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REV. C. DIANNE HORTON
MINISTER OF SMALL GROUPS

Rev. C. Dianne Horton Named Minister Of Small Groups

The Minister of Small Groups is the administrative liaison between the Pastor and small group ministries. New Bethel Baptist Church has established this new position and it is with great pleasure that the Rev. C. Dianne Horton has been hired for the tasks of this position. She is uniquely qualified based on academics, civic and entrepreneurship and her spiritual walk in the Lord. Rev. Horton earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Religion from Salem College and will receive the Master of Divinity Degree, May 2010, from Wake Forest University Divinity School. She has completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

New Bethel received a seminary grant through the DuPont Foundation to establish a senior ministry. Rev. Horton has shown her competence in formulating and developing this ministry for us. We are, now, expanding her role at New Bethel to formulate other ministries as directed by the Senior Pastor. The vision of the Senior Pastor is to affect change for every population and the demographics within New Bethel Baptist Church. Many of the ministries to which Rev. Horton will administer were outlined at the last Annual Church Meeting. We look forward to Rev. Horton sharing her gifts, talents and abilities in helping to make those a reality as outlined. The scripture says, "Where *there* is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Saturday Morning Prayer Service Energizes Participants

By Hattie Ingram

If you have attended the Saturday morning prayer service, you probably have become connected to a companion God who is an ever-present part of our lives. You have been reminded that prayer is listening, on God's part and yours. You have reaffirmed that prayer offers strength for times of doubt and guidance during moments of confusion.

The Saturday morning prayer service came about because in a time of indecision, Trustee Carl Bankhead prayed with others, and with their encouragement, sought God through the scriptures and prayer for answers. As he prayed, God opened up avenues that led him in a new direction. He learned that there were churches where early Morning Prayer services were held, so he began to join in at 6:00 a.m. on his way to work. The sermon, "Produce Where You Are," found on a tape in his truck, really worked on him. He had found the answer to his questions. The Holy Spirit directed him to move and be about God's Business. He knew at that time that he wanted New Bethel to have an early morning service because of what it had done for him. He felt that God would not only move the people, but the church as well.

If you haven't attended these services, please do so. You will discover that through this family type prayer service, we can live with the knowledge that nothing can separate us from God's love. This is a wonderful starting place for the nourishment of our minds and spirit.



TRUSTEE CARL BANKHEAD
ENCOURAGES EARLY PRAYER SERVICES



DR. ARNOLD T. HENCE
ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SPEAKER

Dr. Arnold T. HENCE To Speak for Annual Leadership Program

By Hattie Ingram

Dr. Arnold T. HENCE, Executive Vice President of Forsyth Technical Community College will be the guest speaker for the 35th Annual Leadership program on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. This program is sponsored by the Deacons, Trustees and their spouses. As the chief operating officer, Dr. HENCE handles the day-to-day administrative oversight of the college including Instructional Services, Corporate/Continuing Education, Student Services, Business Operations, Institutional Effectiveness, and the Distance Learning Centers. He also serves as the Vice President of Student Services.

Dr. HENCE has 36 years of experience in higher education. He served as executive dean at the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville, Maryland before coming to Forsyth Tech, Vice President for Enrollment Planning at Lincoln University, Vice President for Student Affairs at Alfred State College, and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Aurora University in Illinois.

Dr. HENCE was licensed to preach at Main Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois in 1992 and ordained in 1996 at Friendship Baptist Church in Corning, New York where he served as Associate Pastor and music director.

Our speaker received his GED in the United States Army and was one of nine persons to receive a graduate fellowship to Rutgers University Graduate School of Education without having a baccalaureate degree. He
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Sunday School Battle for the Mind

The lessons for the four weeks in February will explore the battle for the mind. The lessons are about distinguishing two conflicting mind-sets, pursuing a way of thinking that contributes to spiritual growth, thinking and acting in ways consistent with new life in Christ and winning the battle for the mind by putting on the full armor of God.

In the Bible, God places an emphasis on the thoughts of the mind and a sound mind and the thoughts of the mind play a dominant role in our responding to God (Matthew 23:37). These lessons are designed to help adults dedicate their minds completely to Christ.

February 7th—**Are You In The Right Mind?**—Romans 8:5-8; 1 Corinthians 2: 12-16; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

February 14th—**What Will it Take to Change Your Mind?**—Philippians 3:2-15; 4:8

February 21st—**What's On Your Mind?**—Colossians 3:1-14

February 28th—**How Can You Keep From Losing Your Mind?**—2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-17

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Black History Month

Who knew? Very Few
Who knows? The number grows
Who shall know? The world shall know

We are working to make it so!
By Marie S. Williams, 2008

For the Society for the Study of Afro American History in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

In 1915 Carter Godwin Woodson, known as the Father of Black History, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History to encourage scholars to engage in intensive study of the past. In 1926 Carter G. Woodson pioneered the Black History Week celebrated the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas. February was chosen because the 13th amendment to abolish slavery was signed in January but many slaves did not begin to learn of this freedom until February and in the Midwest, June. Black History week focused on the contributions of Blacks to the civilization which in the past had been ignored, abused and incorrect. This celebration eventually evolved from one week into Black History Month.

