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Annual Men's Day Scheduled For April 10 Mass Choir To Present Easter Cantata



MS. AUDREY BROWN
MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR EASTER CANTATA

The Door A Resurrection Celebration

Members of our New Bethel church family are preparing for an Easter Cantata. These individuals have spent numerous hours preparing for this resurrection celebration to be presented on **April 17, 2011 at 7:00** in the evening. The play is entitled, "The Door" by Dennis and Nan Allen. The passion and resurrection of Christ opened the door to eternity. The Door is the unfolding story of those events, recounted in music and drama. The team of actors, and actresses are directed by Sister Mae Jones and Trustee Eva McWillis. The choir is under the direction of Ms. Audrey Brown and Elder Jakkia Cobb.

We cordially invite you and your guest to come and witness this glorious celebration. **Know that God is the door. He is the way. Whoever may enter shall live forever more. God is the door; He is the way. Enter now the door.**

Youth Choir to Celebrate 37th Anniversary With Soul-Stirring Music

By Shirley Willis

The Youth Choir of New Bethel will celebrate its 37th Anniversary on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. This event promises to be exciting, uplifting and soul-stirring with inspirational songs presented by the Youth Choir as well as special guests. Special guest groups invited to participate include: Willie Mason and Friends, The Christ Cathedral Youth Choir and the Youth Choir of Macedonia TVPH Church of God. Willie Mason will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Ashley Smith is president.

New Bethel's Youth Choir is directed by Linda Feemster. For its anniversary, the choir will be accompanied by Jay Cobb and Christopher Farabee, Jr. on the organ and/or piano; Steven Thornton, saxophone; and Monte Odom and Breshaun Liles, drums. All are invited to attend.



ASHLEY SMITH
YOUTH CHOIR PRESIDENT



REV. DR. HAYWOOD T. GRAY
MEN'S DAY SPEAKER

Reverend Dr. Haywood T. Gray To Address Annual Men's Day Audience

By Hattie Ingram

Reverend Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will deliver the message at the 64th Annual Men's Day Observance on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The theme for this occasion is "Christian Men, Fathers, Husbands and Servants Empowered by God to Make a Difference." The Scriptural reference is 2nd Timothy: Chapter 1, verses 1-7. Deacon Thomas Atkins will serve as Worship Leader.

Reverend Gray came to the General Baptist State Convention after a long and distinguished career as a pastor. He was Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pelham, North Carolina for seventeen years. For seven years following his tenure in Pelham, he was Pastor of Temple Memorial Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina. He retired after twenty-four years as a pastor in 2004 and assumed his current position with the Convention.

Our speaker's interests and avenues of service are numerous and varied. As an elected official, he served two terms on the Caswell County Board of Education and was Director of the North Carolina School Boards Association for one term. He has served as *(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)*

Have a



Happy Easter!

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Editorial

I Can't Do It By Myself

By Diane Piggott

As the Young Adult Director of the Missionary department, it has been hard to direct when the persons who fall in the age range for young adults, 21-35, do not step forward to serve. This is and has been a very demanding time in the lives of young adults. I recall their dilemmas with balancing a family and a career. I survived this age group, but sought heavily upon the help of God, family and my church family!

I still feel that this is the recipe to get through these years. The Bible tells us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all else will be added unto you." Priorities must be set and responsibilities must be assumed. You must also look without and not just within to find your niche in life. Ask yourself, "What does God have for me to do?" Perhaps it is just that I received my answer early in my life and I diligently began to work toward a life of service to others which involved teaching, raising a family and doing some service for others. I feel that my life was enriched by everything that I chose to do. I feel cherished by my family and friends. I reconnect with former students and I am overjoyed by comments that they now make to me that I thought would never come out of their mouths. Visits with sick and shut-in members add more to me than I feel that I leave with them.

We just need some young adults to step up to the plate and get involved. We are a Missionary Baptist church and we are the arms and legs of God!

