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Ushers and Nurses To Observe Joint Anniversaries



MS. LEIGH ANN ADAMS
NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

New Bethel Welcomes Our New Church Secretary, Leigh Ann Adams

By Hattie Ingram

If you have called or stopped by the church during the week recently you probably wondered who the very professional and business-like woman was who answered your calls or handled your request so effortlessly. She is Ms. Leigh Ann Adams, our new church secretary. She assumed this position several months ago and has made significant contributions to the church during this time. She succeeds outgoing secretary, Mrs. Josephine Scales who decided to step down after 15 years of service.

Our pastor, Dr. Kendall D. Jones said that Ms. Adams is a blessing to the Pastor and the church. She has made much progress in helping to fulfill the vision and mission established by Dr. Jones and our church family.

Our new secretary brings extensive training and experience to her position. She was formerly employed as a Data Entry Operator and Supervisor for S.C. Data, Inc., Secretary in several departments for Forsyth Technical Community College, and most recently as Receptionist and Executive Assistant for the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation.

Ms. Adams is a graduate of East Forsyth High School and earned a certificate in Micro-Computing from Forsyth Technical Community College. She is an experienced professional with proven skills in providing managerial, administrative and executive-level work. She is a highly motivated individual with excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills. Ms. Adams' stellar work ethic will be extremely beneficial to our church.

New Bethel officially welcomes Ms. Leigh Ann Adams.

Veronica Phillips Is New Data Entry Clerk

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel has named Ms. Veronica L. Phillips as its new Data Entry Clerk effective January 23, 2007. She loves this position and is enjoying working with other office personnel. She has been an asset to the Pastor, Finance Committee and the entire church family.

Ms. Phillips began her work experience as a secretary at Paisley High School where she received her high school diploma. She served as Assistant to the Director of the Purchasing Department at Winston-Salem State University and was Assistant to the Personnel Office Manager at Kate Bitting Memorial Hospital now Forsyth Medical Center. She has been employed as a (KDF) Filter Operator for RJR Tobacco Company for 28 years. She plans to retire in December.

She is a graduate of Star Stenographic School of Business and has done further study at Winston-Salem State University.

Ms. Phillips is a Gold Star Member of New Bethel having joined under the pastorate of Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus. She participated in the youth activities of the church. She is still a member of the Sunday School and has been active with the Missionary Department and the Effort Club for many years.

She is the daughter of the late Mrs. Corrine Phillips and sister of Ms. Andrea Garner, an active member of New Bethel.



MS. VERONICA PHILLIPS
DATA ENTRY CLERK



MR. RICHARD SMITH
USHER BOARD CHAIRMAN

Ushers and Nurses To Celebrate Anniversaries

The Ushers and Nurses of New Bethel Baptist Church will observe their anniversaries on Sunday, July 22, 2007 by sitting in a body at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This celebration marks the 93rd anniversary of the ushers and the 73rd anniversary of the nurses. Mr. Richard Smith is president of the Ushers Board. Mrs. Alenia Sligh is First Lady and supervisor of the Youth Ushers. Trustee Constance Segers is director of the Nurses Board.

Youth Council's New York Trip Scheduled For July 20

The Youth Council has been steadily making plans for an exciting trip to New York City. Now that kids are on summer break from school, the Council is putting the final touches on their plans and everything is set for the July 20th trip.

Members of the Youth Council, church members and friends, approximately 45 people, are expected to make the trip. All of them are looking forward to a popular Broadway Show, The Color Purple, a Ferry Boat Ride to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, touring the Apollo Theater and Harlem, visiting Central Park and Ground Zero, and visiting and shopping in China Town and Little Italy.

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Editorial

Enjoy The Kid-Friendly Vacation Spots In The Carolinas

By Hattie Ingram

Its summertime, school is out, and the kids are getting restless. It's time to do special activities with the kids—the kinds of activities that will reinforce skills learned during the past school year and introduce them to things that they will need in the next grade.

Sure, the cost of gas is still high and airplane flights, bus trips and car trips as well as other means of transportation will be expensive. Trips will be more affordable if families look at the many kid-friendly destinations in the Carolinas. We're fortunate to live in this area where there are numerous places to go and a variety of activities to enjoy.

What kid wouldn't enjoy playing in the sand and sun at the beach and along the outer banks? Many could learn to fish, surf, visit historic forts, maritime museums and animal parks. And all family members are always ready for pizza and ice cream parlors and many specialty stores.

Horseback riding, train excursions and nature walks are just a few of the exciting adventures you might encounter if you travel to the mountains. Local libraries store good ghost stories and you could listen to folk tales and learn how to dance in huge barns. Just look out for those big black bears.