Do you know the NBBC member who attended the now WSSU when Simon Green Atkins, the founder, was the President?

Mrs. Flora Golden

Did you know the NBBC Associate Minister, who was the first African American, elected to a City Council in NC in the twentieth century?

Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

Do you know the local minister who served on two separate occasions as the Chair of the NC Human Relations Commission?

Dr. Jerry Drayton

Blacks make contributions to our community on a daily basis, be encouraged to embrace our story everyday with the help of Jesus Christ.

Submitted by Connie Smith



YOUTH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE — TAMMICIA KELLY, NZINGA HAWKINS, NAIKEESHA SMITH-POE, ASHLEY SMITH, KELSON SMITH, BIANCA BRAILEY

Youth Council On the Move

By Tammicia Kelly

The Youth Council has been on the move since November 2009. We are learning how to run meetings, which is becoming very informative. As president, Ms. Brown keeps me very busy which is becoming good too, because it keeps me out of trouble. Council members have been on many field trips also.

On December 13, 2009 a group of 12 youth went to the Children's Museum for a Gingerbread Workshop. Before the workshop, we had a chance to go on the Jack and the Beanstalk, went grocery shopping and visited the Donut Factory. The workshop opened with the story of "The Gingerbread Baby." During the story we sang and danced to the story. We went into groups to start making our gingerbread houses. The houses were made using milk cartons, graham crackers, fruit loops, icings of Christmas colors and various candies.

On December 28, 2009 we had a forum, called "So you think you want to go to college?" The forum was an informational session between the high school and the college students. We ate pizza, chips, cake and drinks while discussing college life. I think that the forum was very interesting, because I never would've thought college would be so hard! Even though some things like writing 20 page papers and doing research projects sound boring, I got to hear the good side of things like networking, furthering my education, becoming more responsible, and **NO PARENTS** just to name a few. The subject of dorm life came up as well. I never would've known how hard it was to live with people. All and all I think that I am prepared to go to college, or just to further my education. I'm glad that we had the time to sit, and talk with the college students since we don't get to see them often. We all has a great time talking, and catching up.

On January 15, 2010 a group of 20 youth and chaperones attended "Martin Luther King's Birthday Celebration" at the Children's Theatre. We saw many talents of all ages. An invitation is extended to all youth who would like to participate in future events.

Nursery Reopens

By Hattie Ingram

The Church Nursery reopened under the name of the Heavenly Angels Nursery on Sunday, January 3, 2010. Children, ages birth to 5 years old will be supervised during church hours, 11:00 through worship service. The main objectives of the nursery are to care for children beneath the level of comprehending worship and to make the church a pleasant and comfortable edifice that is conducive to spiritual growth without undue interruptions.

Ms. Delores Hill is director of the Nursery. She will be assisted by members of the Youth Council. She is in need of other volunteers to serve in the nursery. Please contact her and sign up today.



MS. DOLORES HILL, DIRECTOR, AND DÍOR IN NURSERY

Jones Declares Prayer and Faith Will Break Strongholds

By Diane Piggott

The Women's Ministry of New Bethel held its second retreat on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the church in the form of a Lock-In. First Lady Mae Jones and Trustee Eva McWillis are Co-Captains of the Women's Ministry. First Lady Jones delivered the keynote address.

Participants in the Ministry event were checked in by Audrey Brown and Valjean McKinney at which time they were given a name tag, an index card with a food item, a ticket and a questionnaire upon which they were to write their name and goals for the retreat. First, everyone put on a nametag. Then everyone was asked to fill out the form with her goals of the retreat. These forms were used to introduce each person to the group. Many dropped off a covered dish and a blanket.

The card with the food item was used as an icebreaker. Everyone was told to find three other persons who held the makings of a dinner—macaroni and cheese, green beans, fried chicken and corn bread. They were to talk among themselves and get acquainted. Then, everyone enjoyed a delicious repass.

Next, the group moved to the sanctuary for praise and worship. The Praise Team consisted of Teresa Davis, Paula Imes, Audrey Brown, Nikki Graves, Carolyn Crosby, Freda Smith, Eva McWillis, Peggy McCullough, Debra Wynn and Jackie Shannon. They rendered several soul-stirring selections. Gwen King and Nikki Graves performed a liturgical dance to the song, "Get Up." Sister Mae Jones brought a message of "Breaking the Strongholds that Bind Us" using 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 as her text. Explaining that strongholds are areas of predominance; anything that keeps you from giving God our total being. First Lady Jones said, "You've got to pray and have faith." She outlined three things one must do to break strongholds: 1) Pray about the situation; 2) Expect God to give you what you need; and 3) Have faith. A powerful personal testimony around the birth of her second son, Allan Jermaine brought the audience to their feet. To reinforce the power of prayer, she gave all in attendance a tie tac of praying hands. In closing she stressed, "You've got to give it to and let God and let go!" The group formed small groups and prayed as well as a ring around the sanctuary with more prayer as musician, Teresa Davis performed "Give It To The Lord."

