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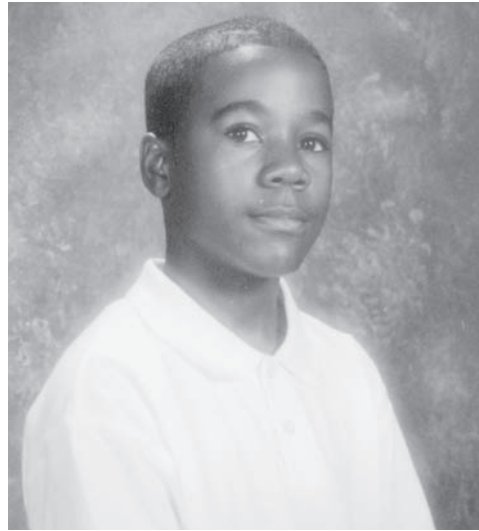
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**JAMON CARSON - RETURNS AS
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHAIRPERSON**



**TREY CURTIS - WORSHIP LEADER
FOR YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY**



**JUDGE DENISE HARTSFIELD
TO ADDRESS LEADERS**

Youth Make Plans For 2008

By Diane Piggott

March 9, 2008 is the date for the Annual Youth/Young Adult Day at New Bethel Baptist Church. The 2007 theme, "It's Time" has served us well. Monthly writers and presenters have delivered some powerfully moving and thought-provoking messages.

Our next meeting of the youth and young adults should cement a speaker and this year's theme. Jamon Carson will serve another year as Youth/Young Adult Chairperson and Trey Curtis will serve as Worship Leader.

Jamon is a senior and is focusing on a June graduation date as well as seeking out post secondary opportunities. He cut back on extracurricular activities at Carver High to put extra time into his studies. Trey is a junior at Reynolds High School and he, too says that he had to put added emphasis on his studies this year. He is planning to go to an out of state institution upon his high school graduation.

Other participants on the program will be finalized at the next meeting.

Brown Named New Superintendent

By Diane Piggott

Trustee James Brown will succeed Deacon Matthew Moore as Superintendent of the Sunday School Department of New Bethel Baptist Church. Moore ended a 48-year tenure as Superintendent.

Brown was one of the Assistant Superintendents of the Sunday School. He is a native of Manchester, Georgia who relocated to Winston-Salem with his job with Sara Lee/Hanes Brands, Inc.

He is actively involved at New Bethel with the Sunday School, Class Number 7, the Laymen's League where he serves as financial secretary, and Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

He is married to the former Lynda Barnes and they have one daughter, Lacy.

Brown says, "I look forward to serving as Superintendent, but I don't know about serving 48 years!"



**TRUSTEE JAMES BROWN - BECOMES
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

The Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield To Speak For Annual Leadership Program

By Hattie Ingram

The Honorable Denise Hartsfield, a Forsyth County District Court Judge, will be the guest speaker for New Bethel's 34th Annual Leadership Program on Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. This program is sponsored annually by the Deacons, Trustees and their spouses.

Judge Hartsfield is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she attended the public schools and graduated from East Forsyth High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia and is a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem. She distinguished herself at both schools in a number of leadership roles and was the recipient of the first Dean's Leadership Award at Wake Forest. She was an Assistant County Attorney assigned to the Forsyth County Department of Social Services where she prosecuted child support abuse, neglect and dependency cases prior to being elected to a Forsyth County District Judge in 2002.

Despite her busy work schedule, Judge Hartsfield is an active member in her community. In 2006, she received the *Winston-Salem Chronicle's* Woman of the Year Award and has received numerous recognitions for her involvement with youth and young adults. (Continued Page 4, Column 1, Article 2)



**ROSA RICE – NEWLY ELECTED
FIRST VICE OF LADY USHERS**

Ms. Rosa M. Rice Is Chosen By Ushers

Ms. Rosa M. Rice has been elected 1st Lady of the Usher Board. She has held several positions on the Usher Board including 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary. In the community, Ms. Rice is Vice President of Easton's Sick and Flower Club and she volunteers for Senior Services. She recently became a proud grandmother of twin girls. She thanks God for how He has blessed her in all of her endeavors.

IT'S TIME TO GET... *Continued* cannot do this alone. Proverbs Chapter 3 verses 5-7 reads: In all your heart, you must trust the Lord and not on your own judgment. Always let him lead you and he will clear the road for you to follow. Don't ever think that you are wise enough, but respect the Lord and stay away from evil.

