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## Church Adopts Budget For 2006-2007



**MRS. MAE H. JONES**  
**OUR NEW FIRST LADY**

### A Look at the New First Lady of New Bethel Baptist Church

*By Hattie Ingram*

Mrs. Mae H. Williams Jones was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the youngest of ten siblings born to Elder Earl June Williams and Mrs. Francis Lee Williams. At a very early age, she was taught to give reverence to God and to respect and love all mankind by her parents who are both deceased.

As a teenager, Mae was very active in the church. She sang in the youth choir and actively participated during worship services. She was an honor graduate from Sparkman High School. Mrs. Jones enrolled at Southern Baptist College, now called Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas where she received an Associate degree in Accounting. She was involved in many organizations and clubs on campus, among them, the Renaissance Organization where she served as President and the Circle K Organization where she was Vice President. After graduating from Southern, she enrolled at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia and earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. It was here that she met the Reverend Kendall D. Jones. She could see God's movement in his life. She felt that God placed him in her life and that she was to support him, love him and follow him as God leads and directs his ministry. They were married  
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### Church Adopts Budget For 2006-2007

*By Carolyn C. Crosby*

New Bethel Baptist Church members approved a budget for the fiscal year of 2006-2007 during the Annual Church Meeting held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. This was the first official church meeting held with our new Senior Pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

The Financial/Treasurer's report was presented by Deacon Thomas Thornton and provided a complete financial report accounting for all monies, investments, and account balances.

Trustee Daniel Piggott presented the report from the Audit Committee. There were no recommendations again this year from the committee. The committee found all processes to be in place and that receipts of all monies received and disbursed had been documented as requested.

The Budget Committee report was presented by Trustee Kenneth Rocker. He proposed a total projected budget for 2006-2007.

Deacon Douglas Joyner, Maintenance Committee Chairperson, provided an update on repairs completed at the church.

Trustee James Brown, Personnel Committee Chairperson, provided an update from that committee. The committee is in the process of updating job descriptions for all paid staff at New Bethel.

The recommendations for 2006-2007 were as follows:

1. Access 20% of Auxiliary monies to place in the church budget
2. Discontinue the weekly finance income on the Sunday Bulletin
3. Church be given a weekly report (Church's Income) upon request
4. Individual Reports of Annual giving will be mailed to home address (this includes contributions made by visitors)
5. New Staff Persons will be:
  - a. Minister of Music
  - b. Saxophonist
  - c. Drummer
  - d. Church Secretary
  - e. Data Entry/Financial Assistant
6. Observe Casual Sunday
7. Observe Pastor's Anniversary on the 2nd Sunday in October (October 14, 2007)
8. Add Trustee James Brown to the Budget Committee
9. Add Mrs. Eva McWillis to the Finance Committee
10. Acceptance of Outreach Ministries Presidents and Chairmen for 2007
11. Acceptance of Deacon Matthew Moore as Sunday School Superintendent

Dr. Jones thanked the huge crowd of members for attending his first official church meeting. All recommendations were approved.



**MR. CHRIS FARABEE, JR.**  
**NEW BETHEL'S MINISTER OF MUSIC**

### Chris Farabee, Jr. Named Minister of Music

*By Diane Piggott*

Chris Farabee, Jr. was named Minister of Music at New Bethel at our annual church meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. He will assume his duties in this position on January 1, 2007.

Chris grew up in New Bethel and started early piano lessons with his grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Sellars, an accomplished musician in the Winston-Salem community. At an early age, about 10 years old, under the teaching of the late Mrs. Louise Bitting, he played for the Church's Spiritual, Youth and Young Adult (now Voices of Praise) Choirs.

As a teenager, when he was 17 years old, he began playing for Macedonia TVPH Church under the tutelage of Mrs. Jewel Kenner and later became Minister of Music there. He held this position for 10 years.

While attending Winston-Salem State University, he was a member of the University Choir under the direction of Mrs. D'Walla Burke and often accompanied the choir as pianist. Yearly, he attends Gospel Music Workshops of America that are held in various states. He is an accomplished organist, pianist, and keyboard player.

