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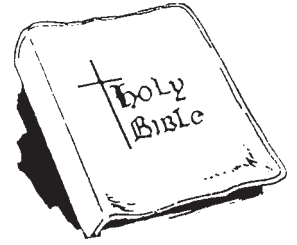
# THE SPOTLIGHT

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OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT IS "to reach, teach, and preach to every segment of our church and community with the love of Christ."

## Annual Fall Revival Scheduled For September 17-19



**REVEREND DENNIS H. LEACH**  
TUESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER



**PASTOR SHANNON L. JESSUP**  
TO SPEAK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT



**BISHOP JOHN C. PARKS**  
TO CLOSE REVIVAL

### Prominent Ministers To Conduct Revival Services

By Hattie Ingram

Three prominent ministers from the Winston-Salem area will conduct the 2013 Annual Revival Services at New Bethel Baptist Church which begin on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. This year's revival will be held three consecutive nights ending on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Reverend Dennis H. Leach, Sr., Pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Shannon L. Jessup, Pastor of Second New Bethel Baptist Church, and Bishop John C. Parks, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, all well-known and spiritual evangelists will lead these services. The theme for this occasion is "Raised To A New Life With Christ." The Sacred Scripture related to the theme is Colossians 3:1-2. Willie Mason And Friends will conduct the Praise and Worship Service each night and guest choirs will render the music. Deacon Thomas Atkins is chairman for Evangelism for our fall revival.

Rev. Dennis Leach is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he received his early education. After high school he entered the United States Army and served for more than twenty years. He received his call to the ministry and was licensed and ordained by the Roan Baptist Association. He received the Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Fayetteville State University after retiring from the military. Rev. Leach earned the Master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia and received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University. He has served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina. He returns again this year to bring the message on Tuesday night.

Pastor Shannon Leonard Jessup returns as revivalist from last year. A native of Winston-Salem, he was reared from early childhood by his devoted

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### Clemons Called To St. Joseph's

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Darrick Clemons, an Associate Minister of New Bethel Baptist Church, has been called to Pastor at St. Joseph's Missionary Baptist Church, 413 Trinity Road, Statesville on Sunday, August 4, 2013. The church welcomed him on Saturday, August 3 with a Community Meet and Greet at the church

Rev. Clemons came to New Bethel in 2007. In May of 2009 he received his "call to preach." He met and was counseled by Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. *(Continued Page 1, Column 3, Article 2)*



**REVEREND DARRICK CLEMONS**  
TO BE INSTALLED AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Pastor of New Bethel to make sure that he was "positively and absolutely sure of his calling. He studied and presented his initial sermon on May 27, 2012.

St. Joseph's will hold an Installation Service on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the church. His New Bethel Family is invited to attend and will be served lunch from 12:30 to 2:30. He asks that you call him to respond prior to that date.

Rev. Clemons is married to the former Shawna Penn. They are parents of two daughters, Jenisha and Brooklyn.

We pray for God's continued blessing upon his life!

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## Editorial

### Doing Nothing Is Not An Option

*By Diane Piggott*

We are just ten days away from going to the polls to elect public officials for a new term. However, some of you may have taken advantage of early voting which began on August 22 and will run through September 7. We are going to have to pay close attention to whom we place in public office. Our elected officials are supposed to be the voice of the people, but oftentimes, they get in office and work their own agenda.

Just this past week, the nation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" message of August 28, 1963. Perhaps, some of you witnessed this speech in person. King desired to see the day when his four little children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. He wanted this nation to live out the true nature of its creed, that "all men are created equal." I'm sure he wondered how can you write such an elegant statement and enslave a people for over 200 years! It even took years for women to earn the right to vote or earn equal pay for equal work.

No one wants to see steps taken in the wrong direction. It's tragic that our state, North Carolina, has garnered national attention because it has take steps backwards in the area of education. We need to join the "Moral Monday" group in Raleigh to protest some of the legislation that the new elected Republican governor is signing onto law. We must stand up and  
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## Sunday School

### Pressure Points

The Sunday School lessons for the month of September focus on "Life's Pressure Points." The Book of James offers understanding of those pressure points and the proper values to keep those pressure points from ruining our lives and the lives of those around us.

