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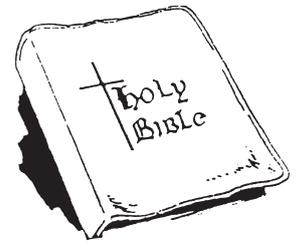
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Laymen's League to Observe 46th Annual Laymen's Day October 16



**DEACON JOHN POSEY
RECEIVES PROMOTION**

Deacon John Posey Is Named Night Audit Manager At Twin City Quarter Complex

By Hattie Ingram

Deacon John Posey has been promoted from Income Auditor to Night Audit Manager at the Twin City Quarter Complex which contains the Embassy Suites, Marriott and the M.C. Benton Convention Center (formerly the Adam's Mark Hotel).

Posey's duties will include overseeing the third shift operation of this hotel with the main focus on guest interaction at the front desk and auditing all outlets generating financial and statistical reports for property level and corporate level. This facility is composed of 467 hotel rooms. The Convention center, a mammoth structure of 84,458 square feet, houses numerous banquets, conventions, shows and various entertainment events. Posey, who was selected as top manager of the year in 2002 by Adam's Mark, is a 21 year employee of this establishment.

At New Bethel, he is Chairman of the Deacon Board, member of the Finance Committee, President of the Voices of Praise, Sunday School Teacher, member of Cathedral Choir, Communion Singers and the Monday Night Bible Study Class.

He and his wife Jackie are parents of two daughters, Deanna, a junior at North Carolina Central University and Sharee, a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Rainbow Tea to Focus On Katrina Victims

By Diane Piggott

The Martha Missionary Group of New Bethel Baptist Church will dedicate its annual Rainbow Tea on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at 4 p.m. to help victims of Hurricane Katrina down in the Gulf Coast states. Mrs. Alfreda Smith asked the group what they wanted to do for this year's tea and overwhelmingly the group said, "Let's do something to help those whose lives have been ravaged by the hurricanes."

The group is still seeking out the best way to respond to this disaster. The help could come in the form of adopting a family as many families have moved to the area having lost all possessions as a result of the hurricane. They are asking all those planning to attend the annual tea to bring nonperishable goods to the affair. It will again feature tables that are decorated in the colors of the "rainbow," hence its name, and showcase a variety of delicious treats upon the tables. The membership has selected table colors and will begin making plans for the delicacies to have at their tables.

Mark your calendar for the festive occasion of fellowship.

Journalistic Society and Spotlight Staff To Observe Joint Anniversaries

The Journalistic Society and the *Spotlight* Staff will observe joint Anniversaries on Sunday, October 9, 2005 by sitting in a body during the 11:00 worship service. This observance marks the 49th Anniversary of the Journalistic Society and the 52nd Anniversary of the *Spotlight* Staff.

These groups will continue their support of the outreach ministries of New Bethel by presenting donations to the Scholarship Fund and Missions. Mrs. Hattie Ingram is president of the Journalistic Society and Editor of the *Spotlight*.



**REV. DR. DONALD RAY JENKINS
LAYMEN'S DAY SPEAKER**

Rev. Dr. Donald Ray Jenkins 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 16, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. This celebration marks the 46th Anniversary of the Laymen. The Reverend Dr. Donald Ray Jenkins, Associate Minister at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church will be the featured speaker.

Reverend Jenkins is a native of Weldon, North Carolina and was educated in the local system there. He received his undergraduate training at North Carolina Central University in Durham and his graduate training at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He earned the Ph.D. degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is currently enrolled in the Master's of Divinity program at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Reverend Jenkins has been in the Christian Ministry for more than twenty-four years and recently ended an eleven-year pastorate at Shiloh Baptist Church in Mocksville, North Carolina. He has also pastored at churches in Orrum and Laurinburg, North Carolina.

He further serves as Interim Director of Secondary Education of the College of Arts and Science at Winston-Salem State University
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Editorial How's The School Year Going?

By Diane Piggott

It's twenty-six days into the school year for the public school students of Winston-Salem. It's time for parents and guardians to make a check on their child's progress if they haven't done so already! It's a little later this year with the new state law; mandating no school start before August 25.

