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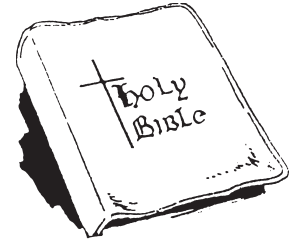
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MONDAY NIGHT REVIVALIST



REV. JAMES E. COOK
TUESDAY NIGHT PREACHER



BISHOP MELVIN A. WILKINS
CLOSES OUT REVIVAL

Local Ministers To Conduct Annual Fall Revival

By Hattie Ingram

Three ministers from the Winston-Salem vicinity will conduct the 2010 Revival Services at New Bethel Baptist Church beginning on Monday, September 13, 2010. These services will be held three consecutive nights, ending on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Services will begin nightly at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Shannon L. Jessup, Pastor of Second New Bethel Baptist Church; Rev. James E. Cook, Pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church; and Bishop Melvin A. Wilkins, Pastor of New Generation Praise & Worship International Ministries will preach in succession. Each Pastor will be accompanied by his members and choir. Willie Mason and Friends will perform each night.

Reverend Jessup is a native of Winston-Salem. He attended the local schools and graduated from Parkland High School. He obtained his Theology degree from Vintage Bible College in Winston-Salem and is currently pursuing a degree in Business Administration from GTCC in Greensboro, North Carolina. He has served as an Associate Minister at Second New Bethel Baptist Church and Galilee Baptist Church.

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Women's Ministry Retreat

The Women of New Bethel will travel to Durham, N.C., on September 16th for their Second Annual Women's Ministry Retreat. They will spend three days studying the word of God, and learning what it takes to have the "Characteristics of a Godly Woman." Once again the church van will be available for anyone who does not want to drive. The van is scheduled to leave the church on Thursday, September 16 at 1:00 p.m., and we are asking everyone to be at the church by 12:30. We want to remind all of the ladies to please bring their Medicines and to please inform their family members that they are going to be out of town. The Committee collectively enjoys the charge that has been given to us, and we are grateful to God, and to our Pastor to have this opportunity to get away

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Editorial

Preparing For An Exciting Year

By Diane Piggott

Oh, if the excitement that filled my 5 year-old grandson's face as he embarked upon the first day of school could be bottled, it would supply enough energy to maintain several households. He was bubbling over with enthusiasm.

As a retired educator, I began to anticipate new joys for him. I began to plan how I could enhance his experience as well as the experiences of others who are in his classroom or school. I talked to him after his first day and I was amazed at what he recalled from the experience. My only thought now was how can I keep this going?

I became more excited as his mother said, "I want you to be involved with the grandparents' group at his school!" I would love to do so, I responded. A child having an exciting and educationally successful year takes the involvement of the teacher, parents or grandparents and the child.

I would like to recommend a few tips:

1. Have a quiet, well-lit place for homework.
2. Have all of the materials needed to complete homework.
3. Guide the child without giving the answers.
4. Praise the child for good work.
5. Stay in touch with your child's teacher.

Have a good year!

Sunday School

The Case For Hope

The study for the month of September is important because believers need to understand what they believe and why. They need to explain and defend their beliefs about God's existence, His love even in times of suffering and His involvements with His creation. Believers need to answer the sincere questions of seekers and unbelievers.

September 5th—**Making Your Case**—
Acts 21:40 – 22:10; I Peter 3:15-17

September 12th—**The Case for God's Existence**—Psalm 19:1-6; Acts 17:22-29; Hebrews 1:1-2

September 19th—**The Case for God's Love**—Job 40:1-9; Romans 8:18-21, 28-30

September 26th—**The Case for God's Involvement**—Deuteronomy 8:2-5; Psalm 139:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adrian Malone

Youth of the Month For August 2010

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Adrian Malone as Youth of the month for August 2010. Our honoree was selected for his outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministries, his school, and his community.

At New Bethel, Adrian is a former Youth Usher, a member of the Youth Sunday School, Youth Choir, and Youth Praise Team. He grew up here in New Bethel and has remained active throughout his childhood (*Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2*)



ADRIAN MALONE
YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Youth Corner



KELSEY SUMMEY
YOUTH REPORTER

Never Give Up

By Kelsey Summey

Life is a very cruel and confusing place but never let anyone stop you from doing what's right. Peer pressure is in right now and we see a lot of young teens doing wrong things that will affect them in the long run. We, teens, are the USA's future government, military, and guards. We shouldn't be focused on doing the wrong things to impress our friends. Being the most popular isn't always great especially if you have to compromise your morals. When faced with a difficult decision ask the age old question "What would Jesus do?" I realize that it will be difficult, but in the long run you will be better off. As the school years begins, remember to study hard, reach for the stars and never give up!

ADRIAN MALONE... *Continued*
and now as a young adult.

Adrian is a 2010 graduate of the School of Pre-Engineering at Simon G. Atkins Academic And Technology High School. While at Atkins, he was a member of the Drama Club, The Gentleman's Club, The Jazz Band, and the Varsity Baseball and Football Teams.

