still love having fun with my friends. We all know that we're at school to learn, but in the process we are still having fun just talking and being "mature" kids. To help me out with college, I've started applying for different scholarships. So far, I've applied for about five scholarships and one grant. I'm also in the Crosby Scholars Program at school. I'm really looking forward to applying for more scholarships. Just pray for me as I continue in school. Thank you!

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Red Cross \$25, The Salvation Army \$40, Habitat of Forsyth County \$50, the Shepherd's Center \$50, Kimberley Park School, \$50, Metropolitan A.M.E.Z. Church \$50, sick and shut-ins \$40, Rescue Mission \$68.40, 12 wash clothes, 22 bars of soap, 12 deodorants, 5 bath towels, 10 disposable razors, 2 tubes of tooth paste.

The Sunday School's outreach consisted of: 304 visits, 474 phone calls, 131 letters and cards, 100 meals-on-wheels served, 9 bags of groceries, 20 dinners, 8 bags of clothing, 4 bags of clothing to Goodwill Industries, \$30 to the Rescue Mission, 7 boxes of clothing to Veterans of America and \$1500 donation.

The officers and members of the church served Communion to 27 sick and shut-ins.

The Willing Workers sent cards to the sick and shut-ins and food to Meals-On-Wheels.

The Bereavement Committee served 4 bereaved families, delivered 3 basic boxes, sent numerous cards and letters to the sick and shut-ins.

The flower club sent numerous cards and letters to the sick and shut-ins.

Thomas Stresses Being Spirit Led

By Diane Piggott

Dr. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Plainfield, New Jersey brought a powerful series of messages for the annual revival of New Bethel Baptist Church from September 18 through September 20, 2007.

Before beginning his message on Tuesday, Thomas remarked, "You've made an excellent choice in calling Dr. Kendall D. Jones as your pastor and I thank God for this privilege." He then proceeded to give his text, Ezekiel 18:29-32 with the subject, "God's Wake Up Call." On Wednesday, he came very direct with the subject, "The Power of Choices" from Zechariah 4:6. The final message on Thursday came from the subject, "The Composition of a Spiritual Church" which was based in I Corinthians 12:3-27.

The musical tone was set for worship each evening. On Tuesday, Madam Mary L. Haynie and the Victory Praise Ensemble provided music, Wednesday's music was provided by Mt. Zion Baptist Church's Inspirational Choir and the S. D. Johnson Celestial Mass Choir provided Thursday's music.

We ended a series of messages that called us to harken to the voice of God, that we all have choices and if we follow God's word we will have the composition of a spiritual church.

Shop at Food Lion To Support Ushers and Nurses Boards

By Ron Wilkins

The ushers and nurses have launched a fundraiser to provide for New Bethel and its members through Food Lion Shop and Share Program. Every time you shop at Food Lion, have your MVP Card scanned and a percentage of your grocery purchases will be donated to New Bethel. You don't have to buy anything special or pay anything extra for your food, and you won't lose out on any other discounts on the groceries you buy.

On a quarterly basis, Food Lion will mail a check to New Bethel, and the funds will go into the Ushers and Nurses Boards' treasury.

Please bring your card with you to church so they can get the number off the back to register it. If you don't have an MVP card, please be willing to sign up for one. If you have not signed up yet, please sign up today. See any member of the Nurses Board or the Usher Board to get your MVP card linked with New Bethel. Your support will be appreciated.

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who console the bereaved and those who prepare food for the families of the bereaved, etc. There are so many others who use their talents in various ways not mentioned here — all for the glory of God.

The point is it is important to let God use you. Ask Him how you can be used. Look around the church and find out where you can be used.

If you are a new member, ask about ways you can be used. The officer who contacts you regularly might be the person with whom you initially explore these opportunities. Jump right in and get busy! If you are an established member but uninvolved, think about, and pray about, ways you might use your talents at New Bethel.

There is still (and always will be) work to be done and God can certainly use you.



