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WITH A CAN IN YOUR
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111th Missionary Anniversary Will Be December 14 Watch Night Service Scheduled For New Year's Eve



MINISTER ZENOBIA FENNELL
MISSIONARY DAY SPEAKER

Minister Zenobia Fennell To Speak For Missionaries' Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

The Missionary Department of New Bethel Baptist Church will observe its 111th Anniversary on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Minister Zenobia Fennell, Associate Minister at The Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church of Winston-Salem will be the featured speaker. The theme for the occasion is "Called to Be a Blessing to the World."

Minister Fennell is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She received her undergraduate education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she concentrated her studies in the field of Political Science. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree, she worked for several years as a Human Resource Manager in the corporate arena. Continued spiritual development led her to pursue a life dedicated to ministry. As a result, she earned the Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest School of Divinity in Winston-Salem. She has received training in pastoral care and counseling in the Department of Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education at North Carolina Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The foundation of Minister Fennell's ministry is Isaiah 61:1-3 as she seeks to liberate, proclaim and comfort God's people through scripture and song.

Minister Zenobia Fennell is currently a Doctoral Candidate at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Annual Board and Church Meetings To Be Held December 15 and 17

The Annual Joint Board Meeting of the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees will be held on Monday, December 15 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 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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



TAMMICIA KELLY
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Christmas Program On December 21

By Diane Piggott

The annual Christmas Program sponsored by the Sunday School Department will be on Sunday, December 21 at 9:45 a.m. Ms. Tammicia Kelly will serve as Mistress of Ceremony. Deacon James Brown is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

This year's program has swelled with lots of participation from the youth and adult classes. Skits, recitations and solo performances will make for a joyous salute to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Prior to the Christmas Program, the Sunday
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DR. A.T. GRIFFEY
WATCH NIGHT SPEAKER

Watch Night Services Scheduled For December 31

By Hattie Ingram

For many years, black folks have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve, praising God for bringing them safely through another year. This tradition came to be when the Emancipation Proclamation became law on December 31, 1862. There were prayers, shouts, and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God that all slaves in the confederate states were legally declared free. Thus, Watch Night Service, or the gathering of the faithful in church was born. New Bethel Church will continue this tradition on December 31, 2008 at 10:30 p.m. with Watch Night Service. Dr. A.T. Griffey, Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, will be the speaker. He will be accompanied by his congregation.

Dr. Griffey is a native of Clarksville, Tennessee where he completed his formal education. He received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at San Antonio and holds a Masters Degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville. He received both the Doctorate in Religious Education and the degree of Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel Theological Seminary in Rossville, Georgia. He has continued Post-graduate studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee and Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

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Senior Ministry Holds Kick-Off Dinner

On Saturday, November 22, 2008, the kick-off dinner for the Senior Ministry of New Bethel Baptist Church was held at The Golden Corral located on University Parkway. Approximately sixty people, including members and guests, attended the dinner. Fun, food, and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Elinor Walker opened the program by welcoming everyone to the dinner. Mrs. Bonnie Moorman read the scripture (Psalms 71:16-18). And Mr. Rick Frazier offered prayer and blessed the meal.

Rev. Dianne Horton shared the mission statement, goals, and guidelines for the Senior Ministry. The mission of the Senior Ministry is to enhance the ministry of NBBC in the service of our largest population. The ministry design will seek to give support, information, and opportunity to network, among our valuable congregants. The ministry will not only provide services to this unique population but it will teach others (laity) about the need for this particular ministry. The target group is age 60 and up.

Dr. Jones offered remarks and closed the program with prayer.

