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## Missionaries To Observe 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary On December 10



**KENDALL DWAYNE JONES, JR.**  
PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKER

### Deaconess and Trustee Wives To Host Annual Prayer Breakfast

*By Hattie Ingram*

The Deaconess and Trustee Wives of New Bethel will host their Annual Breakfast at the church on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Dining Hall. Kendall Dwayne Jones, Jr. will be the guest speaker. Music will be rendered by the Communion Singers.

Those in attendance will be able to incorporate prayer with spiritual fellowship and be in communion with Christ as we enter the threshold between the old and new year. The Deaconess and Trustee Wives are inviting all church family members and their relatives and friends to enjoy the message, the prayers, and songs that sing of help in ages past and hope for years to come.

New Bethel members are asked to have the number of family members, relatives and friends attending recorded in the J.H. Hamlin Annex following the morning worship service beginning December 17, 2006 and throughout the month of December.

**"For Unto Us A Child Is Born...  
...Unto Us A Son Is Given!"  
—Isaiah 9:3**

### Annual Board and Church Meetings Scheduled For December 4 and 5

*By Carolyn Crosby*

The Annual Joint Board Meeting of the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented to the church at the Annual Church Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

New Bethel members are asked to attend the church meeting to approve the proposed budget and other recommendations.



**DEACON JOHN POSEY**  
DEACON BOARD CHAIRMAN

### Christmas Program Set For 9:30 a.m.

*By Diane Piggott*

The annual Christmas Program will take place during the Sunday School Hour on Sunday, December 17, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. All classes are asked to participate. The program will feature poems, skits and songs in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If any member of New Bethel would like to participate, they are welcome! You don't have to be a member of any Sunday School class. We do hope that you will consider becoming a member in 2007! You should contact Ms. Audrey Brown, Mrs. Diane Piggott, Mrs. Lynda Brown or Mrs. Lennetta Bartley if you would like to be on the program.



**MINISTER VELMA MCLOUD**  
MISSIONARY DAY SPEAKER

### 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Missionary Day Is Sunday, December 10

*By Lucille McCormick*

The Annual Missionary Day Service will be celebrated on December 10, 2006 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Mrs. Gwendolyn Rucker will preside and Minister Velma McCloud will bring the message.

Minister McCloud is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A&T State University earning BA and MA degrees in English and Afro-American Literature. She retired from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System after twenty-eight years of service.

Minister McCloud preached her initial sermon at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she was ordained on July 31, 1999. She serves as an Associate Minister at Piney Grove, Superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the Missionary Department, Prayer and Prison Ministry, and daughters of Hannah Fellowship Group.

Minister McCloud has conducted Sunday School workshops, Women's Conferences and preached in Winston-Salem and Vicinity. She is married to Deacon Stephen McCloud, and they are the proud parents of two children and two grandchildren.

**Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year**

**Youth Corner**



**DARRYL TAYLOR  
YOUTH REPORTER**

**Keeping Holidays  
As Holy Days**

*By Darryl Taylor*

During the Holiday Season it is a challenge to not get caught up in the merchant's song and dance. If they had their way they would capture our hearts with an electronic gadget, game, fine jewelry, clothes or car. They jingle all the way chanting "mo' money-mo' money-mo' money." My mother and church family remind me that we all should be saying "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Early in the Morning Our Song Shall Rise to Thee."

I also remember when I was in a Christmas Play about five years ago. I played the part of one of the wise men who saw the hope of salvation and followed the star:

- Saw The Star Shining Bright
- We Knew God's Prophecy Was Right
- Started Out On Our Quest
- Miles And Miles On Through The Night
- In Our Hearts Along The Way
- We Knew That Jesus Christ Is Here To Stay
- God Gave Us His Best
- Now We Give Our Best To Him

The wise men gave their time, thoughts and gifts to the Savior. Let us all strive to practice this everyday and remember to keep the holidays-Holy Days.

**Fourth Union Service  
To Be Held On  
December 24**

*By Hattie Ingram*

The Fourth Union Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John C.M.E. Church where the Reverend Moses V. Goldman is the host pastor. Union Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Reverend Sir Walter Mack, is guest church.

For more than 40 years, the pastors and members of the Union have assembled quarterly for many glorious and spiritual services and a good time in the Lord.

