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## 63rd Annual Men's Day Scheduled For April 18

### WFU Honors Neal

By Dianne Piggott

Wake Forest University (WFU) named its On-Campus Throws Complex after the late Clifford Irving Neal, a Winston-Salem native and the school record holder in the hammer throw who died in 2004. Neal was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Awilda) Neal and sister to Ms. Krista Neal, members of New Bethel Baptist Church. The dedication was held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. as a part of the WFU Open.

Annie Bennett, Deacon's Director of Track and Field said, "Neal was a great man; his work ethic, discipline and focus are a model for our athletes. His hammer throw record was 194 feet, 10 inches which in 2002 netted him an ACC Championship. He graduated in 2002 and was in law school at the University of North Carolina when he died suddenly in December 2004 at the age of 24.

Neal starred at Mount Tabor High School in Track and Field.

Their New Bethel Family joined the Neal Family for the occasion. A lovely bronze-tone plaque bearing Neal's image with the words, "An All-ACC performer in Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. Cliff won an ACC Championship in the hammer throw in 2002. His athletic achievements pale in comparison to the personal impact he had on those he encountered." The ceremony was very touching as approximately 25 family members and friends were in attendance. Additionally there were more than 50 former team members and university personnel. His sister, Krista read a very appropriate poem, "The Road" (Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 3)



DEACON THOMAS ATKINS  
MEN'S DAY CHAIRMAN



REV. DR. ROBERT E. LEE MCGOWENS, SR.  
MEN'S DAY SPEAKER

### Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lee McGowens, Sr. To Address Men's Day Audience

By Hattie Ingram

The men of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate their 63rd Annual Men's Day on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Lee McGowens, Sr., Pastor of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina where he serves as Spiritual Covering for First Red Branch Baptist Church and Greater Temple Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Rev. Dr. McGowens is a native of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. He attended the Greenville County Public School System and pursued

religious training at Morris College School of Religion-Greenville Extension. He received a Bachelor of Ministry degree from Columbia Bible Institute-Spartanburg Extension and Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy, Cum Laude, from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina and also has a Masters of Divinity degree from Shaw University Divinity School. He has received a Doctor of Theology degree from North Carolina School of Theology, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Covington Theological Seminary in Rossville, Georgia. He has completed the Pastoral Care Training at Presbyterian Hospital.

Our speaker acknowledged his call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Mr. Sinai Baptist Church and was licensed there. He was ordained by the Enoree River Baptist Association. He has served as pastor of Athens Baptist Church in Travelers Rest, Salem Baptist Church in Anderson, South Carolina and Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

He is chairman of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Evangelism Ministry, member of the National Baptist Congress and Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Progressive National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and numerous other affiliations.



THE NEAL FAMILY ATTEND DEDICATION SERVICE FOR CLIFFORD NEAL



## New Bethel Women Make Plans For Women's Day

The Ladies of New Bethel Baptist Church are preparing to celebrate the 63rd annual Women's Day on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

The theme for the two day celebration is: **"Sisters United in Love for Christ and Each Other—Shining Beacons of Faith, Hope and Love in 2010 and Beyond."**

The scripture for the morning worship will be from I Corinthians 13:13 *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

The speaker for the Sunday morning worship service will be Rev. Beverly McMillian.

The Women's Day Luncheon will be held on Saturday morning at noon. The speaker will be Rev. Linda Carter. Seating for the elegant luncheon will be limited, interested persons should see Mrs. Bonnie Moorman or a member of the Women's Day Committee for a ticket. Tickets will be on sale Easter Sunday in the Annex.

The scripture for the luncheon will be: I Thessalonians 5:8: *"But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet."*

**The Mother's Day** booklet will be published as a fund-raiser for Women's Day, and will be available on Mother's Day for patrons to present to their Mothers as a tribute. Mrs. Brenda Redd has already begun to take orders for ads and will continue to accept orders for ads each Sunday in the Annex. The book is a beautiful collection of tributes and poems that all Mothers will treasure.