Sunday School

Negotiating the Maze of Grief

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of April look at the universal nature of grief. Grief hits all of us. Death, debilitating illness, job loss, divorce and several other things can cause us to feel a sense of loss. While there is nothing wrong with grieving, we do not have to be overwhelmed by sorrow. We are never alone in our grief, and we can find security and hope in God.

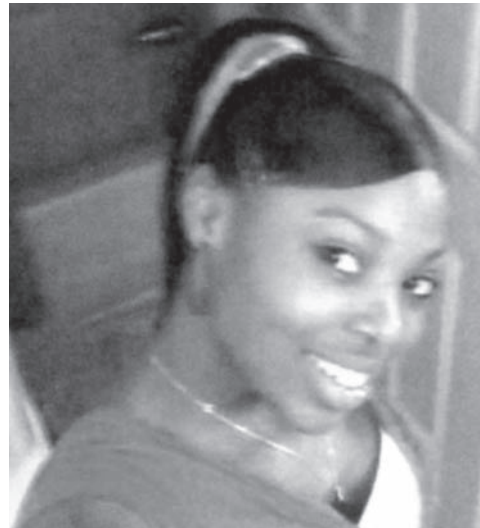
April 3rd—**Balance Grief with Hope**—John
11:20-27, 32-36, 43-44

April 10th—**Recognize God's Presence**—
Psalm 31:7-10, 14-16, 21-24

April 17th—**Receive Comfort—Give Comfort**—
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

April 24th—**Encounter the Risen Lord**—John
20:1-18

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



JASMINE MOSS
MARCH YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Jasmine Moss March 2011 Youth of the Month

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Jasmine Moss as Youth of the Month for March 2011. Our honoree was selected for her outstanding leadership and participation at her church, her school and in her community.

At New Bethel, Jasmine is a member of the Youth Ministry, the Youth Choir, the Youth Missionary, and a volunteer with Children's Church.

Jasmine is a junior at Simon G. Atkins Academic & Technology High School where she is a Crosby Scholar, a member of the Key Club, a member of the Golden Ace Dancers, and the Atkins Volunteer Services. Jasmine has made the Honor Roll every quarter since entering first grade. In addition to these activities, she volunteers at the Samaritan Ministries. Jasmine lists her hobbies as dancing, singing, playing basketball and reading. She is the granddaughter of Trustee Elwood and Barbara Ford, and the big sister to RaShawn Couthen. Congratulations to Jasmine Moss.

Youth Corner



NZINGA HAWKINS
YOUTH REPORTER

Youth Ministry Theme For 2011 Living a Life Guided By The Ten Commandments

By Nzinga Hawkins

Our Theme for 2011 youth ministry is Living A Life Guided by the 10 Commandments.

The 10 Commandments can be found in the second book of the Bible in Exodus, chapter 20, verses 3-17.

From the very first sin of Adam and Eve, God designed a plan to restore mankind to the relationship and fellowship with Himself. This plan, given to Israel, was called a covenant. The covenant was originally given to Israel and in turn was to be shared with the whole world. The covenant was binding upon both parties with God and Israel. It could not be broken without severe consequences. God's covenant was a promise that his people accepted in Faith believing God would do what he said. In turn the people promised to give God complete devotion and dedication. God established a spoken and written Ten Commandments of obligations and responsibilities that people must obey in order to demonstrate their devotion to God and separation from sin. It was through these laws that Israel could learn the Character of God and the dangers of Sin. God's words never change and still today He desires us to live and abide by these rules that he set for us. So I challenge you in 2011 to ask yourself how are you living life guided by the 10 Commandments?

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. of which New Bethel is a member, asks its members to adopt 18 Articles of Faith. These are basic foundational scriptural interpretations to which we can all agree. Take a look in your church bylaws truly eye opening! Understanding these articles will change your perspective of life.

