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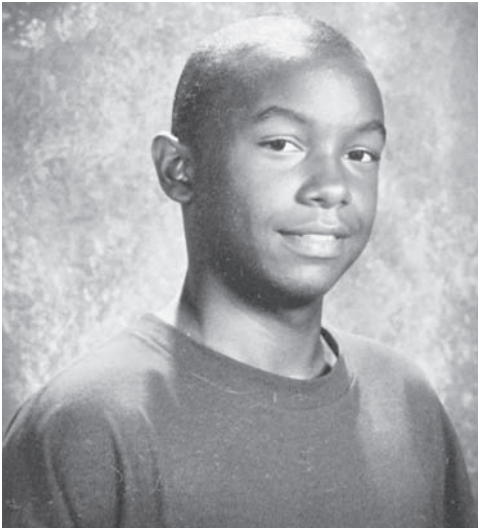
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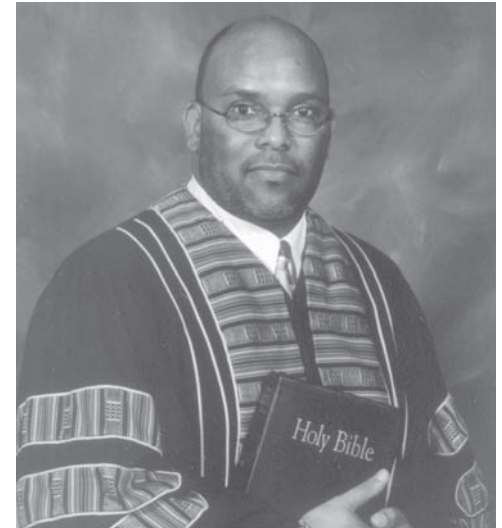
Deacons, Trustees and Spouses To Sponsor 33rd Leadership Program



JAMON CARSON
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY CHAIRMAN



TRUSTEE DANIEL PIGGOTT
CHAIRMAN OF LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE



PASTOR KENDALL D. JONES
TO ADDRESS LEADERSHIP AUDIENCE

Carson to Serve as Youth/ Young Adult Chairperson

By Diane Piggott

Jamon Carson will serve as the Youth/Young Adult Chairperson for New Bethel Baptist Church during 2007-2008. As Chairperson, he will preside over Youth Council meetings and provide an overview of the theme that the youth chose for the year. This year's theme is "It's Time!"

He is a junior at Carver High School. He is trying to stay focused on his work and make his transcript as impressive as possible for college recruiters. This leaves little time for extracurricular activities even though he enjoys playing sports.

At New Bethel where he recently joined, he is a member of the Youth Council and the Junior Ushers. He serves as president of the Junior Ushers. He is also a regular participant on Youth Sundays which is the second Sunday of each month. He also volunteers at the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen with his uncle, Ronald Wilkins.

He is the son of Bruce and Jackie Carson and grandson of Mrs. Barbara Carson. He is most proud of his decision to join New Bethel, but more importantly it pleases his grandmother who is a dedicated member there and he had accompanied her for years. He says that she didn't push him to join, but just allowed him to make the decision about his spiritual life. He commented, "I truly believe that the rest of my life began the day I was baptized, putting God first will assure my path to success!"

Pastor Jones To Speak For Annual Leadership Program

By Hattie Ingram

Pastor Kendall Dwayne Jones, Sr. will be the speaker for our 33rd Annual Leadership Observance at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The observance is sponsored by the Deacons, Trustees and their Spouses.

Pastor Jones is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas where he received his formal education. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas; the Master of Divinity/Christian Social Ministries Degree in Pastoral Social Work from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He has received first and second year training/Adjunct Faculty in Clinical Pastoral Education both in Little Rock and Kansas City.

He has pastored in Bartsell, Arkansas and at Second Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He has served as Associate Minister in several churches and as Student Chaplain and Instructor of Sociology at Ouachita Baptist University. He was a member of United Baptist Fellowship at Southern Seminary and Minister Alliance at Ouachita. His civic affiliations have been numerous, including Chairman of the Board/Research Medical Center, Executive Board Member/Healthcare Corporation of America, Pastoral Care Professional Consultation Committee and he has served as Deputy Registrar of Clark County and Committeeman of the Clark County Democratic Party in Missouri.

