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NEW BETHEL'S ASSISTANT MINISTERS

**REV. GRAVES, REV. HORTON, REV. HAIRSTON, REV. SMITH, REV. JOHNSON,
REV. LARKIN, REV. WERTS, (REV. DR. OWENS NOT PICTURED)**

Getting to Know Our Ministerial Staff

By Hattie Ingram

Eight Assistant Ministers who were inspired by the ministers, congregation, and teachings of New Bethel are now serving our church in various capacities. All came as visitors of our pastors or our members and decided to become members themselves.

Reverend Christopher Graves began preaching at the age of 3 and was later licensed under the leadership of Pastor W. Carl Foster of New Life Ministries in Greensboro at the age of 16. He has served as Youth Assistant Minister at Mt. Zion Baptist Church under Bishop G. Brooks. He is married to Brooke Nicole Brown.

The Reverend Carolyn Diane Horton earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Religion from Salem College and is currently pursuing the Master of Divinity Degree at Wake Forest University Divinity School. She completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Wake Forest

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Mrs. Mildred McCullough Griffin Passes—Served as Obituary Reporter For Spotlight

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Mildred McCullough Griffin was born March 23, 1916 in Anderson, South Carolina, to the late Horatio Marcello and Mary McCullough. She moved to Winston-Salem at an early age and attended the public schools. She received her bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University and a master's degree from N.C.A&T State University. She was married to Deacon Cleveland Griffin who preceded her in death.

Mildred was reared in a Christian home and joined New Bethel Baptist Church where she was involved in many church activities and held various positions including: General Secretary of the Sunday School, a member of the Effort Club, Journalistic Society and
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**MRS. MILDRED MCCULLOUGH GRIFFIN
PASSES AFTER ILLNESS**



**REVEREND JOSEPH R. SAMUELS
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SPEAKER**

Reverend Joseph R. Samuels To Speak for Annual Leadership Program

By Hattie Ingram

The Reverend Joseph R. Samuels, Pastor Emeritus of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church will be the guest speaker for New Bethel's 35th Annual Leadership Program on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. This program is sponsored by the Deacons, Trustees and their Spouses.

Reverend Samuels is a native of Anderson, South Carolina and son of the late Reverend W.E. and Beatrice Samuels. His father was founder and Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church. Young Joseph Samuels received his formal education in Winston-Salem where he was an outstanding football player at Atkins High School. He furthered his education at Winston-Salem State University. Later, he became the first black truck driver employed at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Reverend Samuels was called and installed as pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in 1858. God blessed him and his members with a new edifice where she served as senior pastor with 33 ministers an over 1500 members until his retirement. He is known throughout the area for leadership and spiritual mentoring of preachers. In addition he pastored Friendship Baptist Church in Cooleme, North Carolina for more than 20 years.

He is affiliated with numerous ministerial conferences and associations. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

Reverend Joseph R. Samuels is married to the former Margaret Brown. He is father of two sons, Jonathan and the late Joseph, Jr.



**JAMES DELANO FORD
TAKES POSITION IN NEW ORLEANS**

Ford Is A Broad President

By Diane Piggott

Winston-Salem native, James DeLano Ford is one of 31 Broad Residents of the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems. Now residing in New Orleans, he works for KIPP New Orleans, a public charter school management organization in a management capacity to improve operations so that critical resources can be pushed down to the classroom.

Ford earned his Master's Degree in Business from Cornell in 2008 and was identified by the Broad Center as it recruited talented leaders from education, business, the military, nonprofit organizations and government who have a passion, knowledge and skills to take on executive leadership roles in urban education. The Center was established in 2001 to raise student achievement by recruiting, training and supporting executive leadership talent across America to become the next generation of urban school district leaders. The Center is funded by the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.