Presently, Chris is attending the Vintage Bible College where he has earned an Associate Degree in The Ministry. He plans to do further study. Chris preached his initial sermon in December, 2004.

His father, Chris Farabee, Sr., grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Hughes and other family members are all active at New Bethel.

The New Bethel Baptist Church Family WELCOMES CHRIS BACK HOME!





**MRS. DOROTHY HUGHES**  
CATHEDRAL CHOIR'S PRESIDENT



**MRS. DEBRA WYNN**  
PRESIDENT OF VOICES OF PRAISE



**MRS. DOLLYE K. MACK**  
HONORED BY CHURCH AND CHOIR

## Two Auxiliaries Elect New President To Lead Them Into 2007

Two Auxiliaries at New Bethel began 2007 with new presidents. The new leaders assumed their duties on January 1, 2007.

The members of the Cathedral Choir have elected Mrs. Dorothy Hughes to lead their group as president in the New Year. A lifetime member of New Bethel, Mrs. Hughes has been active in many auxiliaries through the years. She plans to lead the choir in its mission to magnify and exalt the name of Jesus through songs and praise and worship by sharing in providing music for worship service, special occasions such as funerals and serve wherever needed.

Mrs. Debra Wynn is the new president of the Voices of Praise Choir. She is excited about the many challenges that lie ahead. She plans to continue the work of her predecessors to render service to God through music for church services and on other occasions as requested by the Pastor. She will strive to maintain the interest of the current membership and work to increase that membership as they spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through songs.

## New Bethel Recognizes Honor Roll Students

*By Martha Riley*

Eighteen honor roll students were recognized during the morning worship service on December 11, 2006. They were: Latricha Mankins, Kindergarten, Old Town; Arianna Davis, 1st Grade, South Fork; Lashyia Mankins, 1st Grade, Old Town; Kendall Britton, 1st Grade, Gibson; Cierra Campbell, 1st Grade, Moore; Princess Poe Smith, 3rd Grade, Moore; Kelson Smith, 3rd Grade, Walkertown; Christian Thomas, 3rd Grade, Bolton; Terrell Britton, 4th Grade, Gibson; Kenneth Rocker, Jr., 6th Grade, Paisley; Escada Horton, 6th Grade, Wiley; Kerry Campbell, 7th Grade, Southeast Middle; Jasmine Moss, 7th Grade, Atkins Preparatory Academy; Ashley Smith, 8th Grade, Walkertown Middle; Kristen Feemster, 8th Grade, Downtown Middle; Maiya Thomas, 9th Grade, Parkland High; Sharika Grooms, 10th Grade, North Forsyth; Brittany Moore, 12th Grade, East Forsyth High School. CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

## Ushers Unite In Christmas Fellowship

*By Rosa Rice*

On Sunday, December 10, 2006, the Forsyth County United Usher Board has a Christmas Celebration at Morning Star Baptist Church. New Bethel's Richard Smith is president of the United Usher Board.

The group enjoyed the pleasure of games, songs and poems. Mr. Smith made some  
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## Johnson to Attend Pace

*By Diane Piggott*

The new year, 2007, will find our own, Brandon Scott Johnson, readying himself to go off to New York City, New York to attend Pace University. Brandon has been accepted to the Masters of Film Arts (MFA) Program Actors Studio at the University.

He will study with legendary actors such as Ellen Burstyn, Al Pacino and Harvey Kietel, all three are co-presidents of the school. He auditioned and was accepted. As a part of the curriculum, he will learn movement and stage dance for the renowned Alvin Ailey Company and Bravo TV. Inside Actors Studio is part of his study. This slated as an intense program, but I'm sure that Brandon is up for the challenge.

Brandon is coming off a role in the Black Nativity at the Barn Dinner Theater in Greensboro. He is to begin his program at Pace on January 22, 2007.