**Ushers Celebrate  
84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*By Diane Piggott*

The Forsyth County United Ushers celebrated their 84th anniversary on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 3230 Heitman Drive in the city. Mr. Richard Smith, President of New Bethel's Ushers and Nurses is president of the County Union. Elder Marlene Pitts presided over the service prior to an anniversary dinner. Rev. Phillip Martin brought the message for the evening.

Rev. Martin, an Associate Minister of Mt. Carmel, chose a sermon subject, "The Witness Protection Program" with its text in Psalms 27: 1-5. Martin began, "There will be times in our lives when our foundation will be shaken. Fear can make you unsure about many things and can stop us in our tracks. In every life there are burdens to bear; David looked at all of those haters and said, "I'm not scared! God is my protection!" God will relocate you to a new place in His tabernacle, but you have to give Him some praise. Are you willing to testify for God's protection? You might say, "How can God hide me and at the same time my enemies can see me and can't harm me!" He continued, "Satan wants to stop you from testifying about your redemption. When we become one of God's witnesses, God steps up His protection. God has the best witness protection program." He exclaimed, "You are protected! All night and all day angels are watching all around me! Moses testified, Ezekiel testified, Peter testified, the soldier at the time of Christ's crucifixion testified, "Truly, truly this is the Son of God; and the blind man testified, "I was blind and now I see!" I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread. Ain't He all right! Ain't He all right!" And screaming once again, "Ain't He all right. Yeah!"

Following the service, the group reconvened in the Fellowship Hall of the church for an anniversary dinner. The meal included: baked chicken, roast beef, rice, gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, collards, homemade rolls, corn bread, pineapple cake, pound cake, cucumber salad, tea and water.

The New Bethel delegation consisted of Valjean McKinney, Richard Smith, William Glenn, Perry Hairston, Audrey Brown, Rosa Rice, Alenia Sligh, Mary Shuler, Barbara Smith, Jannie Smith, Nasya Smith and Diane Piggott. Bishop Amos T. Griffey, III is Senior Pastor of Mt. Carmel.



**Christmas**

*We consider Christmas as the encounter,  
the great encounter, the historical  
Encounter, the decisive encounter, between  
God and mankind. He who has faith  
Knows this truly; let him rejoice.*

*Author Unknown*

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*Dedicated to those who are  
Interested in New Bethel*

**Editorial**

**Laborers Are Needed!**

*By Diane Piggott*

We are under a new shepherd, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. Dr. Drayton has ended a 62-year service period. Many leaders began their tenure under the Drayton administration. They may not have had the identical record of service as Dr. Drayton, but many have several years of service. It is probably time for many to take a mentor on to fill their position in the near future.

Little Miss NaiKeshia Poe-Smith told us to fasten our seat belts because Dr. Jones was going to take us places. He himself says, "Eyes have not seen nor ears heard what the Lord has in store for New Bethel." Overworked and overburdened workers cannot make his dreams come to fruition. If you have been sitting back and have not given your services, come out to the December 13th Church meeting and pledge your support. Get on the bandwagon early and utilize those talents that God has given you. Some of you are sitting on your one talent; now you can double or triple it; some have 5 talents and should double those talents. There is no reason for anyone to be overworked with the membership that we have here at New Bethel. Dr. Jones will outline his goals for New Bethel at the church meeting. He has asked that auxiliaries turn in their goals as well. This meeting should be an exciting one to see what's in store for the future. He can build upon the shoulders of great members and should be able to reach greater heights with all of our support. My son said to me, "Where are the Erma Fraziers and C. E. Barksdales that will give tirelessly of their time and talents?" I said, "I don't know!" But in retrospect, I know that they are in our church family. See you at the church meeting!

## Children Online

*Submitted by Connie Smith*

Computers have traditionally been trusted by both children and adults as reliable and accurate sources of information. The rapid growth of online services and internet access has added a new dimension to modern computing. There can be real dangers for an unsupervised child.

Most parents teach their children not to talk to strangers, not to open the door if they are alone and not to give out information on the telephone to unknown callers. Most parents also monitor where their children go, who they play with and what TV shows, book or magazines they are exposed to. However, many parents don't realize that the same level of guidance and supervision must be provided for a child's online experience.

