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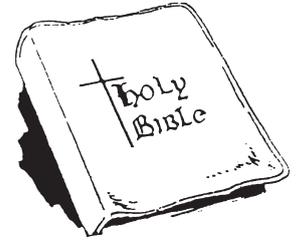
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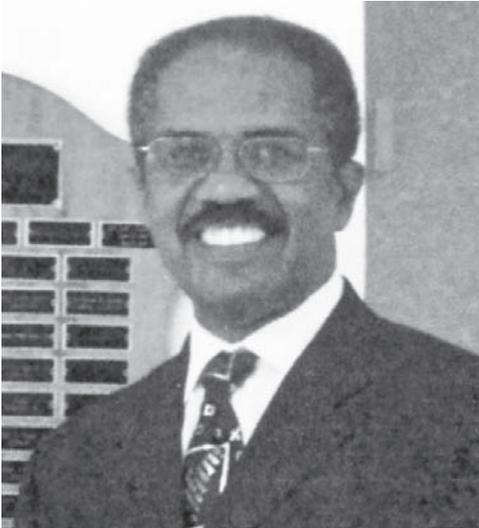
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**"Continuing to Minister Because WE CARE!"**



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## Local Ministers To Conduct Revival Services September 20-22



**REV, JAMES R. CLYBURN, SR.**  
**TUESDAY NIGHT REVIVALIST**



**BISHOP JOHN C. PARKS**  
**WILL SPEAK ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT**



**APOSTLE SYLVESTER DAVIS JOHNSON**  
**TO CLOSE OUT REVIVAL**

## Area Ministers To Lead Revival Services

*By Hattie Ingram*

Three Winston-Salem ministers will conduct the 2011 Revival Services which begin at New Bethel on Tuesday, September 20. The services will be held three consecutive nights ending on Thursday, September 22. Rev. James R. Clyburn Sr., Pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church; Bishop John C. Parks, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church; and Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson, Senior Pastor of the Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church of God, Inc. Winston-Salem, North Carolina; all dynamic revivalists in the triad and around the state will bring messages from God. They will be accompanied by their choirs and congregations.

Reverend James R. Clyburn, Sr. is a native of Winston-Salem where he received his formal education. He attended Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina and earned the Bachelor of Science degree at Winston-Salem State University. He received the Masters degree from A&T State university. Rev. Clyburn currently teaches at West Forsyth High School. He has served in many capacities at Red Bank including Assistant Pastor. He became Pastor following the sudden death of his father, Rev. John J. Clyburn. The members of Red bank have been blessed for 26 years under his inspired and efficient leadership. He will lead the Tuesday night service.

Bishop John C. Parks, a native of Covington, Tennessee received the call to ministry at the age of 19 and has over 35 years of rich and successful pastoral work. He was Pastor of several churches all in Tennessee before uniting with New Hope. His education includes a Bachelor

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**TRUSTEE EVA McWILLIS**  
**WOMAN'S MINISTRY CHAIRWOMAN**

## Women's Retreat Scheduled For September 16-18

*Submitted by Trustee Eva McWillis*

We are delighted that the Lord allowed us to gather one more time at our Annual Women's Ministry Retreat. It has been an exciting year as we gathered with great anticipation for another out pouring during this season! Our anticipation floods over to enthusiasm as we enter into our third year of studying God's word together. This year our Retreat will be held here at the church, starting on Friday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. and ending on September 18th at 4:00 p.m. with 100 women in Red. Rev. Deborah Odom will be our noon day speaker on September 17th. Our theme this year is "Women of God Growing in the Grace and Glory of God," scriptures of study: II Peter 3:18. The Women's Ministry Retreat Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting this ministry and we look forward to seeing  
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**FIRST LADY MAE JOES**  
**WOMEN'S MINISTRY CO-CHAIRWOMAN**

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## Editorial

### Make a Safety Plan

*By Diane Piggott*

Two weeks ago, we experienced two exceptional fetes of nature—an earthquake and Hurricane Irene. If you don't have a plan for disasters, I suggest that you develop a plan to help ensure your family's safety.