Has your student developed a routine with good study habits? Have any difficulties shown up in particular classes? Are they making new friends and establishing healthy alliances? Do you know his or her schedule?

Difficulties in subjects can be dealt with using tutors. Peer tutoring is an option that works well with some students. Teachers can be contacted for after school help. Friends may be utilized for extra help in the evenings.

As a parent, have you made contact with each of your child's teachers? Teachers are being asked to do more with less help on the elementary level. Teacher assistants were cut on this level. Parents might do well to initiate the first contact!

High school seniors should be busy investigating post secondary institutions and filling out applications. The next SAT date is November 5, but you would have to pay a late fee by October 12 in order to take it. The date after that without a penalty is December 3 and you must register by October 28. Seniors should be signed up to take it if it is a requirement for your college or university. The new writing component of the SAT should be taken seriously. The Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey
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New Bethel Presents Its Third Quarter Outreach Report

By Myra Wilson

New Bethel's auxiliaries continued to have a heart of giving for the months of July, August, and September.

The Missionaries have been busy this quarter. The Ruth group is involved with the Prison Ministry, Elizabeth group is preparing gift bags to be delivered in October, Esther group sent 10 cards and donated \$50 to the American Red Cross, \$15 to the Disabled Vets, \$50 to the Salvation Army, \$400 to the Hurricane Fund, \$52.08 to the Rescue Mission, 21 bars of soap, 20 disposable razors, bottles of lotions. 1 large box of powder, 1 large tube of toothpaste, 1 large bottle of mouthwash, 5 deodorants, 1 aftershave lotion, 2 large shaving creams, 9 tooth brushes, 2 tooth brush holders, 6 pairs of shower slippers, and 1 dozen of bath clothing.

The Sunday School's outreach consisted of: 590 visits, 772 phone calls, 212 letters and cards, 191 Meals-On-Wheels served, 5 bags of clothing, 4 pairs of shoes, household goods and clothing given to Goodwill, 13 bags of groceries, 14 dinners, 1 lawn mower, and \$20 given to Crisis Control.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 22 members of our sick and shut-ins list.

The Willing Workers visited the sick and shut-ins in homes and nursing homes. They delivered many canned goods, and food to Meals-On-Wheels. They also had prayer with the prisoners here in the city.

The Volunteers for Christian Service visited the following nursing homes: Springwood, Silas Creek Manor, Brian Center and Winston-Salem Rehab Center. Telephone calls were made. They also visited the sick and their homes, had prayer, and sang songs with them. Clothes were given to the Salvation Army and the needy, and donations were given to the Katrina Relief Fund.

The Flower Club visited sick and shut-ins and took gifts. A donation of \$75 was given to Young Life and \$75 donation was given to Feed the Children.

This concludes the third quarter outreach report. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you for your gifts and sacrifices.

Fall Festival Set For October 29

By Diane Piggott

The Baptist Training Union will again sponsor a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2005 in the Multipurpose Room of New Bethel Baptist Church at 6 p.m. This is an alternative to celebrating Halloween. It is for fellowship of the church family and guests.

The teachers met on Saturday, October 1 to discuss plans for the event. It will feature games, activities and a hot dog supper. If you would like to sponsor an activity, please contact Diane Piggott, Program Chairperson or Trustee Wesley Curtis, Jr., Director of the Baptist Training Union.

Youth Corner



SHARIKA GROOMS
YOUTH REPORTER

We Are Truly Blessed!!!