September 1st—**The Pressure of Trials**—  
James 1:1-4

September 8th—**The Pressure of Temptation**—James 1:13-18

September 15th—**The Pressure of Partiality**—James 2:1-13

September 22nd—**The Pressure of Words**—James 3:1-18

September 29th—**The Pressure of Conflict**—James 4:1-10

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

### Third Quarter's Union Service at Union

The quarterly Union Service of the four churches, New Bethel, Emmanuel, St. John's C.M.E. and Union, will be Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 5 p.m. at Union Baptist Church. Dr. S.W. Mack is host pastor.

### Dalton Baby Is Blessed

*By Diane Piggott*

Little Trinity Zhurée Dalton, daughter of Minister and Rev. Todd (Azurée) Dalton, was blessed during the morning worship services at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Deaconess Jacquelyn Posey read and presented a large baby dedication certificate to the parents. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel offered prayer.

In addition to her parents, Trinity was joined by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Marlene Johnson; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dalton; aunts, Daiquiri Robinson, Monique Johnson, Ciara Johnson, Bernice Dalton and Patricia Hairston; uncle, Marc Dalton; godparents, Marvin and Shunda Johnson, Robert and Sallie Johnson and Will Eads; and a host of other relatives and friends.

With such a large delegation to support the family, Little Trinity will be extremely blessed!

*See dedication picture on Page 4.*

## Youth Corner



**NAIKEESHA POE-SMITH**  
YOUTH REPORTER

### Grandparent's Day

*By Naikeesha Poe-Smith*

This month September 13th is officially Grandparent's Day. So I wish all of the grandparents here at New Bethel a "Happy Grandparent's Day" and dedicate this poem to you.

### A Grandparent's Love

**As each of our lives  
Continue to change,  
Reflections of your love  
In each of us remain.**

**You have pointed out the path  
And led us along the way  
The wisdom you have planted,  
We each still hold today.**

**You sheltered us through childhood  
And saw us through today,  
Taught us of the Lord above  
And faith, and how to pray.**

**No matter where our lives may go,  
We will trust the Lord above  
And through it all always  
Thank Him for a Grandparent's love.**

### EDITORIAL... *Continued*

be heard! How can anyone ask the state's school teachers to return to the classroom this year and promise to educate our most treasured and natural resource, our children, when they must feel so devalued as educators who haven't received a raise in three if not more years, yet our governor rewarded personnel in his office with huge bonuses.

Take a stand, today, if not today, WHEN? Don't you, too, "have a dream?"





**ALFREDA SMITH**  
NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

## Smith Becomes Principal of Northwest

*By Diane Piggott*

Alfreda Smith will begin the 2013-14 school year as Principal of Northwest Middle School in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County System. She comes to this position from being an Assistant Principal of Reynolds High School which she began in 2011. At Northwest she will be responsible for nearly one thousand students and one hundred faculty and staff members.

Before coming to Reynolds, Smith was Assistant Principal for Atkins's School of Technology from 2009-2011 and School Coordinator for Computer Technology from 2005-2009. She was a Tech Ed Instructor for Walkertown Middle School where she was named Teacher of the Year in 2002.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Winston-Salem State University. She has also earned a Master's Degree in Technology Education as well as a Master's Degree in School Administration, both from North Carolina A&T State University (NCA&T) in Greensboro.

She is married to Keith Smith and they are the proud parents of two beautiful children, Ashley who is a junior at NCA&T and Kelson, a sophomore at Reynolds High. All are active members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Freda gives all praise and glory to God for success in her professional career and life.

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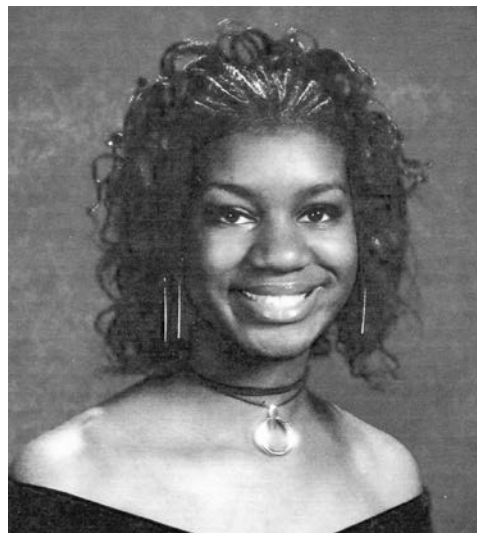
## Praise Dance Team Performs At Union Baptist

*By Kristen Curtis*

On Thursday, August 15, New Bethel's praise dance team accepted an invitation to dance at Union Baptist Church for their Youth Jubilee event. The event was four days long, with Thursday night being the kickoff. We witnessed performances from the Winston-Salem State University drumline, and several churches' praise/liturgical dance teams, steppers, miming acts, and poets. At the conclusion of the night, refreshments were served and music was played for all the young participants.