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**YOUTH MINISTRY MEMBERS
ENJOY DINNER/DANCE**

Youth Ministry Dinner/Dance Celebration

By Nasya Smith

The Youth Ministry started our 60th Youth Day Program with our first Semi-Formal Dinner/Dance on March 11, 2011 at the Winston Lake YMCA. Thanks to Trustee Jerry Gilmore, Jr. of Gilmore's Funeral Home the Youth were able to travel to the Y in limousines.

The dinner was prepared by Mr. Donnell Wynn with the help of Mrs. Elinor Walker, Mrs. Jannie Smith and Mrs. Mary Bradley (who served the drinks). The menu was green beans, carrots, baked potatoes, sirloin, drinks and various desserts. We celebrated birthdays of 5 youth who were presented with gifts.

Music was rendered by Mr. Ronald Brown of DB Enterprise, Inc. A great time was had by all in attendance.



**BRIAN MURRILL — ATHLETIC
MARKETING COORDINATOR AT WSSU**

Brian Murrill Returns Home With Position at WSSU

By Shirley Willis

Brian Murrill grew up in New Bethel and has now finished college and is very busy developing and enhancing his career. He is a 2008 graduate of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, minoring in Marketing. He has been blessed to start his professional career in the area of his academic preparation, beginning with a position in July 2008 with R. J. Reynolds Industries as Territory Marketing Manager in Baltimore, Maryland. The next step toward furthering his career was to accept a position at Virginia State University as Major Gifts Officer for the Athletics Department where he assumed marketing and fund-raising responsibilities.

While at Virginia State, Brian says something very strange happened that has impacted his career development tremendously. At a golf tournament at Virginia State, he was asked to join a team of golfers that was missing a team member due to an emergency. He was not aware that his partners would be two officials from WSSU's Athletic Department. It was during this event that Brian was able to impress these two gentlemen, an opportunity which eventually led to his being hired as **Athletic Marketing Coordinator for Winston-Salem State University** in February of this year. Brian says he has been told by family and friends that this opportunity was not by accident or luck but in God's plan for him, a conclusion with which he agrees. He finds it most rewarding to be able to contribute to the progress of his own alma mater.

Brian is delighted to be at home again with his family and friends. He is the son of Benny and Patsy Murrill who are also graduates of WSSU and devoted members of New Bethel.

We welcome Brian back home and pray for his success in his new venture.

The Gullick's Learning Room Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

By Ruby Cain

The Gullick's Learning Room FCCH celebrated its 2nd Anniversary recently at the main dining room of the Anderson Center. To further enhance the celebration it was a black and white ball. The theme for the occasion was "Train Up A Child" ... Proverb 22:6. Music was furnished by DJ "T".

Ms. Timeka Couthen presided over the occasion. The children who attend the day care offered scripture and prayer. Mrs. Monique J. Sims was the speaker. She expounded on the theme encouraging the parents to continue in the daily walk with the raising of their children to put the theme into practice in the home, day care and community. She stated that while the center is growing, this gives the Gullick's the opportunity to focus on their vision for how they plan for future growth.

One of the main focuses of the affair was the crowning of the king and queen. The children who raised the most monies through a fundraiser by the sale of raffle tickets were crowned. Master Marques was king and Little Miss Gabrielle Miller who was last year's queen was named queen this year. They were crowned by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gullick, Sr., owners *(Continued Page 3, Columns 2 & 3, Article 3)*

Seniors Challenged To Take Control

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, the seniors of New Bethel gathered in the Drayton Multipurpose Room for their first lunch and learn event of 2011. Members of the Senior Ministry prepared many tasty dishes that delighted the taste buds of all those in attendance. Our special guests were Freda Clark Cowan, MSN, FNP-BC, and Sharenda Conner, Community Coordinator of Hospice and Palliative Care center (HPCC). The topic was Taking Control: Empowering Ourselves At The Physicians Office.