The finale act was to give all the ladies some hand scrub and emollient to physically illustrate the cleansing power of God and some satin hand cream to represent the Holy Spirit.

Everyone left rejuvenated and stuffed from all of the delicious dishes brought by the ladies. Eleven churches were represented among the participants. Fifty-five blankets were collected to give to the local Salvation Army for the needy. Participants, Dollye K. Mack, Barbara Smith and Sabrina Dodd were lucky to win a gift bag in a drawing. Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Trustee Perry Hairston, Clifton Fulton and Keith Smith hung around on the sidelines to offer assistance, if necessary.

The full Planning Committee for the retreat, in addition to Co-Chairpersons Jones and McWillis, were: Valjean McKinney, Audrey Brown, Cynthia Curtis, Sue Leach, Freda Smith, Myra Wilson, Geri Bell, Gwen King, Marynia Hairston, Angela Morgan and Nikki Graves.



SENIOR MINISTRY GROUP ENJOY MLK CELEBRATION

Senior Ministry Attends MLK Celebration

By Rev. C. Dianne Horton

Each year, Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University co-sponsor and alternate hosting a keynote event to commemorate the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year the celebration was held in Wait Chapel on the campus of Wake Forest University on Monday, January 18, 2010. The seniors of New Bethel attended the event.

The theme of the evening was "On Common Ground: They Stood Together Ten. We Stand Together Now." The program included gospel singing, liturgical dancing, and spoken word by students from both educational institutions. The keynote speaker was Dr. Maya Angelou. Dr. Angelou serves as the Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Angelou spoke of her time spent working with King. She served as the Northern Coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Council. She was also an important figure in the Civil Rights Movement. She spoke about the impact King's death had on her personally. She was devastated and she eventually emptied her broken heart in her famous memoir, *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*.

Another key piece to her healing process was forgiveness. Dr. Angelou spoke eloquently about the power of forgiveness — forgiveness of others, as well as, forgiveness of self. She encouraged all in attendance to practice forgiveness. She stated, "Forgiving oneself and others for past wrongs is the first step in finding peace and common ground." Perhaps if we all take Dr. Angelou's advice further progress towards King's dream will be accomplished.

The 13th Annual Deaconess and Trustee Spouses Prayer Breakfast

By Carol S. Poe

The Deaconess and Trustee Spouses of New Bethel Church sponsored the 13th Annual Prayer Breakfast on January 9, 2010 in the Drayton Multipurpose Dining Hall. Ms. Ruby Cain, Worship Leader, presented the occasion. Blessing for the New Year was given by Miss Nasya Smith. Scripture was read by Miss Princess Poe-Smith. The Prayer of Adoration was given by Rev. Louis Werts. The Blessing of the Food was given by Master Breshaun Liles. The music was provided by the Communion Singers of New Bethel Baptist Church. A delicious breakfast was served following the Devotion. The menu consisted of: pork sausage patties, country bacon, grits, eggs, biscuits, baked apples, butter, jelly, juice, and coffee.

Following the breakfast, Trustee Eugene Thompson, featured speaker for this annual occasion, focused on the Theme "Who Will We Serve in 2010?" He presented a dynamic message, speaking from the biblical text of Matthew to his own personal experience as an athlete at North Carolina Central University, and his adult life experiences. Mr. Thompson ended his message by impressing upon others that the decision to serve God should not be a New Year's Resolution. He emphasized that one should not put off the decision to serve God at the beginning of a new year or even tomorrow, for tomorrow may not come.

The Praying of Prayers followed the spiritual message with the Prayer of Faith given by Rev. Artis Smith, the Prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. C. Diane Horton, the Prayer of Divine Intervention by Rev. Azurée Johnson and the Prayer of Petition was given by Dr. William Owens. The Prayer of Intercession (which included the lighting of candles and prayers for others) was given by Ms. Ruby Cain.

The occasion concluded with pastoral remarks by Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

Annual One Day Session

By Lucille McCormick

The 57th Annual One-Day Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina met at the Sheraton Research Triangle park on January 9, 2010. The Theme was "To Convince the Unconvinced To Be Convinced...Through Education, Mission, and Fellowship." Dr. Audrey Battle, President presided.

The one-day session included seniors, Young Adults, and Youth. Reports were given by the committees of the different activities planned for 2010. Recognitions for President and First Vice President, Pastors, Ministers, Visitors, New Members, A-1 Lydia Circles at that time. New Bethel was recognized with the groups, Unions, Auxiliaries and District Conferences.

The Joint Session included all departments together. Music was from the Christian Faith Baptist Adult Choir of Raleigh, North Carolina. Reverend Dr. Haywood Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the G.B.S.C. spoke from the theme: A Call To Spiritual Integrity—Mark 14:16. We are called by Jesus; so let us follow His plan. Leaders, are you doing what is required of you? In 2010, let us move forward and put mission in action.

Colors for the W.B.H.F Convention:

- 2010 – Purple
- 2011 – Gold
- 2012 – Black/Silver
- 2013 – Blue

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