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Missionaries To Observe 114th Anniversary December 11



**MS. AUDREY BROWN
TO DIRECT CHRISTMAS CHOIR**



**MS. SUSAN GORE
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER**



**REVEREND BEVERLY H. ALEXANDER
MISSIONARY DAY SPEAKER**

Special Program To Celebrate Christmas In Song and Dance

By Diane Piggott

Christmas falls on Sunday, December 25, 2011 this year. The morning worship at New Bethel will take the form of a special program of celebrating the Birth of our Savior with song and dance.

The music for the worship will be furnished by combined choirs as well as the Communion Singers. There will be special duets. Liturgical dancing will be an added asset.

The Mass Choir will be directed by Ms. Audrey Brown. Others on the musical staff will be assisting—Mrs. Peggy McCullough, pianist; Mr. Brushawn McKinney, organist; Mr. Willie Malachi, saxophonist; Mr. Monte Odom and Mr. Breshaun Liles, drummers and Mr. Steven Thornton, saxophonist.

Annual Board And Church Meetings Scheduled For December 12 and 14

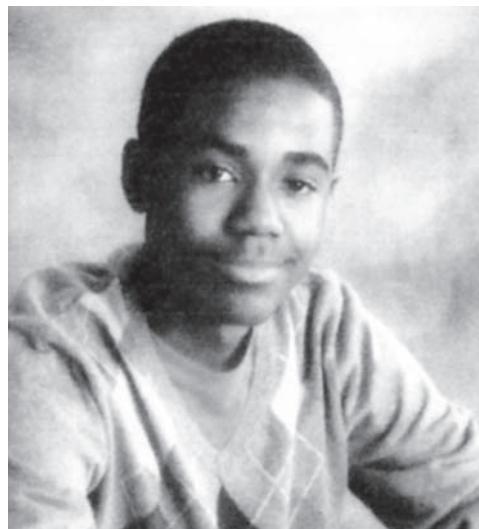
The Annual Joint Board Meeting of the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented at the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Reverend Beverly H. Alexander To Speak For Missionaries 114th Anniversary

The New Bethel Baptist Church Missionary Department (Youth, Young Adults and Seniors) will observe its 114th Missionary Day on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Theme for the occasion is: Bless the Lord Oh My Soul...Today, Yesterday, Tomorrow and Forever. Reverend Beverly H. Alexander will be the guest speaker.

Reverend Alexander is a native of Bennettsville, South Carolina. She is the youngest of 13 children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hicks. She accepted her calling from God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on July 3, 1982. She was ordained and licensed by the Glorious Churches of God Incorporated in Lancaster, South Carolina under the leadership of the late Bishop Willie T. Bowens. In January of 2003, she received her Baptist Ministers License by her pastor, Rev. Robert L. McGowen at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and was ordained by the Rowan Baptist Association in 2008.

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**MICHAEL CURTIS— TO LEAD
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Annual Christmas Program To Showcase Talents

By Diane Piggott

The Annual Christmas Program of the Sunday School of New Bethel Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Michael Curtis will serve as Master of Ceremony.

The program will feature a variety of activities to highlight the Birth of Jesus. Persons are still being added and if you want to participate, you must contact Mrs. Diane Piggott today!

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Editorial

Many Skip Christmas' Religious Aspect

By Hattie Ingram

Christmas 2010 was a whole lotta jingle and not much Jesus.

Two new surveys find more than nine in ten Americans celebrate the holiday—even if they're atheists, agnostics or believers in non-Christian faiths such as Judaism and Islam.

A closer look at Christmas activities reveals what may be the first measurement of an "alarming" gap between belief and behavior, says Ed Stetzer, president of the LifeWay Christian Research Organization which is based in Nashville, Tennessee. (LifeWay publishes our current Sunday School Materials).

The surveys—by LifeWay and the Gallup Poll—indicate that while most call this a holy day that is primarily religious, their actions say otherwise. Many skip church, omit Jesus and zero in on the egg nog.

LifeWay's survey of 2,100 adults found 74% called Christmas "primarily" religious. A Gallup Poll of 1,000 adults found 51% say, for them, it's "strongly" religious, up from 40% in 1989.

