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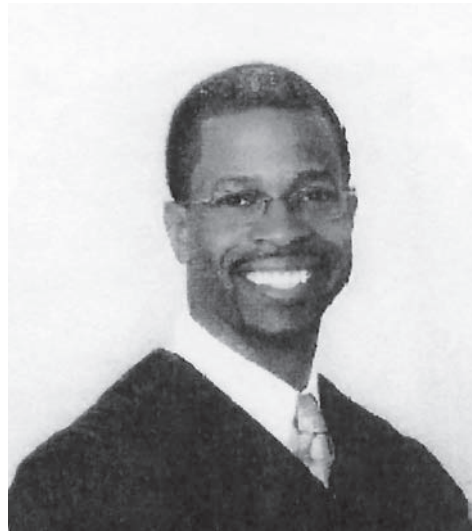


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MRS. NIRA ROBINSON
2007 WOMAN OF THE YEAR



REV. PRINCE RANEY RIVERS
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET SPEAKER



REV. MILLER ALLEN
WILL DELIVER ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

Mrs. Nira Robinson, 2007 "Woman of the Year"

By Shirley Willis

She always greets you with a smile, is an excellent leader and a very hard worker. She is Mrs. Nira Robinson who received this year's "Woman of the Year" award during our Women's Day celebration. As the award was presented by Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, Mrs. Robinson received a standing ovation. She is a leader who knows how to build a team of dedicated workers. She works as hard as the volunteers who work with her and the fruits of her labor are much appreciated. Mrs. Robinson plays a major role in the Bereavement Ministry of the church as President of the Bereavement Committee where she serves as coordinator of food service. In that role, she leads a group of over 50 volunteers who prepare food, serve it and clean up afterwards — to provide a very needed service to bereaved families. This group has served as many as 200 family members following a funeral. The Committee also receives financial support from various individuals and families. Mrs. Robinson and her committee are to be commended for the phenomenal success of this part of the Bereavement Ministry.

Mrs. Robinson also serves as President of the Flower Club. Each Sunday, the pulpit is adorned with beautiful floral arrangements which is a major goal of the Flower Club. In addition to these auxiliaries, Mrs. Robinson is very active with the Baptist Training Union where she serves as a teacher and secretary. She also
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Church to Celebrate 117th Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its 117th Anniversary with two services on June 9 and 10, 2007. The Theme for the observance is "A Glorious Past and a Prosperous Future."

Anniversary events will begin with a Banquet at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Reverend Prince Raney Rivers, Senior Pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

Reverend Rivers, a native of Decatur, Georgia received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. He has authored two articles, published in *The Christian Century*. He and his wife Monica are the proud parents of one son, Prince Corbitt.

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MRS. DIANE PIGGOTT
VBS DIRECTOR

VBS to Focus on Family

By Diane Piggott

Vacation Bible School at New Bethel Baptist Church will be the week, June 25-29, 2007. This is a change from what was publicized earlier, June 11-15. The theme is "Jesus' Family Reunion"—the second part of the 10-day unit began in 2006. The school will begin nightly at 6 p.m.

The week will provide great family entertainment and bonding. Classes will engage students from age 2 and up. So the family can plan to come as a complete unit. As they study Jesus' family, it will strengthen their family.

The school will wrap up its weekly activities with a cookout following Friday's closing program. Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Audrey Brown will again serve as Director and Assistant Director, respectively.

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Editorial

Graduates, It's Your Time!

By Diane Piggott

The General Assembly mandated that school could not start prior to August 25 so now public school children have a June graduation date. With graduation come some important decisions to be made. The economy is so computerized and technology dominates the arena of the job market that no high school graduate can even consider terminating his education with a high school diploma.

I hope that the graduates had a counseling session with their high school guidance counselor to make some initial plans. If college is a part of your future, these plans should have begun last October with applying to a school of their choice and signing up for SAT or ACT Tests. Then in early January, encouraging their parents to file early Income Tax Forms in order to fill out FAFSA Forms to see what financial aid they may qualify.

