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MRS. ELEANOR BROWN
YOUTH COUNCIL CHAIR

Mrs. Eleanor Brown To Chair Youth Council

By Hattie Ingram

Mrs. Eleanor Brown has been named Chairperson of the Youth Council of New Bethel Baptist Church. The council will fall under three categories: Youth Executive Board, Youth Advisors, and Youth Ministries. The Executive Board includes Mrs. Eleanor Brown, Chairperson; Ms. Audrey Brown, Co-Chairperson; Mrs. Sue Leach, Secretary; Mr. Clifton Fulton; Deacon Charles Hunt; Ms. Valjean McKinney; and Mr. Ron Wilkins. Youth Advisors are all of the Committee Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons. Youth Ministries includes everyone, especially the youth.

The purpose of the newly organized council is "to support activities of groups that benefit youth and young adults while providing guidance and leadership." The current theme of the Youth Council is "A Change in Our Talk and a Change in Our Walk." This theme will change in March of 2010.

The guidelines for the Youth Ministry are: (1) You do not have to be baptized to be a member of the youth ministries. (2) You must be active in the church. (3) You must attend meetings.

Activities that are planned for our youth include: starting CPR classes, starting a basketball team, tutoring, social activities, visiting various places, fund raisings and fellowship with other churches' Youth Councils. Honor Roll Students will continue to be recognized quarterly and in addition, plans are being made to recognize a student each month for his/her achievements.

New Bethel members are being asked to help finance youth activities. Please use the white envelopes for your donations to the Youth Council.

Church Adopts Budget For 2009-2010

By Carolyn Crosby

The Pastor and members of New Bethel Baptist Church approved the proposed budget for 2009-2010 during the Annual Church Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

Deacon Wesley Curtis presented a detailed financial report of all monies, investments and balances for all financial institutions.

The Audit Report was presented by the Chairperson, Ms. Bonnie Moorman. The committee found that transactions for the fiscal year of November 2008 through October 2009 are being managed according to the procedures. The committee recommends that a policy be established for setting an expiration date for checks issued by the church (180 days or six months from the date of issue). As noted in previous reports, the integrity of New Bethel's financial activities remains impeccable. Deacon Douglas Joyner provided an update from the Maintenance Committee.

The recommendations from the Pastor and Officers were as follows:

- The projected budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 be adopted
- Acceptance of Outreach Ministries Presidents and Chairmen for 2010
- Trustee Carl Bankhead, Deacon Carolyn Crosby and Deacon Wesley Curtis become members of the Budget Committee
- We explore the cost of resurfacing the church parking lot
- We explore the cost of the installation of a canopy over the entrance of the church from the parking lot
- Feasibility Study
- Ministerial Administrative Flow Chart

The Feasibility Study will be discussed more in
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BRESHAUN LILES
INTERIM DRUMMER



TRUSTEE EUGENE THOMPSON
PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKER

Trustee Eugene Thompson To Speak For Annual Prayer Breakfast

By Hattie Ingram

Deaconess and Trustee Spouses of New Bethel will sponsor their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jerry Drayton Multipurpose Dining Hall. Trustee Eugene Thompson will be the featured speaker.

Trustee Thompson is a graduate of Anderson High School and North Carolina Central University. He has served as teacher of both Monday night and Tuesday morning Bible Study Classes, as well as guest Bible Study teacher throughout the city of Winston-Salem. He is currently teacher of Sunday School Class #2 at New Bethel. Trustee Thompson was employed by the Tweeter Home Entertainment Group for more than 31 years. He was the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding sales performance during his tenure there. Presently, he is Senior Consultant at Automated Residential concepts, LLC, specializing in "Total Home Electronic Solutions." He has been married to Vanessa Thompson for 34 years.