New Bethel wishes the 2002 Parkland graduate and 2006 North Carolina A&T State University graduate our best!

## USHERS UNITE IN... *Continued*

presentations; among them were New Bethel's first lady usher, Mrs. Alenia Sligh who received a plaque for dedicated and outstanding service to the Usher Board. Other New Bethel members in attendance were Ms. Rosa Rice and Mrs. Barbara Smith who won gifts from a drawing. The Sick and Shut-In members of New Bethel received cards from the ushers.

Dinner was served. It was a great fellowship with all of the ushers of the county. Practically everyone at the gathering received a gift. Ms. Rosa Rice is secretary of the New Bethel Ushers.

## A Tribute to Mrs. Dollye K. Mack Honored By the New Bethel Baptist Church

*By Dorothy Hughes*

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:10, 26, and 31.

Mrs. Dollye Mack certainly exemplifies such characteristics as these found in a virtuous woman.

For the first forty (40) years as the Cathedral choir's director and organist, Mrs. Mack has remained faithful and committed to her calling as a minister of music. Many times, unselfishly, she has sacrificed her own needs to provide service for other church choirs and functions.

Teaching choirs "songs of praise and worship" has not been her only concern. What makes her special is consistently emphasizing the spiritual meaning of a song. It is Mrs. Mack's belief that if one sings from the heart, praise songs will be those that exalt, edify and glorify God.

Mrs. Dollye Mack, the and especially the Cathedral Choir will always be grateful to you for ministering in so many ways: as a leader, role model and certainly, a great musician.

We will always love and appreciate you for the many works you have done. More importantly, your "own works will praise you in the gates," because you are certainly a virtuous woman.

## A LOOK AT THE... *Continued*

May 25, 1985, two weeks after graduating from Ouachita Baptist University. They are now the proud parents of two sons, Kendall D. Jones, Jr. and Allen Jermaine.

Mrs. Jones is a quiet, reserved person who loves the Lord with her whole heart. She enjoys reading and shopping for handbags. She has more than 50 handbags.

She served as the City Collector for Gladstone, Missouri and since moving to Winston-Salem is employed by the City of Winston-Salem's Finance Department. She hopes to become better acquainted with the New Bethel Church Family during the New Year and become more involved with women's activities.

If you've not had an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Mae Jones, do so today.

## On Christmas Eve Morning

By Brenda Redd

It was called "A Soulful Christmas" and if you were unable to attend the Sunday morning Christmas Eve service at New Bethel Baptist Church, you missed one of the most beautiful presentations of the Christmas season anywhere.

Rev. Jones announced earlier in the season that instead of regular Sunday morning worship, he wanted our church to have a "Cantata." So, we gathered in a capacity-filled sanctuary and we worshiped in song, in scripture, in poetry, and in dance.

The Mass Choir and the Communion Singers as well as individual soloists poured out their talented voices with Christmas favorites such as "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," and "Emmanuel." Audrey Brown, Linda Feemster, Dollye Mack, Peggy McCollough, and Kenneth Rocker led and/or directed the music for the program. Our pulpit was the scene of the "Nativity" and we intently listened as Trustee Constance Segers proclaimed the *Good News as recorded by "Luke, God's Greatest Gift... Jesus.* We were engaged in responsive readings from the Holy Scriptures of *Isaiah*, and we witnessed the beautiful and angelic site of the Liturgical Dancers' rendition of "Now Behold the Lamb" (Directed by Nikki Brown).

We thank all program participants for helping to bring such a beautiful labor of love to our church on Christmas Eve Morning.

## Christmas Program Focuses on Christ

By Diane Piggott

The annual Christmas program of New Bethel Baptist Church was held on Sunday, December 17, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Antoine Massey was Master of Ceremony. Scripture was read by Sharika Grooms and prayer was by Mr. Eugene Thompson. Mrs. Peggy McCullough provided the music.