### Suggestions for Parents

- Limit the amount of time a child spends online and surfing the web
- Teach a child that talking to screen names in a chat room = talking to a stranger
- Never give a child credit card numbers or passwords for use online
- Teach a child never to give out any personal identifying information to anyone online
- Teach a child to never agree to actually meet someone they have met online
- Make use of parental control features offered with your online service
- Teach a child to use the same courtesy in communication with others online as they would in person...no vulgar language, no name calling
- Insist that a child follow the same guidelines at other computers they might have access to such as school, libraries, or friend's homes.

Parents should remember that communication online does not prepare children for real interpersonal relationships. Spending time with a child initially exploring an online service and periodically participating with a child in the online experience gives parents an opportunity to monitor and supervise the activity. It is also an opportunity to learn together.

*(Source: American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry)*

## Clothes Giveaway

*By Connie Smith*

The Martha Missionary Group and the Laymen's League of New Bethel had their joint clothes giveaway, Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Coffee and doughnuts were served and clothes given to all who came. It was a successful mission: well staffed and well attended. Rev. Jones has allotted space for a clothes closet so that clothes are now available for those in need on a continuous basis. For more details about the clothes closet see Mrs. Freda Smith.



**YOUTH MISSIONARY GROUP**

## Sharing With Our Elderly

*By Brittany Moore*

As a 3rd quarter project, the Youth Missionaries visited the Brian Center on October 21st. The youth made gift bags for each resident. The bags included socks, personal hygiene items and a box of Kleenex. Each resident was visited individually and presented with a gift bag. The residents were appreciative and some became emotional from the visits. The youth presented, Mattie Hill, a member of New Bethel with special gifts of love. She expressed her gratitude and many thanks for not being forgotten. The co-chairs of this project were Sharicka Grooms and Ashely Smith. Also, the youth would like to thank the adults who continue to support us with each project. For our 4th quarter project, the youth will be collecting new, unwrapped toys/clothing/jewelry to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to youth in our community that are in need.

## Effort Club Celebrates 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and 10<sup>th</sup> Race Progress Promoters Program

*By Brenda H. Redd*

Sunday, November 12, 2006 marked the 82nd Anniversary of the Effort Club and the 10th Race Progress Promoters Program. The proud occasion was celebrated in a formal program at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary with the Twin City Choristers directed by Dr. Fred Tanner providing joyful music for the evening's program.

As is customary for the occasion, the group of sixty plus members of the Effort Club recognized and paid homage to ten admirable members and two organizations of the African-American community. These individuals and groups have in their unwavering commitment, distinguished themselves, and in the process, promoted the progress of our race in the categories of Education, Sports, The Arts, Volunteerism, Public Safety, Television, Law, Religion, Business, Medicine. The organizations honored were exemplary in the areas of Education and Historical Documentation.

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**MEMBERS OF THE EFFORT CLUB**



**DR. AND MRS. JERRY DRAYTON, SON ATTORNEY AL DRAYTON  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION**

## Drayton Showered With Appreciation

By Diane Piggott

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Drayton were showered with appreciation during an "Evening of Appreciation" on Friday, November 10, 2006 at the Grand Pavilion Ballroom of Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem. The evening was the culmination of 62 years of service to New Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Tina Carson-Wilkins was Mistress of Ceremony.

The dais was escorted in by hosts and hostesses from New Bethel and announced by Mrs. Wilkins. Mayor Allen Joines praised Dr. Drayton for easing racial tension in the city during the 60s. He also presented him with a "key" to the city and declared the day, "Dr. Jerry Drayton Day!" Ms. Shareé Posey gave remarks on the Occasion. Mrs. Diane Piggott extolled the virtues of Mrs. Susie Drayton who has stood by her husband for more than 60 years. A final tribute before dinner was a video presentation produced by Mrs. Brenda Redd. She chronicled Drayton's Legacy of 62 years along with some historical highlights of New Bethel. The Communion Singers provided the music for the evening and offered "Have Faith" as its first selection.

Dinner was delicious! It consisted of a garden salad, roasted chicken breast, juicy roast beef, green beans, rice pilaf, rolls with butter, assorted desserts, tea and coffee.

After dinner, Ms. Audrey Brown introduced Dr. J. C. Harris, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Statesville and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Rowan, who was the keynote speaker. Mrs. Redd returned to the podium to present several gifts to the Draytons.

