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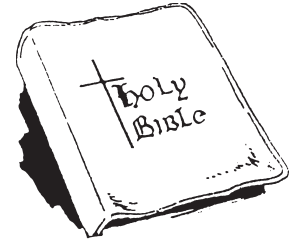
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## Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D. To Conduct Fall Revival



**REV. ARTIS HAIRSTON SMITH  
RETURNS TO NEW BETHEL**

### Rev. Artis Hairston Smith Comes Back To New Bethel

*By Hattie Ingram*

Rev. Artis Hairston Smith started attending New Bethel as a child when her father, the Rev. Richard L. Hairston, was an Associate Minister under the late Jerry Gilmore. After her father passed, she was baptized by Dr. Jerry Drayton and shortly thereafter attended her mother's home church. She recently returned to New Bethel which she identifies as "her family's church." She said that the Lord led her back to New Bethel.

She came back to New Bethel after having served as an Associate Minister at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church where she was licensed to preach the Gospel in November 1997 and ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry in December 2001. At St. Stephen, her involvement in church ministries included Sunday School Teacher, New Members Orientation, Resource Ministry Instructor, Prison Ministry, Evangelism Committee, Board of Christian Education and many others. She served as an Adult Instructor for the Rowan Congress of Christian Education.

Rev. Smith was the Founder and Pastor of New Century Missionary Baptist church which was established in November 2002 with about 30 members. After a series of illnesses, she resigned her pastorate at New Century in January 2007. The Holy Spirit directed her to New Bethel Baptist Church to be used according to God's will and way.

Rev. Smith holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from WinSalem Business College. She has attended Winston-Salem State University, Salem College, Forsyth Technical Institute, Vintage Bible College and has audited  
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### Pastor's Activities

**September 3-8, 2007**

National Baptist Convention  
Philadelphia, PA

**September 9, 2007**

Morning Star Baptist Church  
Missionary Anniversary Speaker

**September 11, 2007**

Piney Grove Baptist Church  
Annual Fall Revival Speaker

**September 27, 2007**

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
Annual Fall Revival Speaker

### Rev. Samuel F. Hairston, Sr. A Son of New Bethel, Passes

*By Barbara Ford*

Rev. Samuel F. Hairston was the son of the late Samuel and Martha Baron Hairston and departed this life on Sunday, August 19, 2007.

Rev. Hairston attended Kimberly Park and Atkins High Schools, and Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Rev. Hairston preached his initial sermon on January 3, 1954 at New Bethel Baptist Church. He was ordained February 6, 1956 by Dr. R. M. Pitts, Moderator of Rowan Baptist Association.

Rev. Hairston's pastorages include New Light Baptist Winston-Salem, N.C., Chinquapin Grove Baptist, Mocksville, N.C., St. John, Climax, N.C., and his pastorate where he retired, Smith Grove, Hiddenite, N.C.

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**REV. SAMUEL F. HAIRSTON  
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**



**REV. GERALD LAMONT THOMAS, PH.D.  
ANNUAL FALL REVIVALIST**

### Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D. Is Revival Preacher

*By Hattie Ingram*

Rev. Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D., Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey will conduct the 2007 Fall Revival which begins on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. The services will be held on three consecutive nights ending on September 20.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Thomas earned both Ph.D. and M. Divinity from Southern University in Louisville, Kentucky. He received a B.A. in Economics from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and is the former Professor of Preaching at Eastern Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has served as Pastor of several churches in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. In July 2006 he became the President of the New Jersey Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and was recently appointed by the National President of that body to Chair a newly formed National Task Force on Social Justice for Public and Social Policy.

In March of 2005, the Shiloh Baptist Church Family held its first worship service in its new \$13.2 million state of the art edifice which provides seating 1100 people and under Dr. Thomas' leadership, the TEAMS Charter School which serves 180 students in grades K-8 opened in September of that year. He is Founder and President of Shiloh's faith-based community development Corporation and numerous other church and civic operations and activities. He is also a published author.

Visiting choirs will render music for the services each night.

Mr. Thomas Atkins is chairperson for Evangelism for our annual Fall Revival.





**MONTÉ ODOM**  
**IS RECRUITING BASKETBALL PLAYER**

## New Bethel to Reorganize Basketball Team

By Hattie Ingram

The New Bethel Basketball Team which was organized and coordinated by the Youth Council in 1975 is being reorganized. The youth of New Bethel put together some very competitive teams and won numerous championship trophies. Many of these trophies are housed in the church library. They serve as an indication of the skill and talent possessed by the youth of our church through the years under the direction of Trustee Daniel Piggott and Coach Trustee Charles Hunt and others.

Monté Odom, who played with teammates Danny Piggott, Jr., Reggie Hunt, Stephawn Kee and many other outstanding players, is encouraging all boys aged 15 and up who are interested in participating in basketball to contact him or the church office for information or to become a part of the reorganization effort.