Enthusiasm about praising God was carried throughout the entire evening, and we thoroughly enjoyed watching the other performances as well as dancing ourselves. This was a novel experience for us and we hope to be able to perform at more churches/locations in the future.

Ashley Smith is the leader/choreographer of the group, and Alexis Summey is the assistant leader. Our next performance at New Bethel will be on the second Sunday of this month.



**KRISTEN CURTIS**  
ENROLLED IN MASTER'S PROGRAM

## Kristen Curtis Attending Graduate School At NCCU

*By Kristen Curtis*

This fall I am continuing my education at North Carolina Central University. I am currently enrolled in the Master of Education program, studying Communication Disorders. In 2009 I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Sciences and Disorders from Hampton University; after the completion of this program I will become a licensed speech-language pathologist. I've always enjoyed working closely with children in clinical settings, so after school I plan to provide therapy primarily to children in public  
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**JERRY ALLEN**  
NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

## Jerry Allen Returns To New Bethel As Director Of Music

*By Hattie Ingram*

After 14 years, Jerry Allen has returned to New Bethel as its Director of Music. In June of 1999, Jerry who was just a sophomore in high school, and his brother Harvey Allen had joined Mrs. Dollye Mack as accompanist for the Jerry Drayton Anniversary Mass Choir during the Church and Pastor's Anniversary Observance on Sunday, June 13, 1999. During their second performance at New Bethel, the talented brothers won the hearts of the capacity-filled audience as they distinguished themselves as outstanding musicians and connected with members during the spirit-filled service. Jerry, an accomplished pianist had played since age 4, and Harvey, a high school senior at the time was a self-assured bass guitarist. They had showcased their talent with the Barrino family (Fantasia) when they made their first album. New Bethel engaged the services of these talented musicians.

During the past 14 years, Jerry has worked for Universal Records in California and New York. He has recorded for NBC and CBS making Sound Tracks for the late Night Shows of David Letterman, Jay Leno, Saturday Night Live and Will Smith.

Fourteen years ago as well as now, Jerry considers the mastery of his instrument a gift from God.

Jerry Allen is owner and president of his own trucking company, Team World Logistics which is located in High Point, North Carolina. He and his wife Tamika are parents of three children, Jayden, Jerry Jr., and Chyna.

**KRISTEN CURTIS...** *Continued*  
schools or a private practice.

At New Bethel I am a writer for the *Spotlight*, assistant secretary for the Journalistic Society, a Young Adult Missionary Group member, praise dance team member, and Baptist Training Union member. I ask for your prayers as I embark on this new educational journey!



**THE CAST OF "JUDGE YE NOT"**

## "Judge Ye Not" Moves Audience

By Diane Piggott

The Journalistic Society of New Bethel Baptist Church presented "Judge Ye Not," as a Sunday Afternoon Dinner Theater on Sunday, August 25, 2013 beginning at 1 p.m. following the morning services. The play was written by Ms. Wanda Davis and Minister Brian Cager was Guest Director. Mrs. Hattie Ingram is President of the Journalistic Society.

The three scene play, was performed in the sanctuary following a delicious meal served in the Drayton Fellowship and Multipurpose Room. The play begins at a Wayback Middle School with Rejay (Cierra Campbell) being harassed by some female students and her sisters, Regette and Regee (Naikeesha and Princess Poe-Smith, respectively) come to her aid. Rejay is quite upset by the "bullying." She doesn't understand why she lives with an aunt, named Angela (Linda Wilson-Feemster) and her sisters are in foster care. The aunt tells Rejay that "Yes, it is true that your mother, Regina (Debra Raynor-Wynn) is an alcoholic and is sometimes strung out on drugs. Scene 2 begins as they enter the unkept home of Regina only to find her smoking some "weed." Angela calls her sister out on the messiness of her home. Angela breaks out in a beautiful rendition of "Encourage Yourself" and "I Know I've Been Changed;" Regina made a sincere prayer to God to help get her life together. She sings "Wash Away My Sins." Angela invites Regina to come to church and hear her daughters sing in the choir.