But what does "religious" mean? Not so much for a significant number of Americans, the data indicate. Most surveyed said they will give gifts (89%), dine with family or friends (86%), put up a Christmas tree (80%) and play holiday music (79%).

The percentages plummet when it comes to religious activities:

- † 58% say they "encourage belief in Jesus as Savior."
- † 47% attend church Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
- † 34% watch Biblical Christmas movies.
- † 28% read or tell the Christmas story from the Bible.

"It's alarming that while nine in ten celebrate Christmas, only six in ten encourage any belief
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Sunday School

God's Greatest Gift

The Sunday school's lesson for the month of December is about the greatest gift God gave to humanity. It was the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. This study is a reminder of the life-changing significance of Christmas and will challenge believers to carry the message of Christmas to the world.

December 4th—**Recognize God's Gift**—John 1:1-4, 10-18

December 11th—**Receive God's Gift**—Matthew 1:18-20, 24-25; Luke 1:28-31, 34-38

December 18th—**Response to God's Gift**—Matthew 2:1-15

December 25th—**Rejoice in God's Gift**—Luke 2:8-20

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



**ASHLEY SMITH
HONORED BY YOUTH**

Ashley Smith Youth of the Month For November 2011

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Ashley Smith as Youth of the Month for November 2011. Our honoree was selected for her outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministries, her school and her community.

At New Bethel, Ashley is a member of the Youth Ministry and the Youth Missionary. Ashley serves as president of the Youth Choir, assists in Children's Church and dances with the Liturgical Dance Team. In the community, she volunteers with the Samaritan Ministry, participates with street clean up, delivers gift bags and sings at rest homes.

Ashley, a graduate of Parkland High School, is now a freshman at A&T. During
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Youth Corner



**BIANCA BRAILEY
YOUTH REPORTER**

Etiquette Workshop

By Bianca Brailey

On Saturday, November 5, 2011 the Youth of New Bethel attended an Etiquette Class at the church. We learned the proper way to behave in a family style dining setting. In addition we learned the placement of our utensils, dinner plates, napkins, and which side of the chair to enter on. Mrs. Mack, assisted by Mr. James Mack, Ms. Audrey Brown and Ms. Debbie Frazier taught us the Do's and Don'ts of proper eating techniques and how to make polite conversations at meal times. Overall, it was a wonderful learning experience.

I would like to *Thank* Mrs. Dollye Mack for the dining Etiquette Class. She taught us on Saturday, November 5, 2011. I learned which way to pass the bread at the table as well as the proper way to eat a dinner roll. I will no longer bite off a chunk but will break it into bite size pieces. I used to cut my entire piece of meat up but now I know to cut just one piece at a time—eat it and when I'm ready for another piece then cut it. I learned which fork to eat with and which direction to pass the salt and pepper and much more.

Nicholas Lyles states that during the Etiquette Class he learned a lot about eating in public and how to position his plate and silverware. He thought that the Etiquette Class was very interesting and fun. "I enjoyed myself," he said.

Breeyiana Pitts was very excited about her experience at the Etiquette Class. "I really liked how we learned to set the table. I really want to thank Mrs. Mack for showing us all of the proper techniques for setting the table, what the different silverware was and how to use it, and also how to put our knife and fork down correctly." She stated.

On behalf of the Youth Ministry, Nasya Smith thanked Mrs. Mack for all of her hard work in helping to teach our children the proper Etiquette.

Senior Ministry Observes Third Anniversary

By Rev. Dianne Horton

On the crisp autumn morning of Saturday, November 5, members of the Senior Ministry gathered on the church parking lot prepared to travel to Lake Norman to celebrate our third anniversary. Our van drivers for the occasion were Sis. Elaine Brown and Dr. Jones. We are extremely grateful to both drivers for the generous contribution of their time.

Two full vans plus a car departed with one destination in mind—Lake Norman. We were scheduled to board the Catawba Queen for a lunchtime cruise at 12:30 p.m. Unfortunately, due to some extreme difficulties with one of the vans, only half of the group was able to go on the cruise. The riders of the other van were stranded until help arrived. Once Dr. Jones took care of the van repairs he drove his group to Mayflower Seafood Restaurant. As they fellowshiped and enjoyed a delicious meal, their hearts were full of thanksgiving for their safe return to Winston-Salem.