Pastor Jones and his family: First Lady Mae Jones, sons Kendall, Jr. and Allan, became part of our church fellowship and our hearts when they arrived at New Bethel in September of 2006 and have won the respect of our church family as well as many throughout the city of Winston-Salem. Our Pastor's affiliations with the General Baptist State Convention, the Ministers Association, the Quarterly Union Services and numerous preaching and speaking engagements all attest to his burning desire to preach and teach the Word of God.

The Society For The Study Of Afro-American History Plans Black History Banquet On February 15

The Society for the Study of Afro-American History plans their Black History Banquet on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Anderson Center. Dr. Gena McNeil, History Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill will be the speaker. Please support our efforts to Preserve Our Story. Memberships, donations, volunteers and banquet tickets are welcome. Contact Connie Smith for information at 336-785-1854.

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Editorial Twelve Months Of History

By Diane Piggott

As February approaches, does your mind say, "Let's get out the Black History notes?" We cannot let white America tell us to only learn about our heritage during the month of February. Our contributions to this nation are 365 days a year.

Many sports enthusiasts are excited that two Black coaches will go head to head this evening leading two professional football teams. Yes, this is a milestone! Their contributions span years of hard work and many years of sacrifice.

We must encourage our youth to read about the contributions of our forefathers as well as contemporary Blacks.

Jane Matilda Bolin lived and died without me knowing that she was the first Black female judge in the United States and the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School in 1931. We dishonor our children when we withhold from them the facts that others have fought the institutionalized racism that lives in our nation to go on to become great contributors to this nation's greatness. We must instill in them that their goals are limited only by their willingness to achieve them.

They need to know about discoveries as the traffic signal by Garrett Morgan, the ironing board by Sarah Boone, blood preservation techniques by Charles Drew and many others are the contributions of Blacks.

We must encourage our youth that true success comes with hard work, perseverance and an abiding faith in God. There are no quick fixes in a bottle or from some white powder. They are achievers and limited only by their imagination!

New Bethel Presents Its Fourth Quarter Outreach Report

The following report represents the outreach activities performed by New Bethel Baptist Church auxiliaries during the months of October, November, and December 2006.

The Missionaries have been working with many different groups. One is the Bethesda Center. They are in the process of equipping a Survival Box which consists of socks, hats, toboggans, gloves, sweaters, coats and thermal underwear.

They have been visiting the Brian Center, and given gift bag. Also they have donated 15 pieces of baby clothing.

The Missionaries continues with an on-going Prison Ministry. A clothes give away from the Martha Group was a success. They are also setting up a clothes bank at the church.

The Missionaries are preparing baskets of personal items to be delivered during the holiday seasons. Cards have been sent and other donations have been sent to: UNCTQ \$50, Red Cross \$25, Salvation Army \$65, Disabled American Vets \$10, Crisis Control \$45, Samaritan Ministry \$45, Paralyzed Vets \$20, National Federations of Blind \$45, United Way \$35, Reynolda House \$50, Meals on Wheels \$50, sick and shut-ins \$35, Hospice \$50, Rescue Mission \$68.62, 17 tooth brushes, 14 deodorants, 23 bars of soap, 5 tooth brushes, 56 disposable razors, 4 shaving cream, 2 toilet water, 2 hair shampoos, 1 pair of shower shoes, 6 bath clothes, 2 petroleum jelly, 10 packs of disposable handkerchief, 2 caps, 2 pairs of socks and 10 pounds of individually wrapped Christmas candy.

The Volunteers for Christmas Service outreach consisted of a donation of 3 Christmas wreaths, 2 candle arrangements, 14 can good to Crisis Control, 2 bags of fruit, 2 bags of food, 2 boxes of clothing, 2 pairs of shoes, 9 visits, 6 phone calls, 8 cards and \$30 donation.

The Willing Workers adopted a family for Christmas and donated clothing items. They made calls and gave money to the sick and shut-ins and gave can goods to Meals-On-Wheels.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 20 members, our sick and shut-ins. Their yearly visits were 86.

The Sunday School donations consisted of: 347 visits, 538 phone calls, letters and cards 156, Meals-On-Wheels served 177, 2 potted flowers, 2 bags of clothing, 1 fruit basket, 12 dinners, 12 bags of groceries, \$25 gift card, \$25 gift certificate and \$887 donation.