Breshaun Liles Fills A Void in Music Ministry

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel Baptist Church has a firm religious faith in training young people for future ministries. It is this faith that led to the naming of Breshaun Liles as Interim Drummer at New Bethel. His dedication and love for
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Finding the Perfect Gift

By Diane Piggott

The annual Sunday School Christmas Program highlighted, "Finding The Perfect Gift." Ms. Tammicia Kelly served as Mistress of Ceremony.

The congregation opened with the singing of "Silent Night" followed by scripture by Cierra Campbell who read, Luke 2:1-12. Nicolis Lyles offered prayer and LaTricha Mankins gave a welcome. The congregation sang "Joy to the World."

Ms. Kelly announced recitations by LaCresha Mankins, "Happy Day"; Malichi Poe-Smith, "Ain't That Good News"; Armani Mankins, "Christ-time Blessing"; and LaShyia Mankins, "A Christmas Prayer." Mrs. Mary Shuler read a poem entitled, "The Christmas Spirit," Mrs. Gwen King performed a liturgical dance to "Live in Me, Jesus" by Calvin Bernard and Mrs. Doris Crosby sang "O Holy Night."

The Youth and Beginners classes performed a skit, entitled "Finding The Perfect Gift." Nasya Smith portrayed Inga DePoint who was searching for the "perfect gift." Ashley Smith portrayed an angel who delivered to her this "perfect gift" along with characters who set up a manager scene—Cierra Campbell and Lashyia Mankins were angels; Kelson Smith was a shepherd; Trey Jackson was a king; Naikeesha Poe-Smith portrayed Mary, Mother of Jesus; and Nicolis Lyles portrayed Joseph.

The finale of the program was a rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" where Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel asked Ms. Audrey Brown to do a series of chores—Day 1—Get something ready for the Church Service Nativity; Day 2—Send Christmas Cards; Day 3—Go carol singing; Day 4—Organize the party; Day 5—Practice the choir; Day 6—Mail invitations; Day 7—Write up the minutes; Day 8—Do visitation; Day 9—Fix the photocopier; Day 10—Arrange the outreach dinner; Day 11—Dress up as Santa; and Day 12—Coordinate publicity.

Gifts were presented to the Sunday School youth and beginners. The adult teachers and secretaries were also presented gifts. Deacon James Brown is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Spirituality, Prayer, And Meditation

By Rev. Diane Horton

On Saturday, December 5, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel gathered in the Drayton Multipurpose Room for the last lunch and learn event of the year. Prior to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season we took time out to listen to soothing music and familiar bible verses. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dee McCullough, reminded us of the significant role that prayer and meditation plays in our spiritual lives.

Rev. Dee McCullough, a Board Certified Chaplain, is an associate minister at First Baptist Church—Highland. She is also the Executive Director and Founder of *Women of Promise Ministry*, a ministry striving to bridge faith communities, encouraging men and women to work in partnership to realize the full potential of those commissioned by God. Rev. McCullough completed a two year Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from the Wake Forest University School of Divinity and a Bachelor of Science Degree from High Point University.

Sister Carol Poe provided a gracious welcome to everyone in attendance. Sister Alenia Sligh read scripture. Trustee Richard Walker offered prayer. Sister Betty Atkins introduced the speaker. Remarks were made by Rev. Diane Horton and Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.

The afternoon included a scrumptious lunch. The seniors brought in their favorite holiday food. And there was plenty to go around! The event concluded with the seniors exchanging gifts and then three beautiful, large, live poinsettias were given away to those with the three lucky numbers.



NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENTS

Auxiliaries Elect New Presidents

By Hattie Ingram

The auxiliaries at New Bethel elected new Presidents and Chairmen to lead their groups for the new year, 2010. Mrs. Eleanor Elaine Brown will chair the Youth Council. Ms. Camille Poe will head the Martha Missionary Group and Kerry Campbell, Jr. will head the Junior Usher Board.

Mrs. Brown, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, has taught school in Oxford and Creedmoor, North Carolina before serving as an Evidence Specialist for the Winston-Salem Police Department. She retired from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System as a middle school teacher. A Gold Star member of New Bethel, she serves on the Scholarship Committee and the Elizabeth Missionary Group. Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Erma Frazier along with Mrs. Susies Drayton organized the Youth Council at New Bethel. She is excited to follow in her mothers footsteps.