Graduates, you are at a beginning! You are at a point in your life where you are making steps to your independence. Mom and Dad or for more than 60% of you Mom has provided for your every need. You may have held down a little part-time job, but for the most part they allowed you to spend this money. You weren't held responsible for a bill. Now you must plan to pay the rent, lights, water, gas, food and clothing. Those of you who have chosen college, you may have delayed footing the aforementioned bills for a little while, but use those college days to prepare your self to meet these challenges. Although college is a great time in your life, don't engage in so much partying and dating and forget your primary reason for being there—doing the best in your studies so that you can get a job with a bright future!

From a Zero To a Hero

By Diane Piggott

Minister Beverly Alexander, Associate Minister of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church brought to the 60th annual observance of Women's day at New Bethel Baptist Church a message that "God Has Brought Us From A Zero to a Hero" on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 11 a.m. The Women used as a theme: "Drawing Near to God Through Study of His Word, Teaching, Praise and Fellowship."

Minister Alexander came to the pulpit as cries of "Hallelujah" filled the air as the choir finished singing, "The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now." She continued the singing of the song and shouted, "You are looking at a miracle and turn up my mike and help me sing this song!" Minister Alexander brought a lot of zest and zeal as she began her message, "I know some of you feel that you've finally arrived. I stopped by to tell you that we are all zeroes. Using Luke 7:47-50 as her text, she began, "In this scripture we find someone who was a zero, after she met Jesus, she became a hero." She explained that "a zero means having no measurable or otherwise determinable value and a hero is a person known for feats of courage or a person known for risks."

As she told the story of this woman who a prostitute, she remarked, "She wouldn't have been allowed to sing in the choir or serve as a deacon or trustee. Has anyone been continually blamed for a torrid past? She was anointing Jesus' feet. Folks won't ever let you live down your past. I'm sure that there are some of you in here that feel like a zero!"

Minister Alexander stressed "Jesus did not stop this woman. He knew she was a prostitute and Jesus had to get Simon straight." Alexander remarked, "He had to be a brother!"

"We are all zeroes until we meet the hero—Jesus! Jesus said to the woman, "You are forgiven!" Her faith saved her! In conclusion, Minister Alexander reiterated, "I know Jesus can make a hero out of a zero!"

Mrs. Cynthia Curtis presented, "Woman of the Year" honors to Mrs. Nira Robinson.

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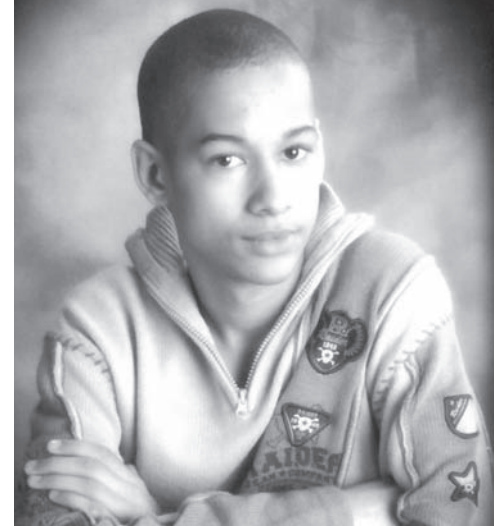
Music will be provided by several soloists. A slide-show presentation will highlight historical events and missions of New Bethel through the years.

On Sunday, June 10, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., the guest speaker will be Reverend Miller Allen, Pastor of Winston-Salem Community Church.

Reverend Allen is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a 1957 graduate of Atkins High School. He has completed corresponding courses at LaSalle University, Virginia Union, Piedmont Bible College and recently studied psychology and sociology at Winston-Salem State University. He is a retired salesman from Duke Energy with 34 years of service. He and his wife Alice are parents of two children.