This concludes the fourth quarter outreach for New Bethel Baptist Church. We thank God for all who contributed and we pray that in 2007 we will continue to give and give more. To God be the Glory.

Deaconess and Trustee Wives Sponsor Successful Prayer Breakfast

By Hattie Ingram

On January 6, 2007, the Deaconess and Trustee Wives of New Bethel sponsored their 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Room. The Multipurpose Room was filled with those seeking inspirational prayers, messages, songs, good food and fellowship.

Kendall Dwayne Jones, Jr. delivered the inspirational message using the theme "Gaining Strength And Faith Through The Power Of Prayer In 2007." He used the Book of Philippians, chapter four to reinforce his message. He was given a standing ovation and congratulated by all in attendance for a magnificent presentation.

All in attendance were able to begin the New Year feeling blessed and loved of God.

Youth Corner



**SHARIKA GROOMS
YOUTH REPORTER**

Staying In The Christian Mix is Like Driving a Car

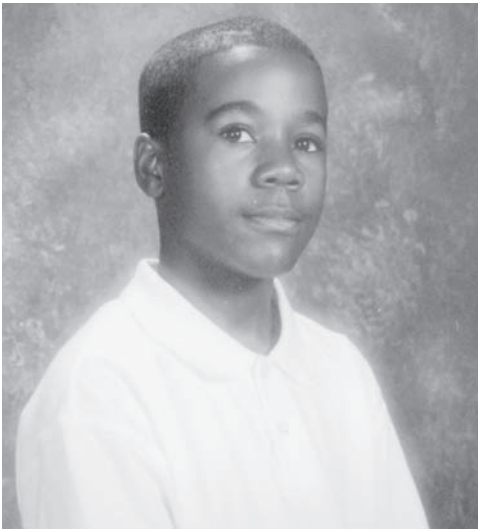
By Sharika Grooms

First, you put your key into the ignition, which means you have decided to follow Jesus.

Second, you make sure that your car has gas, oil, good tires and a tune up in order to make it where you want to go. For us, that means to get your Bible, and other Spiritual Guidance Books. Attend Bible Study, Sunday School, many Worship Services, and attend Prayer Meetings for worshipping and studying God's Word.

Now, you are ready to crank up the car and go. As you are driving, always remember the rules of the road. Stay Focused, keep your mind on where you are going. Stay On The Right Side Of The Road. Do not allow anybody or anything to turn you around. Once you have made the decision to follow Jesus. As youth, don't let peer pressure or temptation turn you around.

Don't forget to turn down Praise Avenue. Keep listening to the Inner Voice inside of you that will tell you to drive by Faith. If you get lost, God will be right there to protect you. Proverbs Chapter 4 Verses 20-26 tells us that we should keep our eyes focused on what is right and look ahead to what is good. Be careful what you do, and always do what is right. Hopefully, you will reach your destination by staying in the Christian Mix in 2007.



TREY CURTIS, DARRYL TAYLOR — NEW YOUNG ADULT USHERS
(JAMON CARSON PICTURED ON PAGE 1)

Three Youth Ushers Promoted To Young Adult Usher Board

Three Youth Ushers, Jamon Carson, Trey Curtis, and Darryl Taylor, have been promoted to the Young Adult Usher Board. They have gained much knowledge about ushering as youth and their ages allowed them to move up to the Young Adult Board.

Jamon Carson is a junior at Carver High School where he is focusing on his studies and trying to decide what he wants to do with his life. He is a member of the Youth Council.

Trey Curtis is a 10th grader at Reynolds High School. He is a member of the Youth Choir and the Youth Council. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts.

Darryl Taylor is an 8th grader. He is being Home Schooled. He is a member of the Youth Council. Currently, Darryl attends the Community School for North Carolina School of the Arts where he studies guitar playing.

All of these new Young Adult Ushers are reporters for the Youth Corner of *The Spotlight* and participate in all of the youth activities of the church. Mrs. Alenia Sligh is Supervisor of the Youth Ushers and William Poe is Director of the Young Adults.