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New Bethel Presents Its Second Quarter Outreach Report

By Myra Wilson

The following report represents some of the outreach activities performed by New Bethel Baptist Church auxiliaries during the months of April, May and June 2007.

The members of the Missionary Department are continuing with their on-going projects which consists of: clothes give away and sending get well cards to the sick and shut-ins. They gave 10 cards, \$15 to UNC-TV, \$70 to the Paralyzed Veterans for the Blind, \$80 to the Salvation Army, \$60 to the Red Cross, \$45 to Samaritan Ministries, \$25 to Central Children's Home, \$45 to Crisis Control, \$55 to the sick and shut-ins, \$83.40 to the Rescue Mission along with 7 pairs of shower shoes, 18 travel size bars of soap, 2 hair conditioners, 2 combs, 4 travel size lotions, 1 after shave balm, 16 deodorants, 1 large shaving cream, 2 large lotions, 2 tubes of tooth paste, 12 wash towels, 24 regular size bars of soap, 6 tooth brushes, 36 disposable razors.

The Volunteers for Christian Service made visits to the Brian Health and Retirement Center, Springwood Home Center, Golden Lamb Court, Silas Creek Manor Rest Homes and Oak Summit Nursing Homes.

The Willing Workers sent several bags of food to Meals-On-Wheels. They also sent letters and cards and made phone calls to the sick and shut-in.

The officers and members of New Bethel carried communion to 32 members of our sick and shut-in.

The Sunday School donations consisted of: 505 visits, 480 phone calls, 124 letters and cards, 140 Meals-On-Wheels served, 14 dinners, 13 bags of groceries, 1 bag of shoes, 1 box of hats, 3 drinks, 2 cakes, and \$1275 in donations.

This concludes the second 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.

EDITORIAL... Continued

Between the coast and the mountains lie the hills of the Piedmont—home to zoos, historic villages, all kinds of theaters, museums, baseball parks and other fun spots. Many activities can be enjoyed right here in Winston-Salem. Families could have daily vacation activities and never have to worry about filling their gas tanks frequently or incurring monumental hotel expenses.

So plan your kid-friendly vacations right in your own "backyard." Enjoy some quality time with your families and meet many colorful people. You'll save a bundle. The kids will love it, and so will you.

Youth Corner



**NICOLIS LYLES
YOUTH REPORTER**

It Depends On Whose Hands It's In

By Nicolis Lyles

Have you ever given any thought to how important our hands are?...Especially to those who like sports...I think I am a pretty good baseball player...but just think about it...

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Roger Clemens hands is worth about \$4.75 million...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

A tennis racquet is useless in my hands. A tennis racquet in Andre Agassi's hands is worth millions...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy. A slingshot in David's hand was a mighty weapon...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and five loaves of bread in Jesus' hands fed thousands...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails is Jesus Christ's hands produced salvation for the entire world...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

As you see now, it depends on whose hands its in. So I challenge you to put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

My message is now in your hands... What will you do with it?...Will you tell others about the goodness of God?...**It depends on whose hands it's in.**

—Written by Charles Hunt

On Vacation

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks last winter, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix-up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain. Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address. His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before! When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Departed yesterday as you know. Just now got checked in. Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was denied. Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow.

Your loving husband.

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.

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New Bethel Honors Graduates

New Bethel Baptist Church honored its 2007 graduates on Sunday, June 3, 2007 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Graduates from high school and college received special recognition and monetary gifts which were presented by Trustee Daniel Piggott, director of the Youth Council.

High school graduates are Brittany Moore and Timothy Randall Williams, Jr. (T.J.). College graduates are Deanna Posey and Diane Horton. New Bethel congratulates all of its graduates.



**DIONNE M. PIGGOTT, MD
RETURNING TO NORTH CAROLINA**

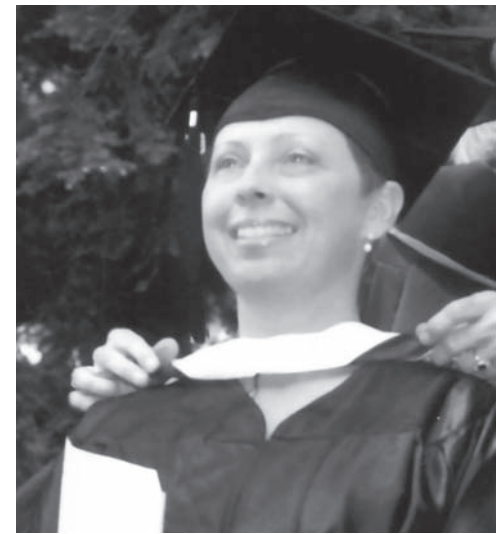
Piggott Takes Position In Eden

Dionne M. Piggott, MD has taken a position in Obstetrics/Gynecology with Morehead Hospital in Eden, NC. Piggott completed her residency at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, Washington this past June.