The Mass Choir will render music for the occasion. Silver Star and Gold Star members will be recognized. Light refreshments will be served in the Multipurpose Room following the service.

Youth Corner



**JAMAAL HORTON
YOUTH REPORTER**

It's Time To Recognize!!!

By Jamaal Horton

The definition for the word recognize states—to show appreciation. New Bethel does an awesome job of this task. *The Spotlight* staff informs the congregation each and every month of the positive happenings in church members' lives like Honor Roll students, Men's Day, and Women's Day.

Today, I am asking each of us to stop and think about who we recognize personally. On a daily basis who is it that we recognize? Who do we stop and say thank you to? Do the people we love and appreciate know how much we love them and how much we appreciate them?

First, It's time to recognize one another! Human beings cannot thrive when isolated from others. So many other people play a part in the success of one. Mothers, family members, friends, teachers and neighbors have played a role in our lives. Perhaps someone has mentored, tutored, congratulated or inspired you. I would encourage you to recognize that person. Let them know what they mean to you.

Secondly, It's time to recognize our From and our To. If we don't know where we are from, then we don't know where we are going. Reverend Jones shares his dreams and aspirations for New Bethel's future and they are all possible with God. We all seem enthusiastic about New Bethel's To, but let's pause and reflect on our From. New Bethel comes from a long history of dedicated individuals. Let's not forget those, who paved the way for us.

My final suggestion is IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE GOD! When you take the time to recognize others, realize that it was God who placed them in your lives. God is in control. Proverbs 3:6 tells us in all they ways, acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Once get on His path, thank Him for whatever direction HE sends you, because your final destination will be glorious.



DEANNA MICHELLE POSEY
NEW COLLEGE GRADUATE

Deanna Posey Receives Undergraduate Degree

By Carolyn Crosby

Deanna Michelle Posey graduated *Cum Laude* from North Carolina Central University on Saturday, May 5, 2007 in Durham, North Carolina. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development & Family Relations.

During her matriculation at this prestigious university, Deanna served as an Eagle Orientation Leader where she was responsible for assisting freshmen and new students during orientation. She also served as Vice President of the NAACP, a member of the Eagle Yearbook Staff and an Eagle Ambassador.

Deanna also gained membership in two organizations, Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

At New Bethel, Deanna was active with the Youth Choir and Youth Council. She is the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. John Posey and the sister of Sharée Posey, all active members of New Bethel.

Deanna was honored with a graduation/birthday celebration at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Winston-Salem. Many of her family members and friends were in attendance to help celebrate the occasion.

Deanna will reside in Durham, North Carolina where she has accepted a position as a preschool teacher.

Pam Campbell Honored At Awards Ceremony

By Hattie Ingram

Pam Campbell, a staff nurse on 6C- Intensive Care Unit at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, was recently honored at the 17th annual Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony in Babcock Auditorium. In addition to this public recognition, she received a certificate acknowledging her excellent nursing service.

She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a degree in nursing. Pam is the wife of Kerry Campbell, Sr. and the mother of Wayne and Kory Campbell, all members of New Bethel.



BRITTANY ANNE MOORE
HEADED TO COLLEGE

Brittany Moore to Attend Fayetteville State University

By Carolyn Crosby

Brittany Anne Moore will receive her High School Diploma during commencement exercises from East Forsyth High School on Saturday, June 9, 2007. The commencement will be held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum at noon.

While attending East, Brittany was a member of the Junior & Senior Deans, Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.), and President of the FCCLA. She represented the sophomore class (2004) and the junior class (2005) on the Homecoming Court.