## Women's Convention Hosted By Reidsville Convened in Winston-Salem

By Lucille McCormick

The 123rd Annual Session of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina convened in Winston-Salem on July 22-26 at the Benton Convention Center. The host church was Zion Baptist of Reidsville, North Carolina with Rev. Michael Long as host pastor.

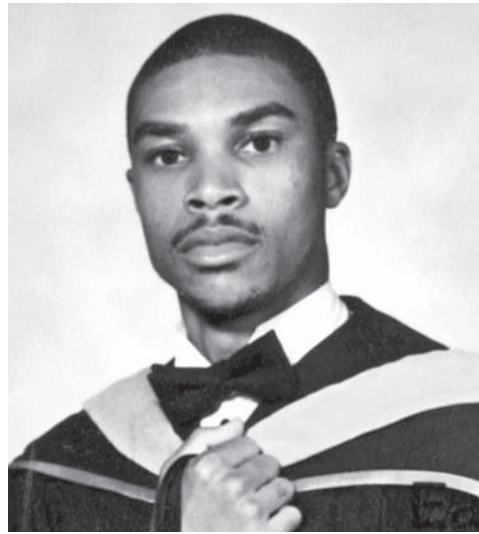
The convention officially opened on July 24 following a Pre-convention banquet on July 23, 2007. Mission Study classes, classes for Pastors, activities for Young Adults, Youth, and Minister's Wives and Widows highlighted the convention.

President Bronnie Daniels delivered her annual address and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer reported on the affairs and activities of the convention.

## REV. HAIRSTON... Continued

His wife passed away on August 18, 2007, one day before his death. A double funeral was held in Salisbury, N.C. on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at First Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Leamon Brown delivered the eulogy, and Hairston Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of services.

Rev. Hairston was the brother of Robert Hairston, a loyal member of New Bethel Baptist Church.



**STEPHAWN KEE**  
**EARNs DEGREE IN ADMINISTRATION**

## Kee Received Degree In Administration

By Diane Piggott

Stephawn Kee recently received a Master's of Arts Degree in School Administration from Gardner-Webb university in Boiling Springs. Kee is the son of trustee and Mrs. John Lucas.

He is a 1991 graduate of Mount Tabor High School. He continued his education by enrolling in Elizabeth City State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 1997. He has ten years of teaching experience in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System at Paisley Magnet School. He coached Junior Varsity Boys Basketball at Mount Tabor High School for six years. Presently he is Assistant Girl's Varsity Basketball Coach at R. J. Reynolds High.

Prior to teaching, Kee worked with the Recreation Department of the city.



**NASYA SMITH**  
**AWARD WINNER**

## Nasya Smith Wins B.U.G. Award

By Hattie Ingram

Nasya Smith, a 5th grader at Forest park Elementary School has been awarded the B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Award recently. Her performance in the academically gifted class, superior work habits and participation in numerous school activities attributed to this award.

This summer, Nasya was featured in the local newspapers when she visited St. Phillips Moravian Church and studied the local black heritage and history of Old Salem Historical Sites. She was quoted in the *Winston-Salem Journal* as saying "I suddenly felt transported after I heard this dynamic history"

She is a member of the Youth Choir, Junior Missionary Group, Vacation Bible School and likes to participate in any activity at New Bethel. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Jannie Smith.

## Three Scholarships Awarded

By Diane Piggott

On Sunday, August 12, 2007, three scholarships were awarded during the 11 a.m. services. Ms. Barbara Phelps made the presentations.

The family of the late Sally and Douglas Shell instituted scholarships at New Bethel in memory of the parents, one for a female and one for a male high school graduating senior to help with continuing their education. Their parents were staunch supporters of education. The recipient of the Sally Shell Scholarship was Brittany Moore, a 2007 graduate of East Forsyth High who is attending Fayetteville State University in

Fayetteville. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robin Macklin. The Douglas Shell Scholarship was awarded to Timothy Williams, Jr., a 2007 graduate of Parkland High School who is attending Winston-Salem State University. He is the son of Ms. Constance Smith and Rev. Timothy Williams. Both students received \$1000.

Brittany was also the recipient of the Ann Hanes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Both Brittany and Timothy received a \$500 award from New Bethel Baptist Church for their post-secondary education.



**(L-R) SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TIMOTHY WILLIAMS AND BRITTANY MOORE AND PRESENTER MS. BARBARA PHELPS**



**BARBARA PHELPS  
MOVES TO PARKLAND**

## Barbara Phelps Moves From Middle School To High School

*By Hattie Ingram*

Barbara Phelps who has taught Language Arts at Hill Magnet School for the last five years will be teaching English at Parkland Magnet High School. She has been employed in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System for 18 years.

Ms. Phelps received her undergraduate degree from Winston-Salem State University and earned the Master's degree in School Administration from Appalachian State University. She currently teaches high school students English in Winston-Salem State University's MSEN Program and tutors WSSU's education majors for the Praxis Reading and Writing Exam.