In the medical school match program, Piggott received her first choice which was the university of Washington. She entered studies there along with five other classmates. She was named Administrative Chief Resident in 2006. During the Graduation Exercises on Friday, June 15 at the Marina Room of the Woodmark Hotel in Kirkland, Washington, she received the "Resident Research Award" which came with a \$250 stipend, Administrative Chief Resident Recognition which came with a plaque and certificate and a Graduation Certificate. In 2005, Dionne received the Perinatal Clinical Excellence Award.

Dionne is excited to be returning to North Carolina with her family and giving back to the community that helped her to achieve her goals. She is especially looking forward to spending as much time as possible with her adorable nephew, Daniel III. Her medical interests include laparoscopic surgery. She has a particular focus on providing comprehensive obstetrical and gynecologic care to all women, regardless of finances.

The 1994 Carver High graduate holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of North Carolina. She entered their Medical School in 1998. She has a Medical Degree and Master's of Public Health from the University. Piggott went to Chapel Hill on a Morehead Scholarship valued at \$40,000. The four-year scholarship provided her with an Outward Bound experience in New Mexico following high school graduation. This challenging three-week tour wanted her to experience survival on minimal rations and supplies in a wilderness setting. She was also provided a ten-week immersion in Spanish in the city of Bogota, Columbia in the continent of South America. Another nine-week experience took her to Germantown, Pennsylvania where she worked with middle school children. Dionne was also a residence hall counselor **(Continued Page 3, Column 3, Article 2)**



**CAROLYN DIANNE HORTON
TO ATTEND WFU DIVINITY SCHOOL**

Dianne Horton Receives Degree from Salem College

By Carolyn Crosby

Mrs. Carolyn Dianne Horton received her Bachelor of Arts on Saturday, May 26th from Salem College. Dianne majored in Sociology with a minor in Religion.

While attending Salem, Dianne was nominated as an Oxford Scholar and was elected to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She also was on the Dean's List each semester of her enrollment. Dianne participated with Salem Connections in their recruitment efforts for the Continued Studies program.

Dianne plans to attend Wake Forest University this fall and has been accepted in the Wake Forest Divinity School program for the fall of 2007. This is a three year program and she will receive a Masters of Divinity degree upon completion. Dianne closed her day Care Center on Friday, June 29th which will allow her to attend school as a full time student. She will also serve as a volunteer with the Department of Chaplaincy at Forsyth Medical Center.

Dianne was awarded the following scholarships at Wake Forest University Divinity School: The Wake Forest Divinity Scholarship; the Kennon Family Foundation Scholarship; The Carlton T. and Miriam S. Mitchell Scholarship; The Annie Jo and Homer W. Brookshire Scholarship and a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation - L D Long Scholarship Fund.

At New Bethel, Diane serves as the Assistant Church Clerk.

She is married to George Horton and they are the proud parents of two children Jamaal and Escada Horton who are also members of New Bethel.

New Bethel congratulates Dianne and all of our 2007 graduates.

PIGGOTT TAKES... *Continued*
during her matriculation at the University.

She is the daughter of Trustee and Mrs. Daniel Piggott. Her brother, Daniel Jr. (Nicole and Daniel III) and her parents are active members of New Bethel. She has another brother, Darryl who resides in Durham.



NEW BETHEL ANNIVERSARY TRIO

Anniversary Messengers Expouse Teaching and Tithes

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Miller Allen, Pastor of Winston-Salem Community Church, told the congregation gathered for the 117th Anniversary celebration of New Bethel Baptist Church to "Stand for Jesus Christ." Trustee Carolyn Crosby was Worship Leader.

Rev. Allen confessed that he agonized over his message for the anniversary. He then pondered the theme, "A Glorious Past and a Prosperous Future" and reflected on the idea of this anniversary being the 117th one. He pointed out that the 117th Psalm is the middle of the Bible. This Psalm tells us "in everything we do, give God the glory!" He then reflected upon what the name, "Bethel" means which is "the House of God." He admonished the parishioners that "when you come into this house, you should be careful what you say or do. You are representing God and you have to give an account of what you do. Do the best job you can do!" Rev. Allen then shared a personal testimony, "When I went to work, I gave it 100%, in my marriage, I gave 100% and I want to give God 100%. In these 66 books of the Bible, everything we need is there! Get you a place at your job where you can go and pray before you go to work." He also stressed to the congregation that "you have 117 years of history to build upon the Hope for the future. We shouldn't let anything turn us around. Defend the name of Jesus. There's power in the name of Jesus. Help your brother or sister in here! Don't jump on the phone and gossip about him or her. When you come into the church, we must get equipped. Lift up God! Pay your tithes! For 117 years people have fasted and prayed to bring us to this point. Now it's up to us to get behind this great preacher!"