Scene 3 opens with Mother Doolittle (Rev. Deborah Odom) prepping herself for the morning services at Wayback Baptist Church. Rev. Doolittle (Monté Odom) is the son of Mother Doolittle. Rev. Doolittle takes the pulpit. Rejay, Regee and Regette sing an opening number for the service entitled "Lift Our hands." Rev. Doolittle does the call to worship as the audiences becomes part of the service. He sings "Amazing Grace" and "One More Battle to Fight." Rev. Doolittle's message moves Regina to rise from her seat and give a troubled testimony. She sings "I've Prayed About It" and "You Don't Know My Story" in which Rev. Doolittle joins in. Regina's daughters are visibly moved and they rise and sing "I've cried My Last Tear, Yesterday." Rejay gives a powerful rendition along with her sisters. When you think all is over, a male member of the audience, Mr. Tireless (Trustee Richard Walker) rises and exclaims, "Rev. Doolittle, you are the young man whom I sat beside years ago who sneered at me as if you didn't want me to touch you." Mr. Tireless gives a heart-rendering testimony and sings "Noways Tired." Rev. Doolittle apologizes from the pulpit to Mr. Tireless for his past actions. He then closed out his services at Wayback by singing "I Want To Thank You, God."

Ms. Davis expressed words of appreciation to the cast, Minister Cager, guest director, the set-up crew, sounds effects staff, the lighting technicians, the kitchen staff and all members  
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**BABY TRINITY ZHURÉE DALTON'S DEDICATION CEREMONY**

## Deaths Of Relatives Of New Bethel Baptist Church

By: Barbara Ford

### Ms. Pamela J. Werts

Ms. Pamela J. Werts passed away August 1, 2013 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and was funeralized August 10, 2013.

Her dream was always to relocate home to Winston-Salem, N.C. and her final resting place became Winston-Salem.

Pamela was the daughter of Rev. Louis Werts, Sr. and the niece of Mrs. Mary Shuler, loyal members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

### Mrs. Dessie Bell Piggott Marlowe

Mrs. Dessie P. Marlowe passed on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 19, 2013 in Sunset Beach, North Carolina at the Oceanview Missionary Association Building. The eulogy was performed by Rev. James Smith.

Mrs. Marlowe was the aunt of Trustee and Mrs. Daniel Piggott, Daniel, Jr., Daniel, III and Ari Piggott.

### "JUDGE YE NOT"... Continued

of the Journalistic Society for making the program a success.

Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Pastor of New Bethel made final remarks. He praised Ms. Davis for her many talents. He also remarked, "The play had a very timely message!" Additionally, he thanked Minister Cager for joining us for another year.

Everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed both the meal and the play. Ms. Davis is also Chairperson of the Program Committee of the Journalistic Society.

### PROMINENT MINISTERS... Continued

grandmother, our own, Mrs. Ethel Brooks who influenced his spiritual growth and direction. He is a graduate of Parkland High School. Pastor Jessup achieved local fame as a rap artist and traveled throughout the East Coast as an opening act for some of the biggest names in the music industry. At a pivotal point in his career, he walked away from a very promising future because "He got saved." He accepted his call into the ministry, preached his initial sermon, obtained his Theology degree from Vintage Bible College in Winston-Salem and is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at GTCC of Greensboro, North Carolina.

On Wednesday night, September 19, 2013, Bishop John C. Parks will deliver the message. He is a native of Covington, Tennessee where he received the call to ministry at the age of 19. He has over 35 years of rich and successful pastoral work. His education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Tennessee State University, an Executive Masters of Business Degree from Wake Forest University, a Theology degree from the American Theological Seminary and a certificate of Executive Studies in Organizational and Strategic Planning from Stanford University. He has 26 years of management experience as a senior executive in manufacturing. He retired from Gillette Manufacturing Company. Before relocating to North Carolina and uniting with New Hope, he was Pastor of several churches, all in Tennessee.

The New Bethel Church family is invited to come out and support our Annual Fall Revival.