All New Bethel women are asked to lend their support to this our 63rd Annual Women's Day Celebration. All women are asked to contribute \$100. If you cannot contribute \$100, please know that whatever your contribution, it will be appreciated. We lovingly solicit donations from all men of New Bethel, who always support the women.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 1:3

## Lester and Sadie Hairston Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

*By Hattie Ingram*

Lester and Sadie Hairston celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 6, 2010 with a family and friends dinner at the Delta Arts Center. Reverend Artis Hairston Smith was Mistress of Ceremony.

The magnificent event began with a processional and introduction of the couples' six children, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, all beautifully dressed in champagne tinted suits. The radiant anniversary couple followed swaying to the tune "It's Our Anniversary"

The celebration was centered around the theme—"My Little Children let us not love in words, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18. Reflections from family and friends portrayed Lester and Sadie as a modern  
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**MRS. MAYA DAVIS**  
CLINICAL RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

## Mrs. Maya Davis Received Promotion

*By Carolyn Crosby*

Mrs. Maya Moorman Davis recently accepted the position of Clinical Research Professional at the Derrick L. Davis Forsyth Regional Cancer Center at Forsyth Medical Center (an affiliate of Novant Health). Her primary role is to assist in protocols for cancer patients. The main cancers targeted at the center are Breast, Colon, Prostate, and GI cancers where they are responsible for administering the drugs and trials as written from the National Cancer Institute.

Through these trials the staff has been able to prevent some patients from getting cancer, staying in remission and improving symptoms that are caused by chemo-therapy and radiation.

Maya will coordinate and implement procedures to collect data from patient charts, medical records, interviews, questionnaires, diagnostic tests and other sources.

She will coordinate and participate in clinical research studies conducted by principal investigators at Duke University Medical Center  
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**LESTER AND SADIE HAIRSTON CELEBRATE 50TH...** *Continued*  
day Romeo and Juliet. She sang "I'm still Holding on to Your hand and I Will Never Let Go" to her husband and he responded that their 50 years together had been wonderful and that he was just so happy, happy, happy.

After a very delicious dinner, entertainment was provided throughout the evening by Mr. Kevin Douthit who featured many of the couples' favorite love songs. All attending the affair agreed that the couple had been committed and dedicated to their children and each other. The children presented their parents with a 50 year plaque in honor of their years together.

Mr. Hairston retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Mrs. Hairston is a homemaker. Congratulations to the happy couple!



**MR. AND MRS. LESTER HAIRSTON — 50 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS**



**MRS. BRENDA REDD**  
SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## WS/FC Superintendent Announces Appointment Of Brenda Redd To Superintendent's Office

*Mrs. Redd will assume position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.*

On Friday, March 19th, Dr. Donald L. Martin, Jr. Superintendent of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools stated, "It is my pleasure to announce that Brenda Redd, Administrative Assistant to High School Administration, will be moving into my office to assume the position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent." Mrs. Redd will transition into her new role beginning April 1st.

Mrs. Redd is both honored and excited; and is looking forward to working with the district's Superintendent and his staff.

Mrs. Redd currently serves as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of the High School Division. Prior to her current assignment, she served in the Division of  
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**GREETERS ENJOY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

## Greeters' Committee Treated

By Lisa Myers

Mrs. Shirley Bacote Willis, Chairperson of the Greeters' Committee sponsored a luncheon to show her appreciation and support to the Greeters' Committee for the many years of service rendered. The luncheon was held at Independence Village on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 12:15 p.m. The Greeters' Committee prepares a "welcome packet" and welcomes visitors to New Bethel as they enter the church.

Mrs. Willis invited as her guests, in addition to the greeters, Mrs. Mittie Gylmph and Ms. Ruby Cain. Mrs. Gylmph was honored because of the faithfulness of her husband, the late Mr. Middie Gylmph who was very faithful on the Hospitality Committee. Ms. Cain was invited because she regularly reads the morning announcements and welcomes visitors during the morning services.

Every Sunday, you will see the "smiling faces" of the Greeters' Committee as you come into New Bethel. The assignments are as follows: First Sunday—Mrs. Martha Riley; Second Sunday—Mrs. Cynthia Curtis; Third Sunday—Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas; Fourth Sunday—Mrs. Dianne Piggott, and Fifth Sunday/Backup—Mrs. Lisa Myers.

Lunch consisted of a salad and soup, salmon patty or veal, spinach, cauliflower, dessert and a beverage.

