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New Bethel Observes 120th Anniversary Today



**REV. DIANE HORTON
RECEIVES DIVINITY DEGREE**

Rev. Diane Horton Earns Master Of Divinity Degree

By Carolyn Crosby

Rev. Dianne Horton has successfully completed her studies at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. This academic milestone was celebrated during the graduation weekend of May 15-17.

The celebrating began on Saturday evening, May 15th, at the Divinity School Hooding Ceremony in Wait Chapel. Tradition holds that the Divinity School faculty selects a passage from the Bible that reflects each student's spiritual journey and theology. The selection is read as the student is hooded. As Rev. Horton was hooded by Dr. Mark Jensen, Associate Dean Jill Cranshaw read Psalms 62:1-2. "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken."

On Sunday, May 16th, the Divinity School joined in with the larger campus for the Baccalaureate Service. Graduation Day was on Monday, May 17th. The Master of Divinity Degrees were conferred at the campus wide commencement held at LJVM Coliseum in the morning. The Divinity School held its private commencement program in the afternoon in the Benson Center on the Wake Forest campus. It was during this ceremony that Rev. Horton received her Master of Divinity Degree. She also shared the honor of receiving the John Thomas and Dorothy Porter Award in Vocational Formation and Community Ministry with a dear friend and fellow graduate, Rev. Oliver Thomas. The two were recognized by Dean Bill Leonard for the significant commitment to ministry in the broad context of Christian ministry. Both have demonstrated a keen desire in working towards racial reconciliation with the Church.

While working towards her degree Rev. Horton completed a summer internship in Clinical
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Pastor's Activities June 2010

- June 4 7:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Pastor's Anniversary
- June 13 3:00 p.m. Men's/Women's Day
Red Bank Baptist Church
- June 27 4:00 p.m. Nurses Anniversary
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

VBS Urges You To Go Green

By Diane Piggott

The annual Vacation Bible School will ask us to focus on our stewardship of our universe. The week-long school will be held June 28 through July 2, 2010 here at the church. The school opens at 6 p.m. nightly.

The school will show the students how to put God first, the care of people and our bodies in proper perspective and order. Put the date on your calendar and make VBS a family affair!

Financial Guideline Review Held With Auxiliary Chairpersons

The Auxiliary Chairpersons, financial secretaries and treasurers met with the Finance Committee on Saturday, May 29th to review the financial guidelines of New Bethel Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kendall Jones. Trustee Carl Bankhead led the opening song with scripture by Deacon Wesley Curtis and prayer by Trustee Eugene Thompson.

Dr. Jones explained to the leaders present that the Deacons and Trustees had approved some changes that are effective immediately. The charge for guest speakers will be moved back to the auxiliaries for speakers for special programs, etc. This change will be retroactive to November 1, 2009 which is the first quarter of our fiscal year.

Deacon Carolyn Crosby presented the Finance Committee and emphasized the importance of turning in all monies collected to be deposited in the church's general account which includes checks and cash.

A copy of the request voucher and refund request voucher was provided along with an insert from the church bylaws which
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**REV. VERNON E. BROWN
ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER**

New Bethel To Celebrate 120th Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

New Bethel Baptist Church, which was founded in 1890, will celebrate its 120th Anniversary today, Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with a very special service. Reverend Vernon E. Brown, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church will be the featured speaker. The theme for the observance is "Advancing God's Work Through Fellowship and Love."

Pastor Brown was called at an early age to fulfill the call of Christ. Under the spiritual guidance of Pastor Linville of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Pastor Brown surrendered his life to the call of Christ and preached his initial sermon on March 9, 1997. He was ordained on July 31, 1999. He attended New Hope Bible College where he received the Associate of Biblical Studies in June 1998 and Bachelor of Biblical Studies in June 2001. He graduated receiving Cum Laude honors with both degrees.

Pastor Brown was called by the Lord to be the under shepherd of New Zion Baptist Church. The Lord has given him a vision that has brought growth to the church and empowerment for the people. His strongest desire in life is to teach people how to utilize the power and gift that God has given to each and every one of us.

Pastor Brown is married to First Lady Kim Brown and they have four children and three grandchildren.

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Editorial Congratulations To Our Graduates

By Hattie Ingram

In a span of about 15 days, hundreds of students will go from high school seniors to diploma-toting graduates. Among them will be New Bethel's graduates. Our college and graduate seniors have already flipped their tassels. We congratulate them all!

Walking in line and receiving a diploma or degree completes a journey and deserves to be celebrated by the graduates and those who have helped guide them to this point. But this is only part of the journey. The easiest part is finished. Welcome to the real world. Now comes a stint in college, the military, or in the highly competitive work force.

Times are tough for some families, but our New Bethel Church family feels sure that our students in the class of 2010 are ready to accept the challenges that await them with determination and a never give-in attitude. It won't be easy and students will be tested, but we are confident they will succeed.

We hope many of the new graduates will stay in the city they call home and help make their communities a better place to live and serve as role models. If our communities are to thrive, we need new ideas that our young adults can offer.

Once again, we congratulate the members of the class of 2010 and remind them that they have just started their climb up life's ladder. There are many more steps to take.

Sunday School God is Still in Control

This four session study from I Samuel 1-12 examines episodes of disobedience and crisis in Israel's history. Despite Israel's rebellion, God showed himself to be in control.

We rely on and trust many things and people. People at times let us down, but in the midst of all this, we can be sure that God will never let us down. Because God is still in control, we can have confidence in Him in the midst of crisis.