A program of recitations and skits followed. Darryl Taylor led off with a poem, "Christmas Is More," Michael Curtis followed with "The Christmas Star" and Mrs. Mary Shuler with "It's Christmas." Cierra Campbell, Princess Poe and Naikeesha Poe did a skit dressed as Christmas presents entitled, "The Best Gift." Kelson Smith was entertaining as he performed his poem, "He's With Me" dressed as a shepherd boy. Sharika Grooms performed a clarinet medley. Mrs. Lisa Myers, Latricha, Shayla and Na-Na Mankins and Nasya Smith performed a skit, "The Best of Christmas." Mrs. Doris Crosby performed a liturgical dance to the song, "The Blood of Jesus Will Never Lose It's Power." Trey Curtis, Kris Feemster and Kenneth Rocker, Jr. displayed their talents doing a trumpet trio. Deacon Charles Robinson read a poem, "What Does Christmas Really Mean?" written by his daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Dennis Wilson. Breshawn Liles read a poem, "Our Christmas Gift" and Mrs. Peggy McCullough and Mrs. Ethel Brooks sang "Jesus Pleaded Our Case." Tre Jackson read "The Bethlehem Star," Kristin Feemster delivered "Christmas Feeling," Ashley Smith read "It's Christmas! It's Snowing!" and Ms. Rosa Posey read "The Three Kings." Adrian Malone and Kenneth Rocker, Jr. wrapped up the presentations with a dialogue, "Let's Go Shopping!"

The Youth Council and the Baptist Training Union treated the youth to fruit bags. These were passed out following the morning service in the Hamlin Annex.

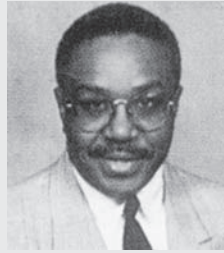
### McCLOUD SAID "SERVE BECAUSE OF LOVE"... *Continued*

they should be "Serving Because of Love" during the annual Missionary Sunday.

Minister McCloud rooted her message on the text, St. John 21:15-17. She began "as we look at this text, love and service to Him must be our goal." She explained that "John's purpose in writing his gospel was evangelistic and that there is barrenness in serving God in the flesh. We need to go on God's direction." She reminded the missionaries that "laborers are needed. Feed the lambs! Feed them with love. Feeding the lambs is much needed. Everything we do, do in honor of God."

## New Bethel Members Hopes And Wishes For 2007

1. New Bethel Baptist Church will be successful in 2007 if we pray daily for our Pastor and for our church and seek God daily for our spiritual growth and guidance through His word.



1. Deacon John Posey



2. Trustee Daniel Piggott, Sr.

2. It is my hope and prayer that New Bethel Baptist Church becomes more Christ-like in the midst of its transitional period.

3. I like the idea of bringing church families closer together so that we learn to respect and love each other as we go forward in the word of God.



3. Mrs. Ethel Brooks



4. Deacon Douglas Joyner

4. I look forward to our members having more love for each other and seeing our membership grow. Separate Sunday School Classrooms and a new storage building would be wonderful.

5. My wish and prayers for the new year are that our New Bethel family will continue to grow—in love, in grace, in giving and in glorifying God.



5. Mrs. Rosetta Pauling



6. Mrs. Deronda Kee-Lucas

6. In 2007, I hope we will continue to grow in Christ and uplift one another. We should remember that our sole purpose is to be obedient to God's will.

7. I hope that New Bethel's entire membership will remain rooted in Christ. May our representatives of Christ continue to reach out and draw in all of those who are seeking Jesus.



7. Trustee Johnny Grooms



8. Ms. Tammicia Kelly

8. My 2007 wishes for New Bethel and my church family are that more things are geared toward the youth and that we continue to love each other.

9. Coming to church to give thanks and praise to God along with hearing a dynamic and motivational speaker is important in keeping young adults in church. I am excited about what is in store for New Bethel in 2007.



9. Mr. Reggie Hunt



10. Mr. Dennis Wilson

10. My wish for New Bethel and our members in 2007 is that we grow more spiritually and physically as we move into an exciting era and to be receptive of where God is about to lead us.