Also appearing on the 11 a.m. service were: Trustee Gerald Pauling, scripture; Dr. William Owens, invocation; Mrs. Willa Lash, history; Mrs. Dolye Mack, announcements/visitors; Mrs. Carol Poe, recognition of Gold and Silver Star members; and Mrs. Geneva Wright, introduction of speaker. The Mass Choir set a tone of worship with heart-felt selections of praise.

The celebration of 117 years of glorious past began with an Anniversary Banquet in the Gaines Ballroom of Embassy Suites in downtown Winston-Salem. Banquet speaker was Rev. Prince R. Rivers. He brought a message of "God's Word For A Growing Church."

He began his message, "You cannot live in the past; acknowledge your past before going into the future. God wants the church to grow. Showing up to church is only half of the task. The Word of God should cut to the heart sometimes; not just tickle the ears." He stormed, "If the church is to be effective, the church must take time for teaching. The first thing Jesus did when he fed the 5000 was to teach them. There are many things that we can do to get them in the church, but to keep them you must TEACH them. The church is not just some place we go; it is something we become. The only way to "become" is to be taught! We need this love for teaching and joy for fellowship. We need the power of prayer! The way a church moves from the past to the future is PRAYER! It was God!" He exclaimed again, "It was God! I don't know where God is going to take you, but if you keep your hand in His hand, you will get there."

Other appearing on the banquet program were: Mrs. Patrice Britton, Mistress of Ceremony and welcome; Mr. Rahsean Moorman; Mr. Adrian Malone, prayer; Master Kristopher Feemster, a solo, "An Incredible God"; Rev. Azureé Johnson, blessing of the food; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilson, a slide show presentation; Mrs. Debra Wynn, a solo, "Amazing Grace"; and Ms. Regina Barr, introduction of speaker. A delicious meal was enjoyed and great fellowship was experienced. About 150 persons celebrated the glorious past and look forward to a prosperous future.

Mrs. Brenda Robinson Simpson Passes After Illness

Mrs. Brenda Carol Robinson Simpson of 425 Burnham Drive, passed at Forsyth Medical Center on Thursday, May 24, 2007 following a period of illness.

Mrs. Simpson was a lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, where she attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools and was a 1974 graduate of Parkland

High School. She was a former employee of Sara Lee Corp.

Mrs. Simpson was predeceased by a sister, Deborah Massey. Survivors include her husband, Romulus Simpson, a daughter, Chandra Simpson, a son, Romulus Simpson Jr., a grandchild, Lance C. Simpson, her parents, Charles and Nira Robinson and



**MRS. KENNETTA THOMPSON
PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY**

Kennetta Hairston Thompson, Passes

By Barbara Ford

Kennetta Cecelia Hairston Thompson, departed this earthly life Friday, June 15, 2007 at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. She was born in Winston-Salem, to the late Mildred Hairston. She was educated in the local school system, having attended Kimberly Park and graduated from Atkins High School, class of 1955. Known to her friends as Ken, she received a bachelor's degree in education from Winston-Salem Teacher's College (WSSU) where she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Kennetta was an outstanding fifth grade teacher for 28 years until her retirement in 1993. Kennetta was a wonderful mentor and resource of knowledge and encouragement for her students and colleagues. She joined New Bethel at the age of six and was a Gold Star Member. She loved her church family and served in many capacities, including Sunday School Teacher, Baptist Training Union, Bereavement Committee, Flower Club, Effort Club, Journalistic Society, Senior Missionary, Willing Workers and Tuesday morning Bible Study.

Kennetta was a loving mother and grandmother who believed in having fun and living each day as if it were your last.

Her legacy of love will continue in the lives of her two children, Nicholas Franklin Thompson III and Lennetta Anne (Joe) Thompson Bartley, two beloved grandchildren, Chanté Kennae Thompson and Jaleese Arnae Bartley and a precious great-grandson, Jolen Isaiah Langston Thompson. Three sisters, Peggy (David) Conrad, Sadie (Lester) Hairston, Andrea Hairston and a brother Anthony Hairston (Barbara) who preceded her in death.

Funeral Services were held on June 19, 2007 at New Bethel Baptist Church, with the eulogy given by Rev. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus, and Interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

a sister Myra (Dennis) Wilson; a devoted niece and great-nephew, Monica and Antoine Massey.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at New Bethel Baptist Church with Dr. Kendall Jones officiating.

Hooper Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.