Meanwhile, the group that made it to Lake Norman spent the afternoon on the Catawba Queen. As lunch was enjoyed, the captain offered tidbits of information about the beautiful lakeside mansions.

Everyone made it safely back home later that evening. The Senior Ministry is incredibly grateful to God for his grace, mercy, and protection that He favored us with on this day.

Fourth Union Service To Be Held on December 18

The Fourth Union Service for 2011 will be held Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John CME Church where the Reverend Dr. Edward G. Thomas is host pastor. New Bethel Baptist Church is in charge of the service. Our Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. will be the speaker.

ASHLEY SMITH... *Continued*

her senior year at Parkland, she served as President of the Student Leadership Council. She was a member of the Senior Board, The Black Achievers, Gamma Phi Delta, and a Student Ambassador. Ashley played in the orchestra and was a dancing deb in the band. She excelled in high school and graduated with a 3.9 GPA. She was one of a select few high school students invited to meet monthly with Dr. Martin, Superintendent of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Ashley is the daughter of Bro. Keith and Sis. Alfreda Smith, she is Kelson Smith's big sister. Congratulations to Ashley Smith.



FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

1st Quarter Honor Roll Students November 2011

Caleb's Creek Elementary—Kory Campbell; Shadybrook Elementary—Daniel Piggott, III; Kimmel Farm Elementary—Tavian Davis; Clemmons Middle—Arianna Davis; Flatrock Middle—Christian Thomas... He was named one of the Ambassadors for Flatrock recently. This job is to show new students around and participate in any special programs that the school may have. He also made his solo debut in the Fall Talent Show on November 15 and on November 16 was honored for his 5 year service with the Pop Warner Football team. The Forsyth County Broncos (Clemmons, NC); National Heritage Academies—Princess Poe-Smith; Northwest Middle—Kendall Britton; Walkertown Middle—Kelson Smith, Justin Walker; Atkins Academic & Tech—Jasmine Moss; Carver High—Breshaun Liles; East Forsyth—Bianca Brailey; Robert B. Glenn High—Nasya Smith; Mt. Tabor High—Jonathan Booker, Terrell Britton, II, Nicolis Lyles, Alexis Summey, Kelsey Summey; Winston-Salem Preparatory—Kerry Campbell, Jr., Dominique Hill.

New Bethel Has Another Successful Food Drive Campaign

The 2011 Food Drive Campaign ended on Sunday, November 20, 2011. We collected 2142 cans/items along with \$600.11. These items and the monetary donations were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC. The truck from Second Harvest Food Bank picked up 16 boxes of food on November 22, 2011—in time to help with the food distribution for Thanksgiving. Thanks to the generosity of the members and friends of New Bethel Baptist Church. The theme for the event was "Feeding the Multitude—One can at a time."

Thanks for Sharing and Caring



FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION



REV. AZUREÉ JOHNSON
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Johnson is Under The Spotlight for December

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Azureé D. Johnson is teacher of the Primary Class of the Sunday School at New Bethel Baptist Church. She is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who journeyed south to attend Divinity School at Wake Forest University. She came to us by way of Wake as she was introduced to our Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. as a part of the Bridge and Faith Program which paired Divinity students with area pastors for mentoring. She joined New Bethel under watchcare and began attending Sunday School in Class Number 7 with Deacon Wesley Curtis as teacher.

Rev. Johnson completed her Divinity Studies and received a Master's of Divinity Degree from Wake Forest and set up our Children's Church. Deacon James Brown, Superintendent of Sunday School, recognized her affinity for youth and asked her to teach the Primary Class in 2008. She consented to do so. She commented, "I like teaching young children because they keep you on your toes. They are searching and they are really receptive for the Word of God. They are also more open-minded!"

She has been an asset to the spiritual growth of our church. She and her fiancé Todd Dalton are planning an early Spring wedding.

REVEREND BEVERLY... *Continued*

Rev. Alexander attended Claflin College in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Vintage Bible College, High Point University, and Winston-Salem State University and is now completing her education at High Point University with her major in Psychology and Social Work.

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, The Missionary Department will sponsor a Seasonal Tea at 2:00 p.m. in the Drayton Fellowship Hall. Ms. Susan Gore, motivational speaker and writer will be the guest speaker. She is a rapper, poet and songwriter. Her music draws from the struggle born to a single parent mother. Empowering young people is her message.