As a youth, he was active at New Bethel. He was a 1997 graduate of Carver High School and a 2001 graduate of Morehouse College. He has previously worked as a senior consultant for Capgemini helping organizations improve their efficiency and effectiveness. He also has nonprofit experience working for the Chicago Public Schools, the State of Georgia and The London School of Economics. *(Continued Page 3, Column 2, Article 2)*

Mrs. Carolyn G. Strickland Is Named New Church Secretary

We are pleased to welcome our new Church Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Ginyard Strickland. Mrs. Strickland joined us in July 2008 and brings with her many years of teaching, branch banking, corporate training; human resources; and information technology experiences. She retired after 34 years from Wachovia Bank as a Vice President and manager of PC Operations and Telecommunications.

She is a product of the WSFCS and graduated from Anderson High School (currently the Anderson Center of WSSU). She furthered her education at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD receiving the BS Degree in Business Administration and the University of Cincinnati where she majored in School Counseling. *(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 3)*



**MRS. MYRA WILSON
NAMED TO NEW POSITION**

Mrs. Myra Wilson Is New Data Entry Clerk

On January 27th, Myra Wilson took the position of Data Entry Clerk for New Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Wilson has learned that the most important aspect of this job is to stay focused and seriously concentrate when entering data. Deacon Wesley Curtis once said that Excel can do many wonderful things, but it will not prevent you from entering in incorrect data.

She is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she attended the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools. She graduated from Anderson Sr. High School and Forsyth Technical Community College. She has been an employee at HanesBrands, Inc. for 31 years.

Mrs. Wilson is a very active member of New Bethel. She is a member of Sunday School Class No. 6, Tuesday morning Bible Study, Baptist Training Union, Forsyth County Baptist Training Union, Willing Workers, Van Driver, Outreach Coordinator, member of Women's day Planning Committee, and Post Mistress.

She is the wife of Mr. Dennis L. Wilson, the daughter of Mrs. Nira Robinson and the late Deacon Charles E. Robinson.

FORD IS A BROAD... Continued
In a news release from The Broad Center, Ford remarked, "The field of public education presents the most complex business challenge facing *(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)*"



**MRS. CAROLYN G. STRICKLAND
ASSUMES NEW POSITION**



**DANIEL A. PIGGOTT, JR.
NAMED TACHER OF THE YEAR**

Piggott Named "Teacher of the Year"

By Diane Piggott

Daniel A. Piggott, Jr. was named the 2008-09 "Teacher of the Year" at Carver High school in Winston-Salem. He is a Mathematics Teacher and Coach of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team.

Piggott is a 15-year veteran of teaching. He is a 1994 graduate of NCA&T State University in Greensboro with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education. He was ecstatic five years ago to return to his alma mater to teach and coach. He is a 1990 honor graduate of Carver where he played basketball under Coach Alred Poe who is now the Athletic Director at Carver.

He is married to the former, Nicole Strayhorn and they have a son, Daniel, III.

Piggott will now enter the competition for the regional "Teacher of the Year" for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

FORD IS A BROAD... Continued
America today, and I am committed to bring my passion to improve opportunities for underserved students and my experience making organizations efficient to help New Orleans create tangible and enduring changes for young people."

He is the son of the late Helena Hairston Ford and James Ford. His sister, Tonya practices law in the Raleigh-Durham area. He is the grandson of Mr. Robert Hairston and nephew of Trustee Elwood Ford.

MRS. CAROLYN... Continued

She is a member of Shiloh Baptist church and serves as a Trustee and Co-Chair of the Missionary Ministry, Program Committee. She worked many years with the Budget and Finance Committees and is past president of the Women's Ministry. Mrs. Strickland has participated with the pastor's Anniversary, Church Anniversary and Women's Day committees. She is a Past Worthy Matron of Meridian Chapter, No. 308, and past Grand Lecturer, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA; Past Commandress of Sethos Court, No. 105, and Past Desert Secretary, Daughters of Isis. She has also served at the state level for both organizations on various committees. Mrs. Strickland, a volunteer tutor, lives in Kernersville and is the mother of a son, Jason, who graduated from NC A&T State University with a degree in Pure Mathematics. He resides in Raleigh, NC, is a high school math teacher, basketball and baseball teams coach.