In the community, Adrian is an amazing, multi-talented performer, who has worked with the North Carolina Black Repertory Company and The Greensboro Community Theater. He participated in the 2009 North Carolina Black Theater festival, performed with The Positive Image Performing Arts Dance Team, and studied at The North Carolina School of the Arts. On top of all of these activities, he still finds time to play basketball. He is the son of April Brown, grandson of the late Mrs. Norma Brown, the nephew of Ms. Audrey Brown, and the cousin of Mrs. Brooke Graves. Congratulations to Adrian Malone.

Journalistic Society Presents "Three Ingredients in Life"

By Dollye Mack

The Sixteenth Annual Dinner Theater of the New Bethel Baptist Church Journalistic Society was held on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at 1 p.m. in the Jerry Drayton Fellowship Hall. Over two hundred guests were ushered into the event by society members following grace in the main sanctuary.

Entrees on the dinner menu were grilled chicken, fried chicken, tender roasted sirloin beef, golden glazed ham, and country fried fatback. Other dinner offerings included perfectly steamed cabbage, season's finest green beans, lima beans, creamy macaroni and cheese, black eyed peas, summer's golden corn, rice with richly browned gravy, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, iced tea and assorted delectable desserts. Those in attendance enjoyed the delicious home cooked meal and fellowship.

Following the dinner, Reverend Diane Horton gave the welcome and introduced the play entitled "Three ingredients in Life—Faith, Opportunity and Order." The play, selected and directed by Mrs. Brenda Redd, was made up of three skits regarding various situations that confront church leaders and members of the congregation in their Christian service and daily walk with God.

Scene One was entitled "Faith Without Works is Dead" featuring Ms. Rosa Rice as Lois, Reverend Artis Smith as Janice and Trustee Richard Walker as Marvin. Mrs. Mae Jones delivered scriptural references for each of the three skits. The supporting scripture for the first skit was James 1:1-8 and Judges 17. The New Bethel Ensemble sang "Order My Steps."

Scene Two, "Missed Opportunities," was presented by cast members, Trustee Eugene Thompson as Melvin, Mr. Tommy Adams as Steve, Mrs. Barbara Hairston as Margo, Reverend (Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 3)

Graduates Receive Scholarship

On Sunday, August 8, 2010 scholarships were awarded to two of our high school graduates during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The New Bethel Baptist Church scholarship was presented to members who plan to continue their education after completing high school. The awards are \$500.00 each. The Sally Shell Scholarship and the Douglas Shell Scholarship are given by the Shell family in honor of their parents who were staunch supporters of education. \$1,000 is rewarded to a male and a female student to help them pursue a post-secondary education. The Ceasar Family Scholarship is given in honor of Joe Ceasar to assist high school graduates continue their education in a post-secondary school. Mrs. Freda Smith made the presentations.

Adrian Malone, son of April Brown, grandson of the late Norma Brown and nephew of Ms. Audrey Brown received the Douglas Shell, Joe Ceasar, and New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarships. Adrian is a 2010 graduate of the School of Pre-Engineering at the Simon G. Atkins Academic and High School Complex. He will attend North Carolina Central University (Continued Page 3, Column 2, Article 2)



KRISTEN CURTIS

SINGLE MINISTRY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



KENDALL JONES, JR.

Single Ministry Planning Committee Adds Two New Members

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

In July, the Single Ministry Planning Committee agreed to expand the age range in hopes of attracting more members. The Single Ministry is now open to all singles 21-65. Previously the age range was 36-65. In an effort to make sure the younger singles have representation in the planning of events, two new members were invited to join the committee. We are delighted that Kristen Curtis and Kendall Jones, Jr. accepted the invitation.

Kristen graduated from Reynolds High School in 2005. In 2009 she received her bachelor of Arts in Communicative Sciences and Disorders from Hampton University. She also participated in the Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Kristen is currently working for the City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department. Kristen is the daughter of Deacon Wesley and Sis. Cynthia Curtis. And she is the sister of Trey and Michael Curtis.

Kendall is currently enrolled at Forsyth Technical Community College pursuing a degree in Business Administration. This Eagle Scout stays busy mentoring and coaching young people through his affiliations with the City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department and the YMCA. During his time as a recreation leader, Kendall coached three City League basketball teams for three years. He had two teams of 14 year old boys and girls and one team of 17 year old boys. He has also worked as a Teen Counselor offering one on one mentoring with the Big Brother program. Kendall is the son of Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. and Sis. Mae Jones. And he is the brother of Allan Jones.

GRADUATES RECEIVE... Continued
this fall. He will major in theater arts.