LT. JIWAN MACK
CHIEF ENGINEER

Lieutenant Jiwan Mack Is Chief Engineer Of USS Samuel B. Roberts

By Hattie Ingram

Lieutenant Jiwan Mack recently reported for duty onboard the Guided Missile Frigate, *USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS*, as the Chief Engineer. *The Roberts*, whose homeport is Mayport, Florida, primarily conducts counter drug operations throughout The Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Prior to Mack's arrival on the ship, he completed a rigorous six-month course of study at the *Navy's Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS)* in Newport, Rhode Island. While at SWOS, he took courses in physics, chemistry, thermodynamics, and electrical and mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, he received the "Top Snipe" Award, an honor given to the most outstanding engineer in the class.

Before reporting to Rhode Island, Mack served as the Information Superiority Operations Officer for the Standing Joint Force Headquarters in Miami, Florida. While there, he traveled throughout Central and South America conducting operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism. He also performed additional duties as an admissions officer for the United States Naval Academy in the Miami-Dade and Fort Lauderdale Regions.

Mack's career in the Navy started when he graduated with honors from Carver High School in 1996 and accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. At Navy, he played football and participated in a number of other organizations and activities. After four years of academic, physical, and professional training, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and was commissioned to serve as an officer in the United States Navy.

During a brief visit home in July, Mack reflected on his days growing up in New Bethel and attending the local public schools. He talked about how much he benefited from the love and support of his church, the schools he attended, his family, and many friends. He is the son of James and Dollye Mack and the brother of former Trustee, Jamall Mack.

Lieutenant Mack currently resides in Jacksonville, Florida with his wife, Mya and their beautiful, Kaylah. The couple is expecting their second child in January.



MRS. ETHEL WHITE STOWE
EDITOR EMERITUS OF THE SPOTLIGHT

Former Spotlight Editor Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Ethel White Stowe passed on Monday, September 10, 2007, at Forsyth Medical Center.

Mrs. Stowe was born in Lancaster, S.C. to Henry and Mary White. After the death of her father, the family relocated to Winston-Salem, where she attended the Winston-Salem public schools, and graduated from Atkins High School. Mrs. Stowe attended Winston-Salem Teacher's College for two years, majoring in English. While at college, she sang in the College Choir, under the direction of Dr. James A. Dillard. She left college due to the death of her mother and to marry her spouse, Sgt. William Edward Stowe, who had returned from World War II.

Mrs. Stowe also attended McLean's Business School. She was employed at Davis Department Store where she retired after 30 years of service.

Mrs. Stowe, the wife of the late trustee William Stowe, performed the duties of a Trustee's wife, was a dedicated member of New Bethel, was a gold star member of the church with a membership that extended over 60 years, was president of the Journalistic Society and a former editor of *The Spotlight* (the church newspaper) and remained editor emeritus until her death. She was a group captain in the Effort Club, a member of the Flower Club, the Missionary Circle, Bereavement Committee, and Sunday School Class #5.

She leaves to cherish beautiful memories, her three daughters, Patricia, (Donald, Ph.D.) Cordell, Ph.D. of Auburn Hills, MI; Sandra (Edward, II) Chavis of Fayetteville, and Carol (Alfred) Poe of Winston-Salem, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Stowe was funeralized on September 15, 2007, with Dr. Kendall Jones giving the Eulogy and Russell Funeral Home in charge of services and arrangements.

Johnson Delivers Initial Sermon

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Azurée D. Johnson, Assistant Minister at New Bethel, delivered her initial sermon on Sunday, September 23, 2007 at New Bethel Baptist Church during the 11 a.m. morning services. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel made the introduction with the purpose of the occasion.

Nearly twenty family members including her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Johnson from the Philadelphia area and classmates from Wake Forest Divinity School joined Rev. Johnson. She approached the pulpit giving God the praise for her being there. She offered prayer before announcing her text of Mark 5:25-34 and used as a subject, "Searching For Deliverance In Unexpected Places."

An emotional Johnson came forward at the conclusion of her message to receive a certificate of recognition from Dr. Jones. A congratulatory repast was given in her honor for all in attendance in the Multipurpose Room of the church following the morning service.

Lott Carey Working To Build New Orleans

By Lucille McCormick

The 110th annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention met August 13-17, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme was: "Risen For New Life," Romans 6:4. Pastor Samuel Tolbert, Jr. and Pastor Henry Blake were host committee chairmen. Dr. Keith A. Troy is president.