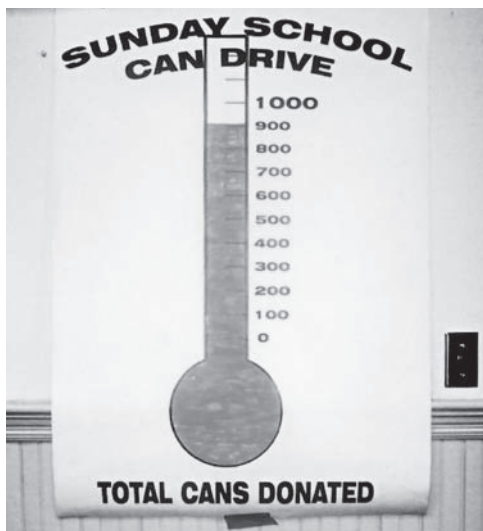
WATCH NIGHT... *Continued*

Our speaker served as the Editor of the Baptist Informer and has held many positions and served extensively for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., the Highpoint Educational and Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., and the National Council of Churches. Dr. Griffey was consecrated Bishop of Ecumenical Affairs for and by TVCOD, Inc. an organization determined to spread the Word of God to all people of all denominations across the world.

He has taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

Dr. Griffey has served four churches: First Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, First Calvary Baptist Church, Pentecostal Lighthouse Baptist Church, and Mount Carmel Baptist Church all in Winston-Salem. He merged Pentecostal Lighthouse and Mount Carmel Baptist Churches on December 31, 2002.

His wife and partner in ministry is Delores Thompson Griffey. They are parents of one son, Dedrick, daughter-in-law, Megan, and three grandchildren.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN DRIVE
TOTAL COLLECTED**



**MRS. MYRA WILSON
POSTAL SERVICE COORDINATOR**

New Bethel Opens Christmas Postal Service

By Myra Wilson

Under the leadership of our Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., a postal service for New Bethel Baptist Church was implemented. This service will give the church members an opportunity to distribute Christmas cards to one another, and at the same time save on postage. This service started on November 23, 2008.

Dr. Jones appointed Mrs. Myra Wilson to co-ordinate this project. The project will run from November 23, 2008 through January 6, 2009.

Members can place their Christmas greetings in the blue mailbox provided for

them in the annex. In order for your cards to be received on Sundays, they must be dropped off before 12 noon on Fridays. Members will be able to pick up their cards after the 11:00 services. Any cards that are dropped off after Friday will be distributed the next Sunday.

I would like to thank my husband, Dennis Wilson for making the mailbox, and our Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Strickland for her generous assistance, and my Mom, Nira Robinson for her loyal support.

New Bethel, let's make this project a success. We look forward to servicing you.

Sunday School Has Successful Food Drive

On Monday before Thanksgiving, the truck from the Second Harvest Food Bank arrived and picked up ten boxes of food. Thanks to the entire membership of New Bethel Baptist Church for participating in the food drive. It was a big success. The goal was to collect 1000 cans/items. We collected 1338 cans/items and \$300.00 in monetary donations. All items were donated to The Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC. The graphs and charts are posted on the wall in the annex. Please go by to see the final results on the numbers of cans collected by the Sunday school classes and Church.



**CAN COLLECTION DISPLAY
DURING FOOD DRIVE**

Mrs. Gloria King Donates Table Decorations For Multipurpose Room

By Hattie Ingram

Mrs. Gloria King has designed and donated 13 decorative centerpieces to New Bethel Baptist Church on behalf of the King and Cain families. They presented this donation as a means of expressing their profound appreciation to Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. and the Bereavement Committee for their many kindnesses during the death of their father, Mr. William Henry Cain, Sr. The family previously made monetary donations to the Bereavement Committee following their father's death and after the death of their mother, Mrs. Mary O. Cain.

The centerpieces are beautiful golden chrysanthemums meticulously arranged in white decorative containers. They are designed to be used in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Room.

Last Union Service For 2008

The last Union Service of the year will be held Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John CME where Dr. Moses Goldman is the host pastor. Union Baptist will be in charge of the service. The pastor, Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. will deliver the sermon. He will be accompanied by his congregation and choirs.