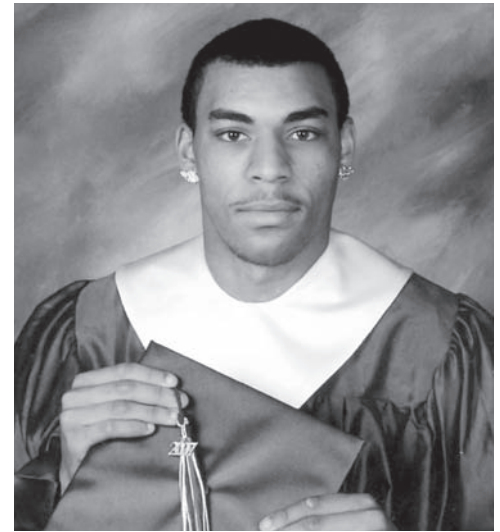
Brittany was awarded the Executive Director's Award of Distinction from the Crosby Scholarship and was recognized for successfully completing the Crosby program in grades six through twelve without interruption.

She participated in the Winston Lake Black Achievers Program for five years and was awarded the Barbara Hayes Scholarship for commitment to academic excellence, leadership and participation in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Brittany is also employed with J.C. Penny as a sales associate.

At New Bethel, Brittany is active with the Youth Missionaries and the Young Adult Usher Board. She has participated with the Forsyth County Missionary Union for three years and currently serves as 2nd Vice President. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robin Macklin and the granddaughter of Mrs. Peggy Spencer, both active members of New Bethel.

Brittany has been awarded a four year academic scholarship to attend Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina where she will pursue a degree in Chemistry. She has been offered an opportunity to earn six hours of credit by participating in Project Cheer 2007 this summer on campus and was also awarded a \$500.00 academic scholarship from the W-S Alumni Chapter of Fayetteville State. She plans to become a Forensic Scientist.



TIMOTHY RANDALL WILLIAMS, JR. (TJ)
WILL ATTEND COLLEGE

Timothy Randall Williams, Jr. (TJ) Will Attend WSSU

Timothy Randall Williams, Jr., affectionately known as "TJ," will receive his High School Diploma from Parkland Magnet High School on Saturday, June 8, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Commencement exercises will be held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Annex.

He is the youngest son of Constance Williams Smith and Rev. Timothy R. Williams of Lexington who is pastor of Yadkin Star Baptist Church. He has an older brother, Christian Smith.

TJ has been in New Bethel all of his life. His first Sunday School teachers were Mrs. Norma Brown and Ms. Audrey Brown. He began ushering for Mrs. Alenia Sligh at an early age and is now a Young Adult Usher. He began singing with the Youth Choir at age 10. He is a youth missionary and served as its president in 2004-2005. He is a member of the Youth Council. TJ served as *The Spotlight's* Youth Coordinator this year.

At Parkland, TJ is a Senior Crosby Scholar. He played Junior Varsity basketball for Coach Reggie Hunt and he was a member of the Varsity Basketball Team his junior and senior year.

TJ has decided to attend Winston-Salem State University where he plans to major in Sports Management and Mass Communications.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Second Union Service Scheduled For June 24






The second Union Service of the year will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on June 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. John Mendez is pastor of Emmanuel. St. John C.M.E. Church is the guest church. Dr. Moss V. Goldman is the guest pastor.

The Union service also consists of Union Baptist Church where Rev. Sir Walter Mack is pastor and New Bethel Baptist Church where Dr. Kendall D. Jones is pastor.

Fantastic Fathers

When asked what they thought about their fathers, sons and daughters of New Bethel had many wonderful things to say about their "Fantastic Fathers."

We wish all fathers a very Happy Father's Day on June 17, 2007.