Ms. Cowan has been a member of the HPCC team since 2004. She serves patients in both home care and at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. She is interested in advancing the knowledge of palliative care in the field of nursing.

Ms. Conner has been a member of the HPCC team since 2009. She is actively involved with HPCC's Inclusion and Access Program. She also recruits, trains, supervises and coordinates event volunteers.

Sister Barbara Hairston opened the program by welcoming everyone to the luncheon. Sister Dessie Wilson read scripture. Sister Alena Davenport offered prayer. Sister Hattie Ingram introduced the guests. Rev. Dianne Horton offered remarks. Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. closed the program with remarks and prayer.

If anyone is interested in obtaining information about the services of Hospice or volunteer opportunities, please see Rev. Horton.

THE GULLICK'S LEARNING ROOM CELEBRATES 2ND... *Continued*
of the facility.

The Gullick's expressed their sincere thanks to all of the parents for entrusting their little ones in their care and look forward to new and exciting happenings during the remainder of the year.

The Gullick's Learning Room is located at 4250 Viking Drive. They invite parents and friends to stop by for a visit at the facility.



**TRUSTEE EUGENE THOMPSON
DEDICATED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Thompson In The Spotlight

By Diane Piggott

The Sunday School Staff person that we are highlighting for April is Trustee Eugene Thompson, Teacher of Class Number Two. He is known familiarly as "Gene" by his church members and friends. He is a dedicated and devoted teacher and not just on Sunday. New Bethel witnessed his knowledge many years ago when he began teaching a weekly Bible study class on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Now he is a substitute for Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel who teaches these classes.

Eugene started his Christian walk at an early age. His grandmother was a guiding light for him and taught him about God's Word and His love for all people.

He was educated in the public schools here and graduated from Anderson High school. He went on to study and play football at North Carolina Central University.

He admits that "like most youth when I went off to college, I kind of put Christ on hold. In the early '70's I was empty inside. I needed peace. I tried all of the religious stuff—going to church, going to Sunday School and being nice. Then one day God showed me how to know Him in a close relationship through His Word. That is why I like to teach Sunday School so others can experience a closer walk with Him.

He and his wife, Vanessa have shared a union in excess of thirty-six years.

At New Bethel, in addition to being a Trustee (2007) and Sunday School Teacher, he is a member of the Laymen's League and is a supporter of all auxiliaries.

His work experience is in the field of electronics. He began in electronics with Ed Kelly's Audio Video, then Now Audio Video, Tweeter and most recently, ARC (Automated Residential Concepts). He has more than thirty years in this field.

Youth Told "There's Strength In Sharing"

Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Jr., Pastor of United Cornerstone Baptist Church, graced the pulpit of New Bethel Baptist Church to bring God's Word to the 60th Annual Youth/Young Adult Day gathered on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Master Rashawn Couthen was worship leader.

Others appearing on the program were: Jada Phillips, scripture; Janiyah McGill, invocation; Escada Horton, announcements/visitors; Cierra Campbell, announcement of "Youth of the Month;" Nzinga Hawkins, Youth Chairperson, introduced the year's theme; Latricha Mankins, offertory appeal; Kelson Smith, offertory prayer; and Jasmine Moss, introduction of the speaker.

Using Psalms 78:1-8 as his text, Rev. Jones told the audience, "There Is Strength In Sharing." He alluded to a disease that has claimed more lives than all of the natural disasters. The disease that he spoke of was "the muted tongue." Jones began, "The author of psalms 78 had more years behind him than ahead; his mind was still sharp, but he needed to tell the young something. There are four points that we should garner from Psalms 78: 1) God is gracious; 2) People are rebellious; 3) God's anger; and 4) God restored His relationship. I'm about to share with you some information—our history is not all that great. We don't like to talk about Cuddin' Frank who drank; or Cuddin' Susie who was a loser; or Cuddin' Jack who smoked crack! We must tell the bad with the good, the ugly with the pretty. Sex is one of those strange things we all do, but don't talk about. We sing it, but don't talk about it. As we talk about things and share times of when we messed up, we can break the cycle of repetition."