Youth Activities' Schedule 2007

The Youth Council would like to provide the following schedule of activities for youth, young adults, council members and all members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

- January 20: Bowling at Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-5 p.m.
- February 11: Down payment due on trip to New York City
- February 17: Skating at Skate Haven on Country Club Road, 2-5 p.m.
- March 11: Second Installment of New York City Trip
- March 9-11: Youth/Young Adult day Weekend Activities, place TBA
- April 8: Final Installment of New York City Trip
- April 21: Bowling, Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-4:30 p.m.
- May 19: Skating, Skate Haven, 2-5 p.m.
- June 17: Bowling, Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-4:30 p.m.
- July 19-22: Trip to New York City
- August 18: Skating, Skate Haven, 2-5 p.m.
- September 15: Bowling, Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-4:30 p.m.
- October 20: Bowling, Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-4:30 p.m.
- November 17: Skating, Skate Haven, 2-5 p.m.
- December 15: Bowling, Northside Bowling Lanes, 3-4:30 p.m.

Elaine Brown is Chairperson of the Youth Activities Committee.

Trustee Gerald Pauling Is Sigma's Man Of The Year

By Hattie Ingram

Trustee Gerald Pauling was named "Man of the Year" by members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at their 93rd Founder's Day Celebration. Nearly 50 collegiate and alumni members gathered at the Anderson Conference Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University on January 7, 2007 for this annual observance. The theme for the occasion was "The Power of One."

Highlights of the afternoon included a rededication ceremony and individual reflections of members' journey through the land of Sigma. Concluding the afternoon was the final act of the outgoing president; the announcement of the Sigma Man of the Year. He described the honoree as an individual who exemplifies the high ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service. The 2006 Sigma Man was Gerald Pauling. Pauling was presented a plaque which read:

"The James A. Lassiter Man Of The Year Award
Presented To Gerald L. Pauling
For Dedication, Commitment and Loyalty
For the Ideals of
Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service
Phi Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma Chapter
January 7, 2007

Pauling is Chaplain for the Fraternity and
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BEVERLY BROWN
ELECTED TEACHE3R OF THE YEAR

Beverly Brown is Named Teacher Of The Year

By Hattie Ingram

Beverly Brown was recently named Teacher of the Year at Griffith Elementary School where she teaches fourth grade. During her fourteen years of teaching, Beverly has also taught second and fifth grades.

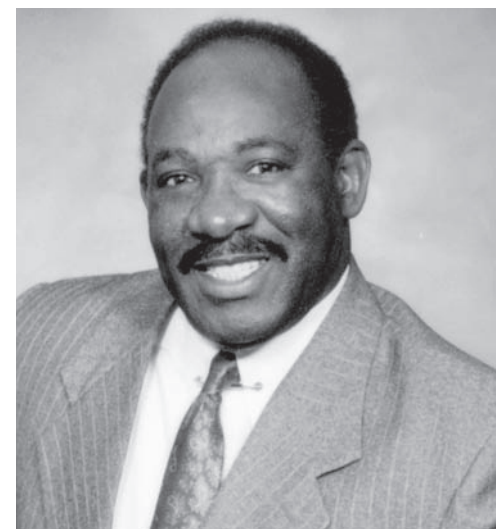
She received both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education at Appalachian State University. In 2003, she earned a Master's degree in School Administration.

At New Bethel, Beverly is an active member of the Usher Board, Martha Missionary Group and the Bereavement Committee. She is also an active member of the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She is the daughter of Charlie and Sarah Brown, both members of New Bethel

TRUSTEE GERALD... *Continued*

Director of Bigger and Better Business which fosters Businessman of the Year, supporting Minority Business and Black Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. At New Bethel, he is member of the Trustee Board, the Voices of Praise Choir, the Communion Singers, the Sunday School, the Youth Council and serves wherever he is needed.



TRUSTEE GERALD PAULING
SIGMA'S MAN OF THE YEAR



**OMAR AND TIARA NICHOLS
STRIVING FOR SUCCESS**

Nichols Back On Track For Success

By Diane Piggott

Omar Nichols is getting his life back on track in 2007. He is a living testimony to what God can do in one's life. He joined New Bethel in October of 2006 after a new birth experience following a downward spiral following the death of his beloved grandfather and mentor, the late Mr. James Powell.