Annual One Day Session

By Lucille McCormick

The 56th annual one day session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was held Saturday, January 10, 2009 in Concord, North Carolina. The theme was "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Mission and Fellowship: Stand in His Promise." I John 2:24-25. Dr. Bronnie H. Daniels, President presided.

The General Assembly was a joint session which included Seniors, Young Adults and Youth Department. The Call to Order was followed by a Special Conventional Prayer, the opening Hymn, "Standing On His Promises," The Martin Luther King Litany and the songs "Total Praise" and "I'm Free."

Ten Missionary leaders, both past and present, were inducted into the Mission Hall of Fame. The oldest member was Missionary Ethel Rose Smith, 97 years old from Henderson, North Carolina. Pastors, Associate Ministers, new member, A-1/Lydia Circles and all unions including young adults and youth were organized. The sermon was given by Nilous M. Avery, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Salisbury, North Carolina, "To Glorify God"—Numbers 13:30.

Senior Ministry Holds First Event of 2009

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel gathered in the Drayton Multipurpose Room for a lunch and learn event. The delicious covered dish lunch included baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, deviled eggs, rolls, drinks and desserts. Angela Logan, R.N., BSN, was the guest speaker. The topic was Healthy Living ~ Healthy Eating.

Sis. Logan has worked in the medical field in various levels of nursing for the past 17 years. She is presently employed at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro where she works in the Intermediate Care Unit.

Sis. Logan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from A&T State University. She is currently pursuing her Masters degree in nursing with a focus on education. She is active with the Ushers and Nurses Board.

Mrs. Elinor Walker opened the program by welcoming everyone to the luncheon. Mrs. Betty Atkins read scripture. Deacon Thomas Atkins offered prayer. Rev. Dianne Horton shared information about upcoming events for the Senior Ministry. Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. closed the program with remarks and prayer.

MRS. MILDRED... *Continued*

Spotlight staff; Deaconess Board, Funeral Aid, Youth Council, Senior and Spiritual Choirs, Ladies Aide, Bereavement Committee, and leader of Missionary Group #5.

In the community she was actively involved with these organizations, 4-H Club, Winston-Salem State Urban League, June Neighborhood Club, Silver Rose Club, Bivouac Chapter #530 Order of Eastern Star, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Emancipation Association, Experiment in Self Reliance Steering Committee, Skyland Senior Citizen's Club, District V Senior Citizens and Notary Public.

She taught schools in Stokes and Caswell Counties. She was director of the Bellview **(Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 3)**

Curtis Introduces Mr. Could Be

By Diane Piggott

Deacon Wesley Curtis, Jr. introduced "Mr. Could Be" as he addressed the 12th Annual Prayer Breakfast of New Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The Breakfast which is sponsored by the Deaconesses and Trustee Wives was held at 9 a.m. and Mrs. Dollye Mack was Worship Leader. The Communion Singers provided the music.

This service of reverence and thanksgiving featured Deacon Curtis bringing "prayerful reflections". The theme for the occasion was "Pressing Toward The Mark of Christ Jesus in 2009".

Deacon Curtis entitled his reflections "Good Intentions, Undone!" In so doing he brought in an adult-size human skeleton whom he named, Mr. Could Be and seated him in a chair as he began his message. Pointing to Mr. Could Be, he remarked, "Mr. Could Be was the most "well-intentioned" man there was. He said, "I love everybody!" He sang well at home and would say, "Whatever you want me to do, just ask me!" Curtis continued, "Ironically, he never got around to doing very much." Curtis admonished us to "don't judge your brother; don't put stumbling blocks in his way. Let us do what leads to peace and edification of one another. Accept one another!"

GETTING TO KNOW... *Continued*

Stokes. She held positions of Associate Minister and Chaplain at the Historic St. James Baptist Church under the Rev. Augustus C. Williams.