A hurricane preparedness website suggests the following:

Step 1: **Build a "To Go Bag"**—An emergency kit should include some non-perishable food, water, a battery powered radio, flashlights and batteries. These items should be in a quantity to last at least three days.

Step 2: **Prepare your family**—Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to know how you will contact one another. You may decide to purchase insurance to recover from some types of damages such as floods.

Step 3: **Be informed**—Hurricane hazards come in many forms—lightning, tornadoes, flooding, high winds, etc. and with each type prepare your family plan accordingly. Be prepared to evacuate!

These suggestions could lessen any inconveniences that bad weather could bring. Additional suggestions are listed at the website: [www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html](http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html). Hurricane season doesn't end until the end of November. Stay safe!

## Third Union Service To Be Held

The third Union Service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at Union Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Rev. John Mendez and members of Emmanuel Baptist Church are guest. Union Baptist is the host church.

## Sunday School

### Balanced Spiritual Growth

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of September will help believers discover ways to balance their spiritual growth by connecting, growing, serving, and going. We talk a lot about spiritual growth in church. Generally our talk exceeds any perceived growth. When we do grow in noticeable ways, the growth is in one area. Real Christian growth should be in all areas and it should continue. Growth should include fellowship, understanding, service, and witnessing.

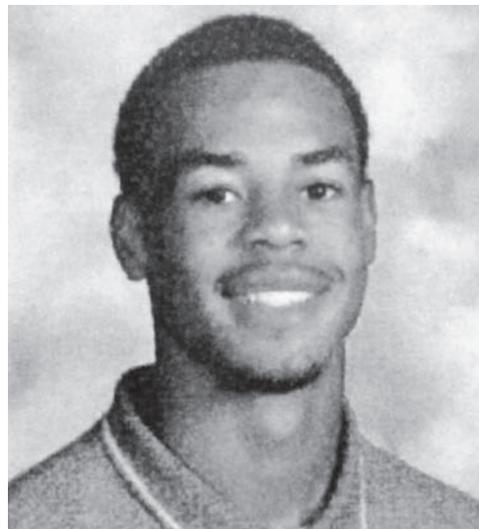
September 4th—**Connect**—Psalm 133:1-3; I Corinthians 12:12-18, 21-26

September 11th—**Grow**—II Timothy 3:1-17

September 18th—**Serve**—Romans 12:3-15

September 25th—**GO**—John 1:29, 35-46, 49-51

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



**JONATHAN BOOKER**  
YOUTH HONOREE FOR AUGUST

### Jonathan Booker Youth of the Month For August 2011

*By Elinor Walker*

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Jonathan Booker as Youth of the month for August 2011. Our honoree was selected for his outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministries, his school and his community.

At New Bethel, Jonathan is a member of the Youth Ministry. A rising senior at Mount Tabor High School, he is a Crosby Scholar, excels in Chemistry and Math, he is active in both football and basketball, although football is where his skills are most recognized. Jonathan has already received scholarship offers from several colleges. Jonathan was featured on the front page of the Triad Sports Weekly newspaper. In college his plans are to major in Bio-Chemistry, Bio-Medicine, or Dentistry. His recipe for success is putting God first, **(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2)**

## Youth Corner



**DEMARCUS BRADLEY**  
YOUTH REPORTER

### Plan Your Life

*By DeMarcus Bradley*

I would like to ask the youth of the church a question. Do you really want to make something of yourself? If the answer is yes, then you should make a plan for your life. How can you do this? First select a goal. Make it a goal that will bring happiness to your life and a chance to serve others. Look ahead ten years. What do you want to be like then? Where do you want to be? What do you want to have accomplished?