Omar admits that seeing the predicament that his little brother, Sherrod Nichols who is a member of New Bethel found himself in also brought him to the realization that he had to do better. He recalls that his brother had said to him, "You are my coolest brother! So I knew he was watching me. He looked up to me and I thought about the example I had set. I dropped out of high school in 1997 because I lost my motivation when my grandfather died. There was a big hole in my life. I just made some bad choices. I know what my brother is going through because I, too, have served time in jail. I spent 7½ months in jail for selling cocaine. Then one day in last January, I came to the realization that I must be accountable for what I'm doing and I thought about what my brother had said to me, "you're my coolest brother." I've talked and visited with Sherrod and because I know what he's going through I decided to turn my life around. I am trying to build a relationship with God. I'm trying to fill up that hole that I feel in my life. I started taking the tests for my GED at Forsyth Tech and now I have my GED. I should have graduated from Mt. Tabor High School in 1998.

Nichols was very candid in the interview. He also admits that part of his motivation is because he has two daughters, ages 7 and 4. "I know I have potential to do things and I must set a good example for my kids. I'm working for the city of Winston-Salem. I know I can turn my life around and that it doesn't matter what I've done, I can be forgiven. Things are looking up! I'm going to work and trying to put God first in my life. (Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 2)



**MR. RAYMOND STEWART
PASSES AFTER PERIOD OF ILLNESS**

Mr. Raymond T. Stewart Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Raymond Tatum Stewart, son of the late Bill and Sally Tatum Stewart was born in 1921 in Stokes County. He departed this life at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home on Wednesday, December 27, 2006.

A resident of Winston-Salem for most of his life, he joined New Bethel Baptist Church and was a faithful member until his illness. He was an active and devoted member of the Senior Usher Board for many years and was a member of the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class and a former custodian. Mr. Stewart was a retiree of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and a former member of the Skyland Community Club.

He is survived by four children, Constance Russell Jeanette (Vernell) McGregor and Eloise (Marvin) Bonner of Winston-Salem and Barbara (Bobby) Abbott of Clinton, Maryland; four sisters, Thelma Williams of Winston-Salem; Rose Ann Jackson of Rochester, New York, Mary Jackson and Susie Ross of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 3, 2007 at New Bethel with Dr. Kendall Dwayne Jones, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Dry Hollow Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Walnut Cove, North Carolina. Hooper Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

NICHOLS BACK ON... *Continued*
I'm engaged to be married and expecting another child in April."

He is thankful to Trustee Carl Bankhead who came and talked with him since joining New Bethel. They exchanged numbers and he feels that he is someone with whom he can share experiences.

Here is a young man who has opened his life up for all to see in hopes that it will have a positive effect on someone out there who may be or is headed down the wrong path. Our prayers are with Omar and we hope you, too, will keep him in yours.

Deaths and Funerals

Mr. Marion Douglas Shell

Mr. Marion Douglas Shell, the oldest of seven children born to the late Deacon Douglas James Shell and Sallie Sanders Shell passed December 22, 2006 in Miami, Florida where he had resided for more than 50 years. He was born in Union, South Carolina and moved to Winston-Salem at an early age and attended New Bethel with his family.

He is survived by a son, Philip Shell, a granddaughter, Keyonna Foster, four sisters, Alleane Reeves, Elizabeth English, Helen Boone and Juanita Peterson; two brothers, James Shell and George Shell and many other relatives and friends. The Shell family continues the Shell Scholarships established at New Bethel in honor of their parents annually.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 30, 2006 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Miami with Father John Madigan officiating. Interment was in Dade Memorial Park. Hall Ferguson Hewitt Mortuary was in charge of services.

Relatives Of New Bethel Members

Clarence M. Bell

Clarence M. Bell of Kannapolis, NC passed on January 14, 2007 at his home and was funeralized on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at First Congressional United Church of Christ in Concord, NC. Rev. Edward Holloway did the eulogy and Lamb Funeral Home of Concord was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bell was the brother of Mrs. Diane (Trustee Daniel) Piggott and the uncle of Mr. Danny (Nicole) Piggott and Daniel Piggott, III.

Mrs. Ruby Lee Rocker Younger

Mrs. Ruby Lee Rocker Younger of South Boston, Virginia passed in that city on January 22, 2007. A native of Mobile, Alabama, she was first daughter of eleven children of the late Clarence and Alma Rocker.

She leaves to cherish loving members three sons, seven brothers, among them are trustee Kenneth (Gwendolyn) Rocker, three sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews and their children, of which K.J. and Ashton were her special little companions, cousins, and many loving and attentive friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 with Reverend Dwight Wilkerson officiating.