By Sharika Grooms

As we look around us everyday, all we see and hear is bad news. The media, newspapers, and radios are full of devastation from the hurricanes, to missing children, sex offenders, people killing each other for no reason, etc. We can go on and on, but **we are truly blessed!!!**

God has truly blessed us to live without any hurt, harm, or danger to come among us. Now looking back at the hurricane Katrina victims, some of them think that they have lost everything—their homes, families, pets, and things that were important to them. **But they are truly blessed!!!**

Look at all the nice weather that we have been having. Great for football games on Friday and Saturday nights, not a storm in sight. We have had our share of rain, but not enough to bring floods to North Carolina. **We are still blessed!!!**

I am glad to see that people from all over the world have reached out to help the hurricane victims. There have been a lot of monetary donations; people donating their time to help cleanup; give medical attention; and lots of love to these victims who have lost a lot. **They are truly blessed!!!**

We have opened our doors to give some of the victims a place to stay. Some kids have been placed in schools to help continue their education; given food and clothing. We are truly helping others the way God wants us to. **We are blessed!!!**

The hurricane victims have not lost everything, they still have GOD!!! We must put God first, trust him and believe that he will work everything out. **That's why we are all truly blessed!!!**

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combines the best score on any taking of the SAT to come up with a combined "best" composite score.

These are a few suggestions to help you stay on top of your child for a successful school year. Best wishes!



**MEMBERS OF ATKINS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955 –
LEFT TO RIGHT: KENNETTA THOMPSON, MARY BRADLEY, CORAL JACKSON,
SARAH BROWN, AND DOROTHY SHIPP**

Fabulous Fifty

By Lennetta Bartley

On the weekend of July 22, the 1955 graduating class of Atkins High School celebrated their fiftieth class reunion. Five New Bethel members celebrated the joyous occasion: Mary Bradley, Sara Brown, Carl Jackson, Dorothy Shipp and Kennetta Thompson.

The Hawthorn Inn was the site of the festivities. Members of the class welcomed each other during registration, followed by a breakfast. The entire class returned to their Alma Mater for a customary group picture. The highlight of the weekend was the banquet. The women were outfitted in all white, while the men wore dark suits. White mortar boards decorated their crowns.

The Honorable Judge Denise Hartsfield was the speaker for the evening. Mr. Dan Piggott, the executive principal of the new Atkins High School, presented the graduates with mock diplomas (certificates of congratulations). He also shared the vision for the newly constructed Atkins High School and encouraged the alumni to volunteer.

The class worshipped at New Light Baptist Church on Sunday followed by dinner at V's Restaurant. A grand time was had by all.

Effort Club Is Making Plans For Race Progress Promoters Program

The Effort Club is making plans for its 81st Anniversary and the 9th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program which will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. The group will honor individuals and an organization for doing an outstanding job in promoting race progress and human betterment in the community. Individuals will receive awards for making major accomplishments in Religion, Medicine, Education, Sports, Business, Industry, The Arts, Human Services, Law and Volunteer Activities.

REV. DR. JENKINS...Continued

and a lecturer of English at North Carolina A&T State University. He has taught at North Carolina Central University, Livingston College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has served as a high school English teacher in Robeson County and Marlboro County, both in North Carolina.

Reverend Jenkins holds memberships in numerous professional organizations and has received many awards and honors for his outstanding service. He is married to the former Diann Swann of Laurinburg, North Carolina.

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Spiritual Choir's Annual Cookout Is Enjoyable Occasion

The Spiritual Choir and many invited guests enjoyed their 2nd Annual Cookout on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Bolton Park. Guest filtered in all afternoon with the fun ending around 6:30 p.m.

All of the choirs from New Bethel were invited and there was good representation from the Voices of Praise Choir, The Cathedral Choir, The Youth Choir, and the Communion Singers. Members from the Baptist Training Union stopped by after their Classes and meetings were over.

Fried Fish and a variety of dishes made for a wonderful time for those in attendance.

Trustee Carl Bankhead is President of the Spiritual Choir. Mrs. Peggy McCullough is Directress/Pianist for the Choir.

REV. DR. JENKINS...Continued

Other appearing on the program are Acting Pastor, Trustee Joseph Bartley; Scripture, Trustee James Brown; Prayer, Mr. Dennis Wilson; Announcements, Trustee Wesley Curtis; Recognition of Visitors, Nathaniel Davis; Introduction of Speaker, Trustee Gerald Pauling; Remarks, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor; and Trustee Charles Hunt, President of the Laymen's League, will make presentations.