Start out by breaking your goal into small objectives. Figure out what you will do this year toward reaching your goal. Set quotas for yourself of what you expect to learn in a week or a month, what you plan to save, what you plan to do for God and others. Then try to reach that goal!

Remember that you make your own good or bad luck. Sometimes we envy the rich and say they are "lucky." That is not so. At sometime in their lives they were working and studying hard. They had to make many sacrifices, but when opportunity came along, they were ready for it. Many of us are selling ourselves short. We are making bad luck for ourselves because we are too lazy to work now; we do not study, so when opportunity comes we will not be prepared. It will not be bad luck. It will be the result of laziness and idleness. The luck we will have ten years from now, we are making them for ourselves right now.

Thank you.

**JONATHAN BOOKER...** *Continued* making yearly goals and maintaining a positive attitude.

In the community, Jonathan volunteers his time to serve others, Habitat for Humanity is one of his favorite organizations to work with. Jonathan's other hobbies are football, basketball, fishing, reading, learning to cook, and working out. Jonathan is the son of Brother Stephon and Sister Nina Walker, the grandson of Sister Barbara Smith, and the big brother of Justin Walker. Congratulations to Jonathan Booker.

## New Bethel Students Receive Scholarships

By Hattie Ingram

Six college-bound students received scholarships during the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 14, 2011. Ms. Regina Barr presented the awards. The New Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship awards of \$500.00 each went to DeMarcus Bradley who is attending Forsyth Technical Community College; Kris Feemster who is enrolled at Buck's Community College; Kristen Feemster now studying at North Carolina Central University; and Nzinga Hawkins, Ashley Smith and Darryl Taylor who entered A&T State University.

Nzinga Hawkins was the recipient of the Sallie Shell Scholarship and Darryl Taylor was awarded the Douglas Shell Scholarship. Both recipients received \$1000.00.

The Ceasar Family Scholarship Award of \$500.00 each was presented to Ashley Smith and Kristen Feemster.

The Gerald Pauling Scholarship recipients were awarded \$500.00 each. These awards were received by Darryl Taylor and DeMarcus Bradley.

## Dinner Theater Audience Enjoys Good Food And Comedy

By Hattie Ingram

On Sunday, August 21, the guests in a capacity-filled Jerry Drayton Dining Hall came to enjoy the 17th Annual Dinner Theater presented by the Journalistic Society. They enjoyed a delicious county-style meal prepared by the club's members.

The comedy, "The Gospel According To Us," in three scenes featured "High Flying Promises" in which an erratic pilot played by Trustee Daniel Piggott promises to land his plane on time somewhere. Rev. Robert Carter portrayed Terrance who feels his life is over because of the lack of consistency by the pilot. Mrs. Barbara Hairston was a volunteer who pesters Terrance about contributing to the poor.

Scene two, "Countdown to Sunday Morning" reminded all that there is power in prayer when two sportscasters provide play-by-play for a pastor's sermon-writing endeavor. Pastor Mark, played by Dr. William Owens goes through a series of tactics to complete the many sermons he must prepare during the week. The part of Bobby was enacted by Michael Curtis, a very