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs. Willis has decided to relinquish this responsibility. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Kee-Lucas will Co-chair the Greeters' Committee.



**SENIOR MINISTRY ATTENDS CONTEMPORARY EASTER PLAY**

## Senior Ministry Attends Play

On Saturday, March 27, 2010 the seniors of New Bethel enjoyed an excellent evening out. The group attended a play titled *Still Freed from the Sting in Death* at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ. The production was a contemporary play about the Passion of the Christ. The two-act play covered the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection. The seniors left feeling inspired, uplifted, and looking forward to a glorious Easter Sunday.

*Still Freed from the Sting in Death* was written and directed by Sister Larretta Rivera-  
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## SENIOR MINISTRY... Continued

Williams. Sister Larretta, pictured above with New Bethel's senior, is an associate chaplain at Wake Forest University and a pastoral resident at its School of Divinity. The play was produced by the Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association and featured the amazing acting talent of many local residents.

Once again the seniors had a wonderful evening of fellowship. Bro. Clifton Fulton was our van driver for the evening. We thank him for a safe trip.

## WFU HONORS NEAL... Continued

Less Traveled." Ms. Mutter Evans, a 1975 WFU alumnus, spoke on behalf of Neal's parents.

## Shipp Entitles Message "Taste and See"

By Dianne Piggott

Rev. Jeremiah E. Shipp, an Associate Minister at Piney Grove Baptist Church, brought to New Bethel's Youth/Young Adult day audience a message entitled, "Taste and See" using Matthew 5:13-16 for his text. He began, "Have you ever been asked to taste something that didn't look good? Just as we have struggled to taste something that didn't look good, if our actions don't reflect Christ, it will be difficult to get others to taste Christianity."

Shipp outlined three points for his message: 1) salt it; 2) light it; and 3) let it. Citing Matthew 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth," he stressed that salt was a great commodity to the Roman soldiers as it was given as a part of their wages. "When we live a moral and perfect life, it changes things. When you tell people that God is able, you are putting a little salt into their lives; it is adding a little flavor to their lives." In verses 14 and 15, Jesus said, "We should be a light unto the world. Light reveals, exposes and reveals God's love. Whenever there is light, darkness will flee. When the world speaks a lie, the light must rise up with the truth. As light, we are purposed to shine." Rev. Shipp gave Biblical examples of salt and light—Noah, Shadrack, Meshack and Abendigo. He then exclaimed, "I have tasted His love; I have tasted His mercy; I have tasted His kindness and I have seen Him provide and I have seen His strength!"

Mrs. Susie Drayton was saluted for her many years of service. NaiKeesha Poe-Smith presented her a lovely plaque. The program featured as many as 36 years of program participants. Photos of past participants made for an interesting read as well as old photos of past activities.

## MRS. MAYA DAVIS... Continued

and the National Cancer Institute. She will assist in the determination of guidelines for the collection of clinical data and/or administration of clinical studies; prepare oral and written presentations or reports, trends, and recommendations or conclusions; review journals, abstracts, and scientific literature to keep abreast of new developments and to obtain information regarding previous studies to aid in the planning of new studies.

Maya is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and holds degrees in Biology and Chemistry which was the background required.

Maya is thankful to God for blessing her with this position. She realizes that it takes a strong person to work with patients that are sometimes terminally ill. She believes that God has a divine calling for her and her life and she is grateful for his direction. She wants to continue being obedient to him to see what else he has in store for her and her journey.

## WS/FC SUPERINTENDENT... Continued

Exceptional Children as the Personnel Database Manager and provided support to the Secondary EC Program Managers for the district.

Mrs. Redd joined the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools in 2004 after 27 years with the former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company retiring as an IT Research Analyst and after spending more than 23 years in Research and Development.

Her initial plan when pursuing employment with the WS/FC was to become a teacher. She quickly rethought her options and decided that although she asked God's guidance in identifying a place where her talents could best be used, she realized the classroom was probably not a place where her patience and disposition would be appropriately matched. She decided simply to ask God to take her where He wanted her to go and to give her the tools she needed to do what He was sending her to do. It is her prayer everyday. So, after six years with the WS/FC schools and three promotions later, Mrs. Redd will transition to the next opportunity and allow God to use her and her experiences to serve the office of the Superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School District.