Dr. C. R. Edwards, Senior Advisor of Community Affairs of the Governor's Office recalled how early during his years of study at Shaw University, he had met Drayton. He commended him for his service to the State of North Carolina. Dr. Gregory K. Moss, President of the General Baptist State Convention, commended Dr. Drayton for his many years of service and noted, "this is my first act since being elected president of the body." Also, the Reverend Clary Phelps, Moderator of the Rowan Association, Dr. Vivian Burke, Mayor Pro-Tem and Northeast Ward Councilwoman, and Mr. Nelson Malloy, Jr., Councilman for New Bethel's North Ward gave remarks.

The honorees' son, Mr. Jerry Alonzo "Al" Drayton gave an outstanding salute to his parents that told of his love and appreciation for them. He remarked, "I see Dad continuing to build on his 68 years in the ministry and blazing into new adventures." Drayton has been named "Pastor Emeritus" of New Bethel. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor of New Bethel, ended up the remarks. The Communion Singers came back with a very fitting selection, "Born Again."

As the evening was drawing to an end, Rev. H. Wesley Wiley, Pastor Emeritus of Second Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., entered after being delayed by traffic. His presence was acknowledged and he was escorted to the podium. He announced that his association with Drayton began about 61 years ago while attending a Lott-Carey Convention in Richmond, Virginia. He gave remarks of his long association. He was the banquet speaker for Dr. Drayton's 50th anniversary celebration. He was witty and entertaining!

Dr. Drayton gave remarks and the evening closed with the singing of his favorite hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Ministers, church members and friends numbered about three hundred at the appreciation service. Mrs. Dollye Mack and Ms. Towanna VanEaton provided the music for the Communion Singers. Trustee Jerry C. Gilmore, III provided limousine service for the occasion.

## EFFORT CLUB CELEBRATES 82ND ANNIVERSARY... *Continued*

The blessings and talents that God bestowed upon each of the individuals and organizations honored during this year's program have certainly shown as beacons of light in our community. They are perfect examples of *Luke 12:48*, which says, in part, "for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." For His name has been magnified in the works of each of these individuals and organizations and we know God takes great delight in knowing that His blessings have been just that.

The *Spotlight* staff joins the Effort Club in congratulating the following individuals/organizations who were honored this year.

- Mr. Winston A. Bell (*Education*)
- Mr. Samuel "Sam" Davis (*Sports*)
- Mrs. A. Louisa Lyerly Foy (*The Arts-Music*)
- Mrs. Velma H. Friende (*Volunteer Activities*)
- Fire Chief John W. Gist (*Public Safety*)
- News Anchor, Margaret Johnson (*Industry-TV*)
- County Attorney, Davida W. Martin (*Law*)
- Reverend Dr. Cedric S. Rodney (*Religion*)
- Mr. James W. Shaw, Sr. (*Business*)
- Dr. Sadie B. Webster (*Medicine*)
- The Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge
- The Society for the Study of Afro-American History in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County



**MR. JEFFREY W. ADDISON  
PASSES AFTER PERIOD OF ILLNESS**

## Mr. Jeffrey W. Addison Passes After Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Jeffrey W. Addison, son of the late Shirley Addison and Alonzo Babe and Mrs. Ida Lee Pauling, departed this life on Thursday, November 2, 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

As a youth, he was a faithful member of New Bethel Baptist Church Family. He participated in the youth activities of the church. He was a graduate of North Forsyth High School and attended Winston-Salem State University where he majored in Special Education with a concentration in Learning Disabilities.

Jeffrey relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2002 where he associated himself with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by a sister, two brothers, two aunts including Mrs. Mary Shuler, an active member of New Bethel, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was funeralized on November 9, 2006 at Antioch with Minister Donnie R. Garriss officiating. Gilmore's Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

## Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

### Mrs. Jeanne Conrad Rucker

Mrs. Jeanne Conrad Rucker passed on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 30 at Russell Funeral Chapel with Apostle Wallace Gaither officiating.

She is survived by a brother, Mr. David (Peggy) Conrad, faithful members of New Bethel and a host of other relatives and friends.

### Mrs. Delores Blaylock Johnson

Mrs. Delores Blaylock Johnson passed away on November 3, 2006 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was funeralized on November 8, 2006 at New Unity Missionary Baptist Church. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

She leaves to cherish fond memories a brother-in-law, Mr. Donald (Kay) Johnson, both faithful members at New Bethel.