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**PRISCILLA ESTELLE STEPHENS HONORED BY GREYHOUND BUS LINE**

## Stephens Praised For Service

By Diane Piggott

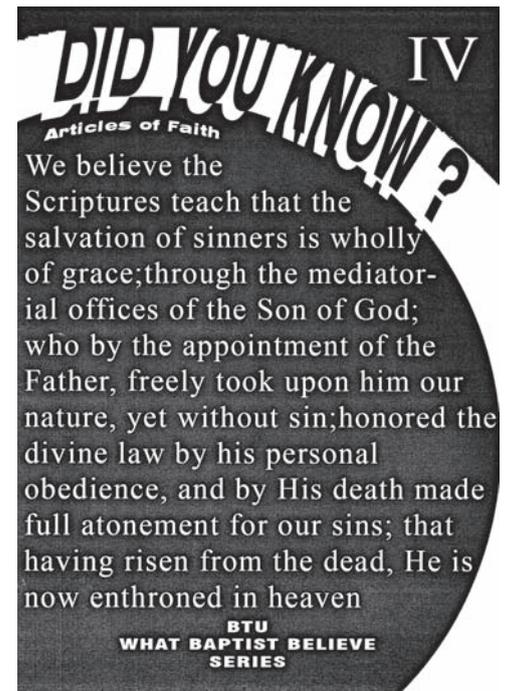
Priscilla Estelle Stephens was praised by her employer, Greyhound Bus Lines, for 31 years of service at a celebration entitled, "Faces of Excellence" Banquet in Washington, DC at the exclusive Zola Restaurant.

She was awarded a Certificate of Recognition which read, "Certificate of Recognition presented to Priscilla Stephens for 30 years of dedicated service." She was given a watch, keychain and picture frame to hold the group photo that she took with Greyhound dignitaries and other honorees.

She had been previously recognized for driver safety. In her 30 years, she has never had an accident. She was given a ring, a tie pin with 30 years of service inscribed thereupon and a large glass plaque which read, "In recognition of safe driving for Greyhound, Priscilla Stephens of Charlotte is honored."

Stephens grew up in New Bethel and was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. She started driving buses for Safe Bus Company and was recognized as its "first female" driver.

At New Bethel, she is active in the Elizabeth Missionary Group. She is the niece of Mrs. Martha Riley and Mrs. Dorothy Witherspoon and cousin of Mrs. Jackie (Deacon John) Posey and Mrs. Lisa (Robert) Myers.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT...** *Continued*  
all of the ladies of New Bethel on September 16th, 17th, and 18th as we work together with one purpose, and that is to give God glory and honor.

**AREA MINISTERS...** *Continued*  
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 will conduct the Wednesday night service.

Apostle Sylvester Davis Johnson is an internationally known and much sought after preacher, teacher, singer, musician and author. He received the Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from A&T State University and the Master of Divinity Degree from Miller university, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Because of his years of experience and exemplary service, the following degrees were conferred: Doctorate of Divinity degree, Miller University; and doctorate of Living Letters from the United Christian College in Brooklyn, New York. He is the Most Apostolic primate and Establishmentarian of the True Vine Churches of Deliverance International (TVCOD).

The New Bethel Baptist Church family is encouraged to attend the services each night to support the revival. The van will be available for members to call in and request transportation.

## Seven Attend Missionary Prayer Breakfast

By Diane Piggott

Seven New Bethel members represented New Bethel at the Annual Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Forsyth County Missionary Union on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at First Waightown Baptist Church.

Representatives were Mrs. Janie Smith, Mrs. Dessie Wilson, Ms. Rosa Posey, Mrs. Alenia Sligh, Ms. Patricia Mumford, Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Wanda Davis. The missionaries offered scriptures and prayers for the local, state and national leaders, for pastors, church officers, missionary leaders and missionaries. Readers and those offering prayers crossed the entire youth, young adults and senior missionary groups. At the conclusion of the prayers, soul-stirring and moving testimonies were given. The audience had the opportunity to jot down unspoken requests and a "bucket" prayer was offered.



**MEMBERS ATTEND FORSYTH COUNTY MISSIONARY UNION PRAYER BREAKFAST**



**DEACON WESLEY CURTIS  
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## Curtis Finds Joy in Teaching

By Diane Piggott

The Sunday School shines its spotlight on Deacon Lewis "Wesley" Curtis, Jr., Teacher of Class Number 7 for its September feature.

Deacon Curtis is a native of Athens, Tennessee and the son of Mr. Lewis W. Curtis, Sr. and the late Mrs. Martha Curtis. He moved to Winston-Salem with his lovely wife, Cynthia about 30 years ago. He received his Bachelors Degree in Architecture from the School of Architecture at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and is currently a partner in the firm of Walter, Robbs, Callahan and Pierce Architects.