Kerry Campbell, Jr., an honor graduate of Konnoak Elementary School and Veritas Sports Academy, is a sophomore at R.J. Reynolds High School where he is an honor student, member of the Latin Club, Crosby Scholars, and the JV Basketball Team. During December's David Lash Basketball Tournament, Kerry's team placed fourth. Individually, Kerry made the All-Tournament Team, averaging 16 points a game. He has been a member of the usher board since early elementary school.

Ms. Camille Poe is currently employed with the Department of Social Services as a Child Support Agent. She is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University where she majored in psychology. She has done graduate studies at East Carolina University in Public Administration and Marriage and Family Therapy. She has been a cheerleading coach at Carver High School for nearly 5 years. Her soul purpose in coaching these young ladies is to show the importance of pride in oneself as well as continuing to instill moral principles and values that will impact their lives after high school.



DR. KENDALL JONES, SR.
DONS CHRISTMAS TIE

Journalistic Society Enjoys Holiday Fellowship

By Brenda Redd

The Journalistic Society shared in the celebration of the Christmas season at Village Tavern Restaurant, Saturday, December 13, 2009. Twenty-five society members and their guests including Pastor and Mrs. Jones enjoyed fellowship and a delicious meal topped off with a visit from Santa himself. George Crosby, husband of Deacon Carolyn Crosby graciously agreed to accept the role while sporting a Santa's hat as he passed small gifts to each person.

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A necktie representing the season was presented to Pastor Jones who required assistance from his wife, Mrs. Mae Jones in forming the perfect knot.

Hattie Ingram, President and Brenda Redd, Vice-President thanked the members for an outstanding year and expressed a desire that the new year would bring a continuation of the same great spirit and news reporting.

Another group celebrating the holiday season at one of the area's local restaurants was Elizabeth Missionary Group who dined at the Texas Roadhouse.

BRESHAUN LILES... Continued

music and his desire to serve his church has filled a void in the music ministry at our church. We had a need for someone to enhance the spirit of our worship service with the drums and Breshaun has done just that. He has matured emotionally and spiritually and we are overjoyed to have him. He is currently balancing academics and sports and we want to support him.

Breshaun is an 8th grader at Downtown Middle School where he is an honor roll student, a member of the student council and the band. At the William Anderson Recreation Center, he is a Junior Counselor. He participates in the Josh Howard Basketball League (summer and winter) and the Chris Paul Basketball Camp. At New Bethel, Breshaun is a member of the Youth Council and the Youth Choir.

CHURCH ADOPTS... Continued

length at our next meeting. All recommendations were approved.

Discussion was held regarding the church by-laws and scholarships. The by-laws were approved in 2006 with revisions. The revised by-laws will be made available for all members and a meeting will be scheduled to review by March 31, 2010.

Women's Ministry Lock-In

Come join the Women's Ministry as we reconnect with each other after our Retreat which was held last September, as we continue to focus on Breaking the Strongholds that Bind Your Body, Mind and Soul. We want to build on our Sisterhood by inviting other Women in the New Bethel church family to join us. The Lock-In will be held here at the church and we will have other activities throughout the year as we get ready for our 2010 Women's Retreat. Our speaker for the Lock-In will be our First Lady, Sister Mae Jones; we will fellowship with each other, share recipes, stories from the Women's Retreat, study the word of God, and much, much more. Registration is \$5.00 and we will wear our T-shirts from the Women's retreat. T-shirts can be purchased for **(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 3)**

Fire Prevention Home Safety Tips

By Ret. Fire Chief John Lucas

As seasonal weather conditions change, one must take the necessary steps to ensure their home is ready for the fire hazards that come with the cold weather.