The **Reverend Louis S. Werts** received the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina and continued studies at Dickerson Theological Seminary in Columbia. He was licensed and ordained to preach at the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newberry, South Carolina. He served as pastor of several churches in South Carolina and in North Carolina for more than 30 years, retiring from Union Bethel AME Zion Church in Winston-Salem after 13 years as pastor.

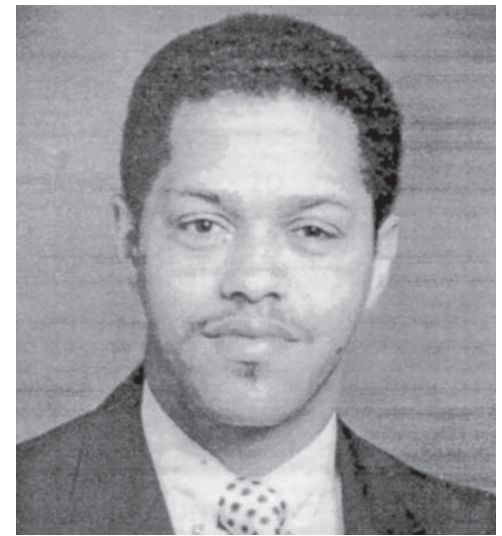
Reverend Dr. William Owens received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, Bachelor of Arts degree in Ministry from Winston-Salem Bible College, and the Doctor of Divinity degree from the James W. Teamer School of Religion. He was ordained by the Ordination Council of the Rowan Baptist Association. He has been associated with numerous churches in North Carolina including Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He teaches the new members class at New Bethel.

MRS. MILDRED... *Continued*

Recreation Center.

She leaves to cherish her memory, cousins, Ruby O. Cain, Randall A. (Sharon) Cain, Sr., Gloria C. (Willie) King, William H. Cain III, all of Winston-Salem; Margaret C. (Johnnie) Bailey of Greensboro; and Malcolm E. (Carolyn) Cain of Catonsville, MD; sister-in-law, Beulah G. Arnette, Annie Nancy Griffin of Washington, DC; and a host of Nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating. Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.



**JOE CEASAR
PASSES SUDDENLY**

Joe Milton Ceasar Passes Unexpectedly

By Barbara Ford

Joe Milton Ceasar, Jr. (affectionately known as Lil' Joe) of 712 West 26th Street was born January 6th, 1956 to Joe Milton and Ruth Dawkins Ceasar. He departed this life unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 7th, 2009. He was preceded in death by his father.

Joe was a graduate of R. J. Reynolds High School and attended Forsyth Technical College. He was employed with the City of Winston-Salem Property Maintenance Division and a former employee of HanesBrands, Inc. Joe was a lifelong member of New Bethel Baptist Church and a former member of the Usher Board.

His memories will be cherished by his mother, Ruth Ceasar Sims; one son, Michael (Kristine) Royster, Esquire and Children, Andre and Donovan of Denver, Colorado; two sisters, Ruth (John) Ford and Carolyn (George) Crosby, of the city; four nieces, Moniza, Karen, Paula and Rhea; one nephew, Bobby; one aunt, Zebon Pruitt of Reform, Alabama and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 with Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. officiating.

Douthit Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Deaths Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Clark Campbell

Mr. Clark Campbell departed this life, Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at his residence.

Services for Mr. Campbell were held Monday, January 5th, 2009 at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Glenn Pattiford officiating, and Hooper Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Campbell was the father of Kerry Wayne (Pamela) Campbell and grandfather of Cory and Kerry Campbell Jr., all loyal members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mr. Howard Lee Ward

Mr. Howard Lee Ward of 859 Crawford Street departed this life on his birthday, January 15, 2009.

The funeral was held at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Samuel Cornelius Sr. giving the eulogy and Russell Funeral Home in charge of services and arrangements.

Mr. Ward was also a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

Mr. Ward was the father of G. Michelle Ward, a faithful member of New Bethel Baptist Church.