1.		<p>SHARIKA GROOMS</p> <p>My dad Trustee Johnny Grooms is first a man of God, then a family man. He reads the Bible daily and often teaches and studies God's word. He is quiet, reserved, caring and loving. He gives all that he has to his family. He watches over, provides and prays for us every night and day. His hobbies are reading, washing cars, cutting grass, and watching old western movies. My dad is never too busy to offer words of encouragement to me. He also helps me guide my decisions while encouraging me to stand on my own. He has taught me a lot of things about life and how to live my life in the future. He also tells me that I can do anything that I want to, if I put my mind to it. He has never let me down and I will always love my dad.</p>
2.		<p>SHAREE POSEY</p> <p>My father Deacon John Posey and I have always been very close. Ever since I can remember we have always shared many laughs and our love for chocolate. I can always count on him for support and the answers to my many questions. I am so blessed to have him in my life.</p>
3.		<p>JALEESA BARTLEY</p> <p>Webster defines the word father as a creator and founder; however, I thank God daily for a father that is much more! My father Trustee Joe Bartley is a coach, mentor, and compassionate husband, father and grandfather. He is a true man of God, who makes sure that his family has a strong foundation in the Word. My dad is not only a father to his immediate family, but embraces all around him as if they were his own. My father is truly a blessing and a gift from God.</p>
4.		<p>DANNY PIGGOTT</p> <p>My father trustee Daniel Piggott, Sr. has been the perfect example of what a man should be—a leader in his home, the church and his community.</p> <p>His greatest gift to me has been showing me how to love by loving my mother and always being there for the ones you love!</p>
5.		<p>JAQWON SMITH</p> <p>My father Monté Odom is a good man. He works hard during the week so he can take care of our family. He tries to get me the things I need. My father brought me to church so we both can sing on the choir. I love him a lot.</p> <p>"ME AND MY DAD"</p>

Third Quarter Honor Roll Students Recognized

Honor Roll students were recognized for the third quarter on Sunday, May 13, 2007 during the 11:00 worship service. Students were praised for their superb efforts and academic achievement by Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, a youth council advisor. Mrs. Jackie Posey presented each honoree a love token from the youth council. The following students were recognized: Lashia Mankins and Kendall Britton, 1st Grade; Christian Thomas, Kelson Smith and Lachrisha Mankins, 3rd Grade; Terrell Britton and Nicholas Lyles, 4th Grade; Escada Horton, 6th Grade; Stepvoni Walker, Kerry Campbell, Johnathan Booker and Jasmine Moss, 7th Grade; Kristen Feemster, and Ashley Smith, 8th Grade; Maiya Thomas, 9th Grade; Trey Curtis, 10th Grade; Brittany Moore and T.J. Williams, 12th Grade.

MRS. NIRA ROBINSON, 2007 "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"... *Continued*

She is a Deaconess and is the wife of Deacon Charles Robinson. They will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary this year. They are parents of two adult children: Mrs. Myra Wilson (husband Mr. Dennis Wilson) and Mrs. Brenda Simpson (husband Mr. Romulus Simpson). They are proud grandparents of Chandra, Monica and Romulus, Jr. and raised a great grandson, Antoine Massey. Their daughter, Deborah Massey is deceased.

Mrs. Robinson is a retired supervisor from Marsh Furniture Co. She includes among the things she likes to do — helping people with their budgeting and financial planning. She is a Christian Financial Counselor. In addition, she and her husband are Meals on Wheels volunteers, delivering food once a week to the households.

We congratulate Mrs. Robinson for the honor she has received as the **2007 Woman of the Year** — recognition that is well-deserved.

Please note: *We regret that since the completion of this interview, the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Brenda Simpson, passed away. We extend our prayers and most sincere sympathy to them and their family.*

Annual Leaders Workshop

By Valjean McKinney

The 37th Annual State-wide Leaders Workshop of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at St. Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina where Dr. Gregory Moss is Pastor.

Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, and President Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, were in charge of the program. The theme was "Convince the Unconvinced To Be Convinced...Through Education, Missions and fellowship: Stand in Faith." The scripture reference was Matthew 28:19-20, Corinthians 16-18 and Philippians 1:27.

The workshop included all the departments, from youth to seniors. Members attending the class from New Bethel were: Sharon Penn, Jasmine Moss, Kira Penn, Brenda Witherspoon, Rosa Posey, Ruby Cain, Doris Crosby, Dessie Wilson, Catherine Douthit, Barbara Ford and Alene Davenport.