At New Bethel, in addition to his duties as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher, he is actively involved in several organizations and seeks to provide service where needed.

In the community he is actively involved in numerous groups and serves on several boards.

He and Cynthia are the proud parents of three children—Kristen, Trey and Michael.

Curtis remarked, "One day God saved my soul and set my life on a course that was and is designed (Continued Page 4, Columns 2 & 3, Article 2)

## NBBC Community Garden's Yield is Plentiful

By Charles Greene

The NBBC Community Garden was started in late May and is now yielding an assortment of vegetables. The members are proud to report that we are now picking string beans, field peas, egg plants, squash, cucumbers, okra and an assortment of peppers. All of the members have worked extremely hard with the cultivating of the soil, planting of seeds, keeping vegetable plants watered and now picking, cleaning and preparing them for the freezer. We thank God for the fruits of our labor.

Trustee John Lucas, Director of the project recently announced that they shared these delicious vegetables with the New Bethel Church family during the Journalistic Society's Dinner Theater.



**VEGETABLES FROM NBBC GARDEN**



**SENIORS AND YOUTH GATHER TO TOUR CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER AND MUSEUM**

## Seniors and Youth Join Together For a Day of Education and Fellowship

Submitted By: Rev. Diane Horton

On Saturday, August 27, 2011, members of the Senior Ministry and the Youth Ministry traveled to Greensboro, N.C., to tour the International Civil Rights Center and Museum. The International Civil Rights center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.

The young gentleman that led our tour was an amazing historian. He recalled names, dates, and places with ease. The museum is extremely high tech with video presentations that make you feel like you are really in the act. History comes alive as you walk through the halls and corridors that tell the story of the Civil Rights Movement.

After our tour we went to Stephanie's II and enjoyed a delicious lunch. The menu was very enticing featuring southern specialties, such as, fried fish and shrimp, pork chop, chicken, and meatloaf. Our time spent together eating and fellowshiping was a lovely way to wrap up an afternoon.

Our van drivers for this event were Deacon Charles Hunt and Trustee Daniel Piggott. They provided us with excellent care. We thank them both for their time and service.

### CURTIS FINDS JOY IN TEACHING... Continued

to glorify Him. To assist in that endeavor, he endowed me with the gift of teaching and I've been teaching Sunday School in various churches for the past 35 years. And by God's grace I will continue until He says that it is enough." "What I enjoy most about teaching," Curtis continued, "is what I learn as God prepares me to teach others. Though I realize it carries great responsibility, it's fun!"

Deacon Curtis extends an invitation to come and join him in Class Number 7 "to learn and grow in God's Word as well as enjoy the fun of fellowship."

### DINNER THEATER... Continued

animated and excitement-filled radio play-by-play man. Dominique Hill portrayed Jim, a color commentator who was quite droll and factual.

"Fallen Short," scene three, presented three people who stood before God in judgment and couldn't talk their way into heaven. Norma, a sorority girl was played by Tammicia Kelley. Jim, a believe-anything guy was portrayed by Trey Curtis. Nasya Smith was featured as Rachel a teenage church girl. Deacon Thomas Atkins reenacted the role of God and firmly rejected each person standing before him because none had accepted his son, Jesus. Clifton Fulton, The Gate Keeper to Hell, dressed in a frightening black cape was an audience pleaser. He defiantly carried each struggling person to hell as he/she was rejected by God. The entire cast of characters was outstanding.

## Deaths of Relatives Of New Bethel Baptist Church

By Barbara Ford

### Alvonzel Dennard Cason

Mr. Alvonzel Dennard Cason a.k.a. "Von" and "Stretch," passed away August 3, 2011. He was funeralized August 8, 2011 at United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Cason was the son of Mrs. Catherine Cason, a loyal member of New Bethel Baptist Church.