As in past years, we again recommend that each household have their heating sources such as furnaces, fire places and heaters serviced by a qualified technician to ensure proper operation. We are also encouraging each household to have the appropriate number of working smoke detectors strategically located throughout the residence.

For additional home safety tips you can contact your local Fire Department at 773-7965 and request home safety pamphlets and other fire safety material.

Carter Declared, "We Are At War!"

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Linda V. Carter brought a message entitled, "We Are at War" as she addressed the 112th Anniversary of Missionaries at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Ms. Barbara Phelps was Worship Leader.

Rev. Carter used Matthew 28:19-20 as her text and opened with a question—"Will you accept the mission?" She continued, "We have listened as the president sent 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan thus bringing that number to 51,000 and there are 120,000 troops in Iraq. The picture of war is never pretty. The war is greater right here in the United States—49 million hungry and 10% unemployment. She continued, "Jesus' purpose was clear. Jesus knew the mission! The church seems to be a little sidetracked. What is the mission? The mission is: To make Heaven larger and Hell smaller!" New Bethel, will you accept the mission? Then as if she was transformed into a new being, rev. Carter injected into her message a "May Day" experience. She had the congregation transformed by the reality of the situation. She reminded us that as she spent 22 years in the Air Force where her job was a Communication Specialist. She was to maintain communication with the aircraft. She remarked, "New Bethel, a "Mayday" call is going out today! There is a distress call going out today! There is a distress in our homes today! Church, will you answer the call? Church, will you do the mission? New Bethel, accept the mission! Accept the mission! Accept the mission!"



FIRST JUNIOR USHER BOARD

Mrs. Alenia T. Sligh, Junior Usher Advisor To Step Aside

By Hattie Ingram

After more than 40 years, Mrs. Alenia T. Sligh has decided to step aside and pass the torch to someone else to serve as advisor to the Junior Ushers at New Bethel Baptist Church. She will continue to work with the seniors at funerals and on special occasions.

During her lengthy tenure as advisor to the Junior Ushers, Mrs. Sligh has trained more than 65 young men and 2 young ladies. She fondly calls these former and current ushers her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Reflecting on her many favorable experiences as an usher, Mrs. Sligh recalls that the board that she joined was very large, presidents were very competent and great role models and they had great times together as they greeted worshipers and assisted the Pastor in maintaining a reverent atmosphere in the church at all times. She remembers every fund raiser they sponsored and how the monies were given to the usher board and donated to the church building fund.

Mrs. Sligh was named one of New Bethel's Queens during our Annual Women's Day Program in 2009 and will continue to work diligently with the Sunday School, Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class, the Effort Club, Missionary Department, Senior Ministry and wherever she is needed at New Bethel.

Congratulations Mrs. Alenia Sligh! Job well done!

(Included with this article are pictures of Mrs. Sligh's first Junior Usher Group and the current Junior Usher Group)



CURRENT JUNIOR USHER BOARD

Deaths of Relatives Of Members Of New Bethel Members

By Barbara Ford

Mr. George Royster Norwood

Mr. George Royster Norwood departed this life on November 16, 2009 and was put to rest on November 24, 2009. Services were held at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in Washington, D.C. with Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr. officiating.

Mr. Norwood was the uncle of George (Rev. Diane) Horton, and the great uncle of Jamal and Escada Horton, all loyal members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mr. Bernard Porter

Mr. Bernard Porter expired Sunday, November 22, 2009 and was put to rest on November 27, 2009 at Russell Funeral Home.

Mr. James Bernard Porter

Mr. James Bernard Porter expired Thursday, December 3, 2009 and was put to rest on December 7, 2009 at Clark Brown and son's Funeral Home. Bishop Todd Fulton officiated at the services for both father and son.

They were cousins of the Cain Families, faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY... Continued
\$10.00 for anyone that did not attend the Retreat last September. We are asking everyone to bring a Covered Dish; we will be in the annex each Sunday morning after Sunday school and after the 11:00 service to register anyone that would like to attend.