Emergency Preparedness For a Hurricane

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have reinforced that man has no control of the weather and earth is not our permanent home. The Bible has told us about cities being destroyed, but it seems more real since we have witnessed the devastation to the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. When a storm is coming, we need to prepare and have a plan of response. Every household is encouraged to develop an emergency plan, which is the procedures your family will follow in case of a hurricane.

Hurricane Health and Safety Tips

1. Monitor local broadcasts (radio, TV, or internet) for official bulletin of the storms progress.
2. Keep your vehicles serviced and fueled in case evacuation is needed.
3. Prepare to cover doors and window openings with shielding materials like permanent storm shutters or plywood or metal covers.
4. Store or secure outside objects that could become flying debris like grills, toys or patio furniture.
5. Fill sanitized containers with fresh drinking water (1 gallon per person per day).
6. Check on non-perishable food, prescriptions, first aid kit supplies and stock up (at least three days worth).
7. Put fresh batteries in your weather radio and portable radio or TV and kid's handheld games.
8. Close all interior doors. Cover windows and glass doors.
9. Find a SAFE PLACE in your house.
10. Fix a Grab & Go Kit = What does your family need each day per person if you have to relocate in a hurry: family and emergency contact information, clothes, medicines, flashlight, radio, batteries, money, credit cards, blankets, toys, books, first aid kit and zip lock plastic baggies. Your emergency plan should detail what your family needs and prepare the kit and have it ready before the crisis.
11. Evacuate to a public shelter when instructed by emergency personnel and remain until instructed by emergency personnel that it is safe to return home.
12. Confine and secure pets with adequate supply of food and water.
13. Do not drive through flooded roads. Cars can be swept away or break down.

By Connie Smith,
Child Care Health Consultant

For more information, contact your local Red Cross chapter, National Weather Service office, or emergency management agency. You can also visit these Web sites:

American Red Cross:
www.redcross.org

National Weather Service:
www.nws.noaa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency:
www.fema.gov

Cheston's Third Revival Surpasses All

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Patrick L. Cheston, Pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church of West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, returned to New Bethel Baptist Church to deliver his third set of revival messages September 20-22, 2005. This third set of services was shortened to only three nights unlike the 5-day revival week when he first came in 2003.

It began just like his first revival experience, but just beginning on Tuesday night instead of Monday. A ten-week drought period ended in the city of Winston-Salem this night as the Lord used Rev. Cheston to deliver a message entitled, "Something Different About This Place" texturally based in Psalms 122: 1 and 2. As he poured out his heart, a storm battered against the windows of the sanctuary. I remember thinking, "He's preaching up a storm, both figuratively and literally." He exclaimed to the congregation, "There's no place quite like church! The church is not based upon the organ, or the choir or even the pulpit. The church is in you! The church has found a place in Me!" Rev. Cheston concluded his message with three things that make the church different. "First, the church has high position; second, the church isn't functional until it has people; and lastly, the church needs the POWER of the Lord!"

Wednesday's message was entitled, "What It Takes To Be A Friend Of God" based in the Book of James 2:21-24. Rev. Cheston revealed, "At one time or another, there's going to come a time, you'll need a friend! Whether you're young or old, high or low, fit or unfit, you'll need a friend. Not just anybody can be a friend. A friend must be loyal. Everyone who comes into your life is not your friend. You need to be picky about who your friends are." In conclusion, Cheston cited what it takes to be a friend of God. He informed the congregation that Abraham was a friend of God because "1) Abraham's priorities were to seek first the kingdom of God; 2) Abraham knew how to talk to God; and 3) Abraham's son and God's son had a pronounced life experience."

Thursday's night came too quickly! The two previous nights ended with nearly the entire congregation upon their feet exuberant about the message, What would Thursday bring? The night's text came from St. Matthew 26: 17-25 using as a subject, "When The Suspect Comes To Supper?" Cheston testified, "Every morning I wake up I'm convinced that there's no greater love than a man lay down his life for us!" In this text we find Jesus and His disciples gathered for The Last Supper. In *(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)*