In conclusion, Rev. Jones testified, "It's only because God is good that I'm here. I don't always talk right or walk right. To my children here, ask the older folks their story. Pair children up with older adults and have them share their story.

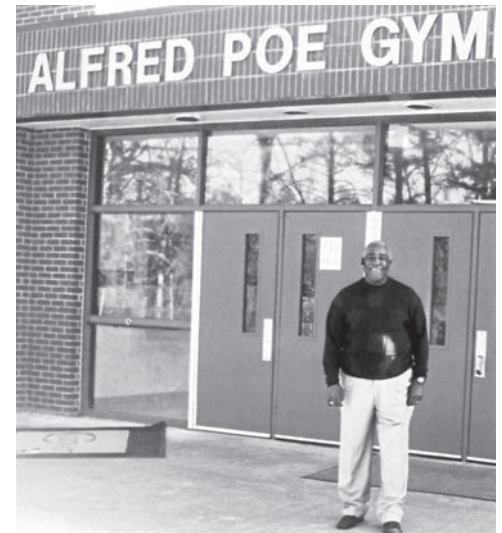
REV. DR. GRAY... *Continued*

Fourth Vice President of his state convention and as Moderator of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He published his first work as a writer in 1992 and it became the official manual for ushers in General Baptist Churches in North Carolina. He is a former Trustee of Shaw University Divinity School and currently sits on both the Board of Trustees at Shaw University and the Board of Directors of Central Children's Home in Oxford. Shaw University awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to him in 2006.

Reverend Dr. Gray has preached the Gospel from childhood and after thirty-three years in preaching and more than 3,800 sermons preached, he considers himself to be clay in the potter's hands – ever shaping, ever changing, ever growing.

He is a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina. The joy of his life is his three sons (by adoption), his three daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren.

Other appearing on the program are: Scripture, Trustee Johnny Grooms; Invocation, Deacon Atkins; Announcements/Welcoming Visitors, Deacon Wesley Curtis; Presentations, Deacon Charles Hunt; Introduction of Speaker, Charles R. Hunt, II.



**ALFRED POE
GYM NAMED IN HIS HONOR**

Building's Name Honors Poe

By Diane Piggott

Mr. Alfred Poe, husband of Mrs. Carol Stowe Poe, was honored by having the new gymnasium at Carver High School, 3545 Carver School Road, named the "Alfred Poe Gymnasium." Mr. Nathaniel Barber is principal there.

Poe came to Winston-Salem in 1972 to make Carol Stowe his bride. He also took a position with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System at Carver then a 9/10 High School. He took a position in the Health and Physical Education Department.

His association with Carver has spanned 39 years. In addition to being a teacher, he was Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach, a Defensive Coach of the Varsity Football Team, a Tennis Coach, a Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach and retired at the position of Athletic Director in 2009. He maintains his association by assisting Danny Piggott, Coach of the Varsity Boy's Basketball Team.

The Poes have three adult children—Alisa, Camille and William along with five grandchildren. Sports have been a way of life for the family. The Poe children are all graduates of Carver.

Mrs. Poe and the children sponsored a reception for Mr. Poe's honor in the Media Center of the school. Moving testimonials were given by family members, childhood and college friends, co-workers, former principals and former players of the sports' teams.

Poe is the son of the late Mrs. Katie Friday. In attendance at the reception were his sister, Ms. Kathlene Friday, brother, Roscoe Friday, Jr. and nephew, Damian Friday.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Nellie Ceasar Terry

Mrs. Nellie Ceasar Terry was funeralized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at St. Charles Borromeo Church. She was the aunt of Deacon Carolyn C. Crosby and the sister-in-law of Mrs. Ruth Sims.