Others appearing on the program will be a gathering of ladies from our church and throughout the city displaying church hats. Dr. Sylvia Flack will display an array of jewelry. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Mrs. Ruby Cain is President of the Senior Missionary Department, Mrs. Diane Piggott, Martha Missionary Department and Mrs. Sharon Penn is Youth Department Supervisor. Mrs. Jackie Posey, Ms. Rosa Posey and Mrs. Robin Macklin are Assistant Youth Supervisors.

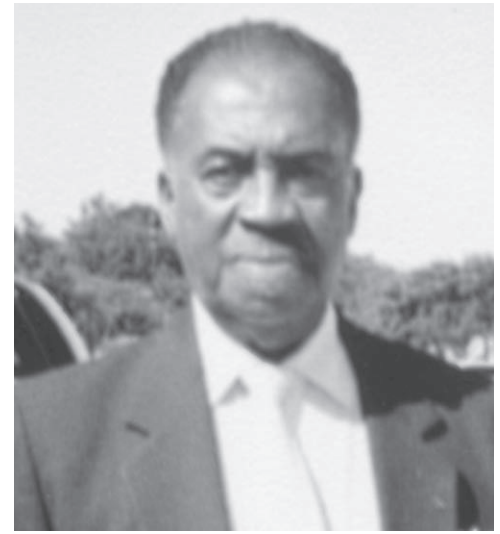
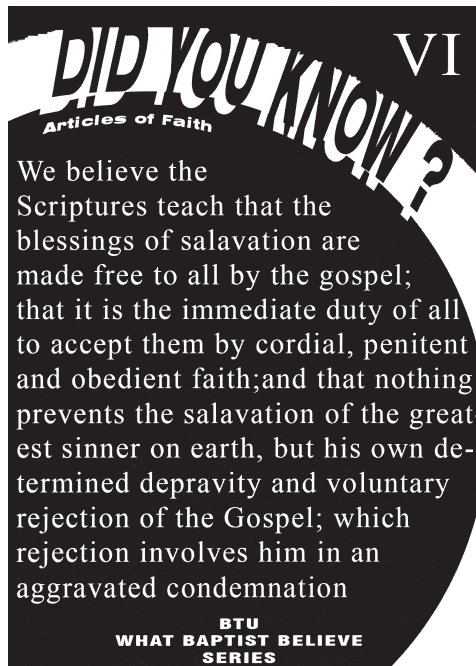


MRS. MYRA WILSON
CHRISTMAS POSTMASTER

The Christmas Post Office Opens Today

By Diane Piggott

Members may send Christmas wishes to each other using the in-house Post Office which officially opens today! Pastor Kendall Jones assured every member that he would receive at least one card because he was sending every member a card! Mrs. Myra Wilson is Postmaster.



MR. GEORGE SALLEY
PASSED RECENTLY

Mr. George Salley Passes After Illness

Mr. George Salley was born January 20, 1924 in Winston-Salem and passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

He graduated from Atkins High School where he excelled in music with the high school band playing the saxophone. He joined the Geetch Robinson Band and traveled to New York City where he performed in clubs and theaters.

Mr. Salley enrolled in New York University and majored in music and dental technology. He was a World War II Veteran and a faithful founding member of St. James Lodge #98 Prince Hall, Harlem, New York. He served as Worshipful Minister, Past Master and Secretary.

His wife, Anna Mae Salley preceded him in death. To carry on his legacy, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Ernestine Siddall of Buffalo, New York; one son, George Hasim Salley; daughter-in-law, Chena Salley; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 11, 2011 at New Bethel Baptist Church with Dr. Kendall D. Jones officiating.

EDITORIAL... *Continued*

in the source of Christmas and only three in ten actually read the story of Christmas," Statzer says. Many Ministers, however, are not alarmed by the gap. Instead, they see an open path to outreach. As believers, they put Christ in Christmas by how they care for others and give people chances to change their lives. "It isn't what we do in December; it's what we do the other 11 months of the year that matters," they say. Let us put more Christ in Christmas in 2011.

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born...

...Unto Us A Son Is Given!"

—Isaiah 9:6