Maiya Thomas, the daughter of Brenda Thomas and granddaughter of Ms. Dessie Wilson, received the Douglas Shell, Joe Ceasar, and New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarships. Maiya is a 2010 graduate of Parkland Magnet High School. She will attend Forsyth technical (Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)



ADRIAN MALONE



KMIAYA THOMAS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**REV. LOUIS S. WERTS
CELEBRATES 81ST BIRTHDAY**

A Chat With Reverend Louis S. Werts

By Shirley Willis

It is always a joy to chat with Reverend Louis S. Werts at any time because he always has something interesting to say, usually something humorous to share. Such was the case recently when Reverend Werts shared that he recently celebrated his 81st birthday on July 3. Rev. Werts is an Assistant Pastor at New Bethel, a position he has held for several years, having been accepted under the pastorate of Dr. Jerry Drayton. He has served in the ministry over 61 years and was previously a minister in the A.M.E. Church before coming to New Bethel.

Rev. Werts was born in Little Mountain, South Carolina and completed his college education at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, majoring in Psychology. He is a retired Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, having served in this capacity for 30 years. From time to time, he will give some of the addresses on the routes he served as postman to prove that he still remembers.

A CHAT WITH... *Continued*

In addition to visiting the sick and shut-in and preaching when asked to do so at New Bethel, Rev. Werts developed his own ministry in the community when he met once a week with a group of young people who seemed to be headed down the wrong road. He proudly says that he was able to influence about half of those young people to turn their lives around in a positive direction. He also used his "handyman skills" to make minor repairs in the homes of individuals in the community who may not have been able to afford such services otherwise. Rev. Werts also delivered eulogies at various local funeral homes when asked to do so.

These were activities Rev. Werts indulged in prior to the stroke he suffered a few years ago. He is no longer able to keep up with the rigorous schedule he previously kept. However, he still finds the time to fish and hunt rabbits and raccoons from time to time and he loves to share the bounty of his fishing and hunting with family and friends.

Rev. Werts is a devoted family man. He is married to his bride of 25 years, Mrs. Shirley Jones Werts. He is the father of three adult children: Pamela, Patrenia and Louis, Jr. He is step-father to Barry and Henrietta. He proudly boasts of nine grandchildren.

Happy birthday, Rev. Werts—May you be blessed with many, many more!

LOCAL MINISTERS... *Continued*

Pastor Cook is a native of Selma, Alabama. He received his primary and secondary education in the Public Schools of Selma and Dallas County, Alabama. He served faithfully in the United States Air Force following high school. Pastor Cook received the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Virginia University in Lynchburg. He attended the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia where he earned his Master of Divinity degree. He served as Pastor of the Trinity Community Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia for more than nine years.

Bishop Melvin A. Wilkins, Jr. was born in Winston-Salem and received his formal education in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. He attended North Carolina A&T State University and Winston-Salem State University where he majored in Business Administration. He is presently employed with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem and is preparing for full-time Ministry. In August 1997, Bishop Wilkins founded New Generation Praise & Worship International Ministries. He is also founder and presiding Prelate of United Churches in Unity Fellowship.

All members of New Bethel are encouraged to come out and support our revival. Deacon Thomas Atkins is Chairman for Evangelism for our Annual Fall revival.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY... *Continued*

and study the word of God in this type of atmosphere.

JOURNALISTIC... *Continued*

Diane Horton as Angel, Nicole Nichols as Erica, and Escada Horton as Sharon. The scripture reference for this skit was John 4:34-39; Matthew 28:19-20; and Mark 16. The three musical selections during this scene were "I'm So Glad," "Faith in God," and "Sanctuary."

The third scene, "Out of Order" was performed by Mrs. Maryania Hairston as Nancy, Trustee Eugene Thompson as Jonathan, Mrs. Peggy McCullough as Theresa, Mr. Clifton Fulton as Mario and Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas as Felecia. Mrs. Jones read I Corinthians 14:40 as background scripture and the ensemble performed "Follow Me" as the final selection of the play.

The New Bethel Ensemble was made up of Mrs. Peggy McCullough, Trustee Eva McWillis, Mrs. Jackie Shannon, Mrs. Brooke Graves, Mrs. Debra Wynn, Trustee Carl Bankhead and Ms. Audrey Brown, director. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Dollye Mack. Reverend Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr. gave the closing remarks and benediction.

Youth Ministry Cleans Up Trade Street

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

On Saturday, August 7, 2010, members of the Youth Ministry gathered in the sanctuary before they took on their endeavor to clean up Trade Street. Rev. Horton and Bro. Clifton Fulton led the youth in their task for the day. Sis. Audrey Brown prayed with the youth and the adults before they departed.

The suggestion for this activity was offered by Darryl Taylor during VBS this year. His suggestion was brought before the youth at a youth ministry meeting and the youth agreed to take this on as a service project. It was decided that the youth would be responsible for the area on Trade Street between Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive and Northwest Boulevard.

After the clean up was complete the youth enjoyed a time of refreshment with cool drinks and snacks.

Not pictured: Kerry Campbell, Jenisha Clemons.



YOUTH MINISTRY CLEANS UP TRADE STREET

Deaths of Relatives Of New Bethel Members

By Barbara Ford

Rev. Raymond Camp Wilkins

Rev. Raymond Camp Wilkins passed away on July 9, 2010 following a period of illness. He was funeralized on July 24, 2010 at Piney Grove Baptist Church, in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Wilkins was the father of Mr. Ronald (Tina) Wilkins, faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.