Lott Carey, an African American Global Mission and Relief Agency, received many large cash donations for their outreach to others. The convention is blessed to have such a wonderful partnership with the churches. Lott made a civic and economic impact in the area by bringing the convention to the city. More than two thousand delegates from all over the world were present. They worked throughout the city during the week.

Dr. David E. Goatley, Secretary/Treasurer of Lott Carey stated, "It is such an unusual testament of the Christian Mission that we are honored to help the Gulf Region rise again. We plan to leave New Orleans in a better condition than we found it. 2008 Lott Carey will be held in Rochester, New York."

Ministry Through Dance

By Diane Piggott

The Dance Team of New Bethel is just months old under the direction of Ms. Nikki Brown. The team performed recently during the second Sunday Service.

Members of the Dance Team are: Jasmine Moss, LaShyia Mankins, La Trecia Mankins, Kayla Mankins, Naikesha Poe-Smith, Cierra Campbell, Ashley Smith, Cierra Robertson, DeShawna Bradley, Tammicia Kelly and Nzinga Hawkins. As they practice each Monday at 6:30 p.m., Nikki plays a selection that they use for the dance and explains the message that the singer is trying to get across to his audience. They discuss this message and each dancer has knowledge of the Christian thought that the song contains.

They have been invited to perform on a couple of occasions. They performed on the program for the Volunteers for Christian Service and for an Atkins High School Reunion Class.

The group would like to have both male and female dancers in many age groups. Presently, Nikki is the sole choreographer. She feels that others will contribute as they gain experience.



MRS. PEGGY ANN HAIRSTON CONRAD DEPARTED PEACEFULLY AT HOME

Mrs. Peggy Ann Hairston Conrad Passes After Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Peggy Ann Hairston Conrad, a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, departed this earthly life peacefully at home Saturday morning, September 15, 2007.

She graduated from Atkins High School in 1952 and attended A&T State University in Greensboro. Peggy was a cook for many years at The Children's Home and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and retired from Integon Insurance Company. For the past few years she has been the primary caregiver to her husband, David.

She became a member of New Bethel Baptist Church at a very young age, where she was a member for more than 50 years, earning her position as a Gold Star member. At New Bethel, she served in several auxiliaries including The Spiritual Choir, Missionary Department, Sunday School and others.

Peggy leaves behind to carry on her legacy of love, a loving husband of 53 years, David Lester Conrad Sr. of the home; four children, Renee Conrad of High Point; David Conrad Jr. of Charlotte; and Kristy (James) Franklin Jr. and Latrice (Antonio) Benjamin, all of Winston-Salem, seven grandchildren, two sisters, Sadie (Lester) Hairston and Andrea Hairston, seven sisters-in-law and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Eulogy was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton, and Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.



MRS. EARLENE JAMES LEACH DEPARTS AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

Mrs. Earlene James Leach Passes After Period of Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Earlene James Leach, formerly of Healy Towers and Somerset Court, was born in Iredell County and attended Iredell County Schools. She departed this life on September 18, 2007 after an extended illness.

She was a chef by trade and before moving to Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1970, she owned her own restaurant business in Harmony, N.C.

Earlene joined Rock Creek A.M.E. Zion Church at an early age in Turnersburg, N.C. After moving to Winston-Salem, N.C., she joined New Bethel Baptist Church where she served as a Missionary and was a member of the Sunday School Department.

She was the proud mother of nine children. She is survived by three sons, Charles (Dolores) Leach of New Jersey, Leonard Leach of Statesville, N.C., and Collie Leach of Winston-Salem, N.C., two daughters, Shirley (Howard) Femister of Statesville, N.C., and Eva Leach McWillis of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two step children, Edward (Debra) Nichols of Virginia and Bonnie Muse of Baltimore, Maryland, a devoted grandson, Jerry (Sue) Leach of Clemmons, two granddaughters that she helped raise, two daughters-in-law, an adopted sister, Cleo (Sylvester) Palmer, Brooklyn, N.Y., 35 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. delivered the Eulogy and Russell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH LITURGICAL DANCERS