Over this past summer I have already begun to prepare myself for college. I attended SciTech summer camp at Winston-Salem State University. We had classes in science, math and technology on a college level. This camp can also be used as college credit.

In closing let me say this, my grandma taught me that I can become anything I want to as long as I put my mind to it and as long as I walk and talk with God on a daily basis. She also said that I am not better or above anyone and no one is better or above me. In Peter Chapter 5, 5-6 reads: "God resists the proud but give grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the might hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

It's time for me to get ready for college.

Jasmine Moss is the granddaughter of Mr. Elwood Ford and Mrs. Barbara Ford.



**IRIE THOMAS – NEWLY ELECTED
LEADER OF MARTHA MISSIONARY GROUP**

Martha Missionaries Elect Thomas

Ms. Irie Thomas was elected President of the Martha Missionary Group. She has been very active with many auxiliaries and activities since joining New Bethel. A native of San Diego, California, Ms. Thomas moved to St. Thomas, US Virgin Island shortly after her birth. Her parents and other relatives still reside in St. Thomas and she has three sisters in Winston-Salem. She received her formal education in St. Thomas and attended the New England Institute of technology in Rhode Island. She currently attends Forsyth Technical Institute and hopes to become a dental hygienist/respiratory therapist. She is a Medication Administrator/Supervisor at Clare Bridge of Winston-Salem.

K. J. James Is Youth Missionaries New President

Keterio "KJ" James was elected President of the Youth Missionaries. He is a junior at Mount Tabor High School where he is a varsity wrestler and former member of Future Business Leaders of America. He was a member of the All County Chorus at Hanes Middle School. At New Bethel he is a member of the Sunday School, Youth Choir, Mentee of the Laymen's League and is a member of the Youth Choir. He is the son of Debra James and David Coleman.



**KJ JAMES
TO LEAD YOUTH MISSIONARIES**



**ALLAN JONES
WEST FORSYTH STANDOUT**

Hot Shooting and Good Defense Are Paying Off For Allan Jones

By Hattie Ingram

Allan Jones, a small forward for the West Forsyth Titans, hasn't adjusted his game much since leaving Park Hill in Kansas City, Missouri. He's staying true to the work ethic he developed in his early years—practice, practice, practice. He practices with his team each evening Monday through Friday and 3 evenings, he practices by himself. And it is all paying off! Jones leads the team in scoring.

Jones, a junior at West, describes the 2007-2008 season as his best yet. His play has been consistent and his leadership role evident as he drives and effectively scores over his opponents. Statistically, his team is 12-5 in conference play. Jones excels with tough defensive plays, dominates in rebounding, assists with numerous plays, and consistently scores his favorite middle lane jump shot. He scored a high of 28 points in a key game against Davie.

His teammates and school family are beginning to see a more relaxed and confident Jones during games and he is having more fun playing than ever. His parents, Pastor and Mrs. Kendall Jones, are his biggest and proudest fans. He knows they are in attendance at each game, however, seldom does he glance "up there" where they sit to observe their reactions to his game. His focus remains on the "play by play" on the court. Sports writers and the news media are also taking notes.

Jones' hectic basketball schedule doesn't interfere with his school work. After each practice and game, he still has tons of homework to complete, yet he's performing well academically.

Allan Jones hopes to continue his sport in college. He's playing hard and studying diligently hoping for a scholarship. And he wouldn't mind if all of this hard work pays off and leads to a professional career.

Congratulations, Allan! (From your New Bethel Baptist Church Family).

Winding Up 2007 And Straight Into 2008

By Diane Piggott

The New Bethel Baptist Church Family came together to wrap up 2007 with a Watch Night Service at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007. It reconvened on the following Saturday morning, January 5, 2008 with its 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Deaconesses and Trustee Wives.

The two occasions were filled with praise and thanksgiving. Rev. Dr. A. T. Griffey, III brought a message entitled "Straight in 2008" which was text-based in Isaiah 40: 1-4. He emphasized that "if you want to learn how to be blessed, you must learn how to give. You also need to know JESUS! In 2008 you might need to change your attitude and your location. You must realize that He (God) left you here to do ministry and to change lives." Trustee Eugene Thompson's message at the Prayer Breakfast reminded us that "once you have been born again, you must live a life to glorify God." He admonished us that "some of us need to go back to "Religion 101—The Work of God." He continued, "Without the Word of God, you cannot pray properly and the Word of God is good and good for you. The Word of God will last! We pay more for stuff because we think it will last, but moths can get to it. Spiritual growth is better than physical growth." In closing he stressed, "Without the Word of God in our lives in 2008, we're like a ship without an anchor!" The two messages gave a double dose of the fact that we need to focus on God more and if you do, 2008 will be a better year.