While at Hill Magnet School, she received recognition for her students achieving the highest reading scores on the End of Grade Reading Test and was nominated for the Disney Outstanding Teacher Award. At New Bethel, she is a member of the Youth Council, Scholarship Committee, Journalistic Society, Effort Club and the Elizabeth Missionary Group.

Barbara is the mother of Chasidy and Cherelle Phelps and the daughter of the late Mrs. Ann Hanes.

## Youth Council To Publish 2008 Calendar

*By Diane Piggott*

The Youth Council of New Bethel Baptist Church is in the initial stages of publishing a 2008 Calendar. The calendar will allow you to feature a birthdate or anniversary date or publish an ad.

Fees for the calendar are as follows: To enter a birthdate or anniversary date is \$7. To enter a date and receive a calendar is \$10. Ads may be placed at the following rate: \$100 for a full-page; \$50 for a half-page; \$30 for a fourth-page; and \$20 for an eighth-page. Members of the Youth Council will be in the J.H. Hamlin Annex every Sunday in September following the morning services to take entries and orders.



**DWAN HAYES  
PERFORMS IN MAHALIA PRODUCTION**

## Hayes Debuts At NBTf

*By Diane Piggott*

Dwan K. Hayes, a 2007 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, debuted in a singing role in this year's North Carolina Black Theater Festival's production of "Mahalia."

Hayes grew up in New Bethel and sang in the Youth Choir. She was quite shy and reserved as a child, but her talents exploded on the stage of the production of "Mahalia." She is a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School and the daughter of Paul and Sandra Hayes and niece of Mrs. Hattie Ingram and the late Deacon Jhuria Ingram.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Musical Theatre from UNC at P. Her voice talents span jazz, opera and gospel. She is talented as well in dance in jazz, African, ballet and gymnastics. She has worked in acting with Travis Stockley, Hal Davis, Holden Hansen and Sandra Epperson at UNC-P. She played the role of Tina Turner/Ensemble in dancing thru the Decades for Michael Sommers at the Friendly Center. She is currently auditioning at several theaters.

## Golf Draws a Crowd

*By Diane Piggott*

A Golf Clinic sponsored by the Laymen League of New Bethel Baptist Church drew a crowd of twenty-two youth and adults to Reynolds Park Course on Saturday, August 18, 2007. Trustee Charles Hunt is president of the Laymen's League.

Golf Pro, Mr. Eugene Williams instructed the participants. He was assisted by Jay Farabee, James Mack, Eugene Barr, Trustee Kenneth Rocker and Trustee Gerald Pauling. Youth participant, Michael Curtis said, "I enjoyed the clinic as it taught me the basics of golf and how to play and I was allowed to hit the ball on the driving range and I enjoyed the snacks!"

The Laymen felt that the clinic was such a success that it will be repeated in the future!

## Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

*By Barbara Ford*

### Mr. Fessor Toland

Mr. Fessor Toland departed this life on July 17, 2007.

Funeral services were held on July 23, 2007 at Word of Life Tabernacle, High Point, N.C.

Reverend Ronald L. Diggs officiated and Hargett Funeral Home was in charge of **(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)**



**SHARRIKA DAVIS  
PROMOTED AT VIRGINIA TECH**

## Davis Appointed Associate Dean at Virginia Tech

*By Carolyn Crosby*

Sharrika Davis, of Blacksburg, Virginia assumed her duties as Associate dean of Students at Virginia Tech in July 2007. Her major responsibilities include: coordinating advocacy and emergency response for students, working with campus Ministers, overseeing training and development for the Dean's office, coordinating the university crisis response team and various other duties.

Davis moved to Blacksburg, VA in 1998 after graduating from Wake Forest University with her Bachelor and Masters degrees. She has worked for Residence Life, the university Women's Center and the Higher Education program. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education. In addition to her work and studies, she has been pursuing her Masters in Divinity at Richmond Virginia Seminary and was licensed to preach in 2003. Sharrika is Associate Minister and member of First Baptist Church in Blacksburg under Rev. Dr. P. L. Barrett.

Sharrika is the daughter of Charles and Linda Davis and the granddaughter of the late Corinne T. Phillips.

**DEATHS/FUNERALS...** *Continued*  
arrangements with interment in Guilford Memorial Park, Greensboro, N.C.

Mr. Toland was the brother of Mrs. Alene Sligh, who is a faithful member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### Mr. Marvin J. Gladden

Mr. Marvin J. Gladden passed on Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

Mr. Gladden was funeralized on Thursday, August 23, 2007 in the Chapel of Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home. Evangelist Mattie D. Young gave the eulogy.

Mr. Gladden was the brother-in-law of Mr. Eugene Barr, and the uncle of Ms. Regina Barr, both active members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### Mr. Wyatt Odell Robinson, Sr.

Mr. Wyatt Odell Robinson, Sr. of Brooklyn, New York passed on August 7, 2007 and was funeralized at St. Matthews Temple Church of God in Utica, New York with Pastor J. Griffin officiating.

Mr. Robinson is survived by many relatives and friends including his father-in-law, Mr. Frank Pearson, an active member of New Bethel.