The Union service is made up of the following four churches: New Bethel Baptist, Union Baptist, St. John C.M.E. and Emmanuel Baptist.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Submitted By Mrs. Lucille McCormick

Thank you, Barack Obama, for accepting your call to serve mankind.

Thank you for trusting that God has found favor in your heart.

Thank you for remembering that whom God calls, God prepares to serve faithfully to the end.

Thank you for remembering to love your enemies, be swift to forgive them, and let God fight your battles.

Thank you for renewing and receiving your daily blessing in order to complete your mission.



MRS. ROMAINE EATON
CONTACT PERSON FOR SHOPPING TRIP

Mass Choir Sponsors Shopping Excursion

By Diane Piggott

The Mass Choir is taking a shopping trip to Jockey Lot Flea Market in Anderson, South Carolina and the G & B Shoe Outlet in Greenville, South Carolina. The group will depart on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 5 a.m. from the New Bethel Baptist Church parking lot. They will return at 6 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$50.00. The group will make a breakfast and a dinner stop during the trip. The initial payment was due on November 4, 2008 and you may or may not be able to get a reservation by the time this is published.

Mrs. Romaine Eaton is the contact person. You may want to get in touch with her at home at (336) 724-2473 or on her cell phone at (336) 406-6646 when you get this article. They plan to "shop until they drop!"

Thank you for remembering that as long as you believe that God is your provider, your protection from all evil, your teacher of all things, His will, will be done.

Thank you for remembering that God didn't get permission from mankind to love and care for you.

Thank you for remembering that you don't have to figure out why God loves you; continue to accept His love, for I see His love shine through you . . .

Written By Rachel Todd

Race Progress Promoter's Program Honors Eight For Outstanding Contributions

By Carol S. Poe

The Effort Club of New Bethel celebrated the 84th anniversary of this organization and the 12th Annual Race Progress Promoter's Program on Sunday, November 9, 2008. The Effort Club honored six individuals and two families this year for their outstanding contributions to the city of Winston-Salem. The honorees were: Dr. Linda M. Beal in the area of Religion, The Brandon Family in the area of Industry, Attorney Pansy Denise Glanton in the area of Law, Mr. Robert Lee Little in the area of Sports, Dr. Manderline Scales in the area of Education, Mr. Jeffrey L. Smith in the area of Human Services, the Huntley Family in the area of Community Service, and Barry N. Williams in the area of Medicine. Each honoree was presented with a plaque.

The presenters of the awards this year were: Mrs. Virginia Newell, Mr. Nigel Alston, and Mrs. Carol Poe. A check from the Effort Club to the NAACP was presented by Mrs. Daphne Holmes-Johnson. Music was rendered by the New Bethel Baptist Church Mass Choir. Effort Club president, Mrs. Olivia Thompkins presided. Remarks were given by Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus and Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor of New Bethel.

A reception was held for the honorees and guest in the Drayton fellowship Hall following the program.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

Mr. Lawyer Little

Mr. Lawyer Little of Ansonville, North Carolina passed in that city at Stanly Regional Medical Center on November 17, 2008. Funeral services were held at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church in Ansonville on Friday, November 21, 2008 with Rev. Joletha Dockery officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. Smith Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Little was the brother of the late Deacon Jhuria Ingram. He is survived by one sister, Annie I. McMorris and a sister-in-law, Hattie Ingram.

Mrs. Lucy C. Armstrong

Mrs. Lucy C. Armstrong of Greenville, North Carolina passed on November 20, 2008 at Pitt County Memorial County Hospital. A Homegoing Celebration Service was held at Clark's Memorial Baptist Church in Boonville, North Carolina on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 with Rev. Thomas Williams officiating. Professional services were provided by Gentry Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Armstrong is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Sims; a niece, Deacon Carolyn Crosby, nephew, Joe Ceasar; and a great niece, Paula Imes, all active members of New Bethel.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!