THE HONORABLE... *Continued*

She serves on the board of The Prodigals Community of Winston-Salem. She is also an adjunct professor of law at the Wake Forest University School of Law where she co-directs an Academic Success Program for first year students.

She is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem where she leads children's church and is announcement clerk. She is a certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Girl Scouts of America. She is daughter of Mrs. Doris Hartsfield and the late Delray Hartsfield.

FOURTH QUARTER... *Continued*

cards and made phone calls to the sick and shut-ins. They purchased clothing for children to a family in need.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 22 members of our sick and shut-ins. The total of visits they made for 2007 was 106.

The Sunday School donations for 2007 consisted of: visits made—1560, phone calls—1937, letters & cards—988, Meals-On-Wheels served—470, 40 bags of groceries, 1 plant, 47 diners, 20 bags of clothing, 2 bags of shoes, 1 box of hats, 3 drinks, 2 cakes, and \$4,795 in monetary donations.

This concludes the fourth quarter outreach report for New Bethel Baptist Church. We would like to encourage all auxiliaries to participate in this report. Let us also strive to give more as the Lord prospers us in the coming days.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES BOONE
CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The Boones Renew Vows

By Diane Piggott

Helen Shell Boone, the daughter of the late Deacon Douglas and Sally Shell, renewed vows with her husband, James Boone of 50 years during the 12th Annual Douglas and Sallie Shell Thanksgiving Memorial Reunion held in Winston-Salem at the best Western Salem Inn. The couple wed on June 15, 1957 and Dr. Jerry Drayton performed the initial ceremony and also performed the renewal of the vows ceremony.

Mrs. Boone, who is a former member of New Bethel, is a retired school librarian and Mr. Boone is a retired New Jersey State Correction Lieutenant. They reside in Piscataway, New Jersey. The couple had two children, Monique Boone Mayers of Abingdon, Maryland and Jacques Pierre Boone. Both are now deceased.

EDITORIAL... *Continued*

3. Say "I love you" even to someone who isn't acting very lovable.
4. Send a card to a dear friend or relative.
5. Give a message to a special someone.
6. Pick up trash on your street.
7. Send a singing e-mail.
8. Write a surprise "love note."
9. Baby-sit for friends.
10. Give a compliment a day.

Any of these ten suggestions will not break the bank and will bring a smile and warm glow to many a heart!

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

Mr. Willie Lewis Smith

Mr. Willie Lewis Smith passed away suddenly on January 3, 2008. He was funeralized on January 7, 2008 in Ware Shoals, South Carolina.

Mr. Smith was the uncle of Connie Smith and Jerry (Terry Taylor) Barnes, faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.



**MRS. SINCLAIR ROBINSON CROWDER
PASSES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS**

Mrs. Sinclair Robinson Crowder Passes

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Sinclair Robinson Crowder, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed on December 24, 2007.

She was born in Jacksonville, Florida, the only child of Frank and Martha "Mattie" Thomas (both deceased). The family moved to Winston-Salem, N.C. when Sinclair was around five years old. Sinclair married Willie S. Robinson and to this union two children were born, Jean and Willie. She later married Willie Crowder and moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Burning desires for an education lead her to attend Winston-Salem State University. Her teaching experiences include Winston-Salem Public Schools and Highland Park schools, a division of the Detroit Public School System, until she retired. Sinclair had many enriching experiences while working with the Detroit School System. One experience held special significance, she took six students on a trip to Switzerland in 1972, for special recognition for her achievements and love for education.

Throughout Sinclair's life, she retained membership in New Bethel Baptist Church. Her activities in New Bethel; were numerous. She wrote and directed plays for the church, served as Sunday school Teacher, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday school, B.T.U., Chairman of the Political Awareness Committee, member of the Effort Club, Woman's Day Committee and Journalistic Society. Sinclair was the 1998 Woman of the Year at New Bethel.

Sinclair was a member of New Life Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, and helped to secure a church van as well as, in the building of a nursing home for older members. She was also a member of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sinclair's professional memberships include Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Life Membership in the N.A.A.C.P. and a member of Along the Garden Path Club.

Sinclair leaves to cherish her memories, a loving daughter, Jean Bradley; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, niece Dr. Janice Coleman, nephew William Robinson, cousin James (Dollye) Mack, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Sinclair was funeralized on January 4, 2008. Rev. Jerry Drayton Pastor Emeritus, delivered the eulogy. Hooper Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Rev. Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr. pastor officiated.