New Bethel Members Enjoy Annual Fellowship Dinner

By Hattie Ingram

Each year Dr. Jerry Drayton, our Pastor, encourages all members to stay over after the morning worship service for our Annual Fellowship Dinner on the third Sunday in September. Most of our members did just that. This was the first year that we hadn't served breakfast and everyone was hungry. The planning committee concluded this because all of the food, except for a few slices of turkey and miscellaneous items were eaten. The pans containing mountains of fried chicken, roast beef and ham were empty. The delicious cabbage, green beans, corn, black-eyed peas and lima beans were gone before all in attendance were served. The scrumptious macaroni and cheese casserole was the first to disappear, and we made extra this year. Diners really enjoyed rice and gravy, potato salad, smoked sausages, bacon, baked apples and fat meat. Dinner rolls and corn bread were also favorites. Members drank many cups of tea and enjoyed assorted cakes, potato custards and French apple pie. All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Donnell Wynn was brave enough to work again this year with a group of women who had plenty of tips for this master chef. He smiled a lot, did things his way, quickly and smoothly, and the results were magnificent. He spent three full days making his magic work after working all night. Trustee Wesley Curtis always comes at the end of each dinner to help out wherever he can. This is a perfect time because committee members are tired and he never leaves until everything is in place. The Fellowship Dinner planning Committee appreciates both Wynn and Curtis. The Chairperson thanks all of the women who have undertaken this monumental task year after year, planning and preparing to help others enjoy themselves.

CHESTON'S THIRD... *Continued*
verse 21 Jesus declares "One of you shall betray me" and Judas responds, "Master, Is it I?" Cheston questioned, "What would make Judas betray Jesus?" He surmised, "Was it the price? Was it popularity? Or, was it position?" Cheston continued, "It was such a shock because Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss!" He smacked his lips, signifying a kiss, repeatedly while emitting pearls of wisdom to all, for example, "young people, be mindful of making the smacking sound."

The week slipped by far too quickly. This year's revival left an indelible impression upon the hearts and minds of those in attendance.

Deacon Joyner Attends National Baptist Convention

Deacon Douglas Joyner, Vice Chairman of New Bethel's Board of Deacons attended the National Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia during the week of September 5-10, 2005. Dr. William J. Shaw is President of the National Baptist Convention.

Deacon Joyner attended a seminar entitled: "Becoming an Effective Deacon." Deacon Luther W. Lewis of Kansas City, Missouri served as instructor of this seminar. The textbook, *The Baptist Deacon* by Robert E. Naylor, was prepared for the constituents of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement, Inc. 2005. Other reference used during the sessions were: (1) *The Deacon at Work*, (2) *Now That You're a Deacon*, (3) *The Emerging Role of Deacons*, and (4) *The Deacon in the Black Church*.

The seminar in which Deacon Joyner was enrolled, in its entirety, taught Deacons the importance of knowing and doing their job effectively. In order for this to happen, Deacons should: share opportunities for service among themselves, affirm that their primary reason for being is to involve themselves in ministries of compassion and helpfulness, obtain specific preparation for each ministry to which they commit themselves, stay informed of the latest trends and resources regarding Deacon ministries, cooperate with the church staff to assure them that the church is pursuing a common mission, and stay close to God and the Bible in their morality and spirituality.

Deaths and Funerals Relatives of New Bethel Members

MR. ROBERT LESTER (BOBBY) LEACH

Mr. Robert Lester (Bobby) Leach departed this life on Sunday, September 4, 2005 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Inter Faith Deliverance Church in Statesville, North Carolina with Rev. C. R. Lucky officiating. Burial followed in Veterans Cemetery in Statesville.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Earlene Leach, a sister, Mrs. Eva McWillis and a nephew, Mr. Jerry (Sue) Leach, all active members of New Bethel Baptist Church and many other relatives and friends.

MRS. EVA FULP MARTIN

Mrs. Eva Fulp Martin passed away on Friday, September 9, 2005 after a brief period of illness. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. at Gilmore's Funeral Chapel. Reverend Louis S. Werts officiated. Professional services were entrusted to Gilmore's. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

She is survived by one son and two daughters, granddaughters, Brenda Redd and Barbara Phelps, great granddaughters, Chasidy Phelps and Cherelle Phelps all active members of New Bethel.