June 6th—**When Leaders Fail**—I Samuel 2:22-25; 3:11-21

June 13th—**When Religions Fail**—I Samuel 4:3-5, 10, 20-22; 5:1-4; 6:19-21

June 20th—**When External Threats Come**—I Samuel 7:2-17

June 27th—**When I Make Poor Choices**—I Samuel 8:6-9; 12:13-25

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

BreShaun Liles Youth of the Month For May 2010

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize BreShaun Liles as Youth of the Month for May 2010. Our youth of the month was selected for his outstanding leadership and participation in his school, the Youth Ministries, and his community.

BreShaun is an Honor Roll student at the Downtown Middle School. He is President of the Student Council, Captain of the Basketball and Track Teams and a member of the band. At New Bethel, he is a member of the Youth Ministries, the youth choir, a volunteer at the Samaritan Kitchen and he is also our drum player. In the community, he volunteers to help out at the recreation center, and he baby sits. BreShaun's hobbies are playing basketball and video games. He is the son of Ms. Paula Imes, the brother of Charlies Douglas and little Londyn. He is the grandson of Deacon Carolyn Crosby and the great grandson of Mrs. Ruth Sims. Congratulations to BreShaun Liles.



BRESHAUN LILES
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Youth Corner



KELSON SMITH
YOUTH REPORTER

Success in 2010

By Kelson Smith

Our theme for this year is "Success begins in 2010. We've already witnessed some great moments this year. God woke us up this morning, started us on our way, he put food on our tables, clothes on our backs and provided for all our needs, **all moments of success.**

Success can mean different things to different people. **What is success to you? How are you going to be successful in 2010?** Webster defines success as an event that accomplishes its intended purpose. Having said that, **youth**, you need to be successful at **home, at school, and at church.**

What can you do to be successful at home in 2010?

- Be respectful
- Honor your parents
- Volunteer to help out around the house
- Do your chores
- Speak kind words to your family

How can you be successful at school in 2010?

- Be prepared for success—study, bring your materials, pay attention in class, ask questions
- Make good grades, do your best
- Be respectful, practice good character traits
- Strive for Excellence

How can you be successful in church in 2010?

- Give God your heart—Romans 10:9 says that "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
- Work for God—get involved (join the choir, the usher board, youth missionary)
- Learn more about God and his goodness **attend** Sunday School, and church services

Many people believe that being successful involves making a lot of money. Well, that's not necessarily true.

What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul: Matthew sixteenth chapter sixteenth verse.

I believe success is measured by what you achieve in life. For example:

If your dream is to be the "Most Valuable Player" on the football team, that's success!

If your dream is to attend a college or university, that's success!

If your dream is to graduate "Top of your class," that's success!

God wants all of us to be successful no matter what the year.

You decide your own success by letting God direct your path. Success in 2010 begins with YOU, follow God's pathway, and let him order your steps.

Youth and Young Adults On the Move

By Tammicia Kelly

At our last meeting we had a guest speaker (Ms. Jasmine Brown) to speak to us about the Habitat for Humanity. Jasmine had the honor of traveling with her church youth group to Barbados last summer to minister with the youth there. After her speech and many questions from our youth, we had Ashley Smith, Tammicia Kelly, Escada Horton, Nzinga Hawkins and Princess Poe-Smith to sign up to work with the Habitat for Humanity. Jasmine is the daughter of Mr. Harry Brown, Sr. and the granddaughter of Ms. Elaine Brown.

Our youth and young adults have been busy planning activities for this year, things we have scheduled so far:

- ❖ May 8th CPR and First Aid classes will be rescheduled.
- ❖ A one day trip to Myrtle Beach on July 9th.
- ❖ We will celebrate the youth and young adult's birthdays quarterly.
- ❖ We recognize all Honor Roll Students quarterly.
- ❖ We recognize a different youth each month for his/her outstanding achievements in school, church and community.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CHURCH MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.

McMillian Outlines "A More Excellent Way" Carter Says, "Label Yourself Love"

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Beverly W. McMillian, Pastor of Bethlehem A.M.E. Zion Church of Pfafftown told the 63rd annual Women's Day audience of New Bethel Baptist Church of "A More Excellence Way" using as a text, I Corinthians 13:13 on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

McMillian began with a little background on the Books of I and II Corinthians. "When he wrote the books, there were more schisms going on in the churches and Paul had the task of trying to straighten out some mess in God's Plan." She pointed out, "We all want to be called 'The Big Dawg,' but let me back up to the 12th Chapter of I Corinthians where they were running around saying, 'Who has the best gift?' I want to point out to you that there is a more excellent way!" She continued, "In God's house, there are no Big I's and Little U's. You've got to know and understand that you've got to work together. It's all about God.

The women chose as their theme, "Sisters United in Christ and With Each Other—Living Beacons of Faith, Hope and Love in 2010 and Beyond." The Women's day Committee chose three women to recognize during the program. Each woman represented one of three traits—Faith, Hope and Love. The persona of "Faith was Mrs. Alene Davenport; (Continued Page 3, Column 2, Article 2)



**FREDA SMITH
RECEIVES ADMINISTRATIVE DEGREE**

Freda Smith Earns Degree In School Administration

Freda Smith the wife of Keith Smith and mother of Ashley and Kelson Smith graduated May 8th, 2010 from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a degree in School Administration.

Freda was a member of a cohort of ten students graduating with the highest honor, **Summa Cum Laude**. Freda also holds a Master degree in Technology Education and a BA degree in Mass Communications from the prestigious Winston-Salem State University.

She is a former teacher of the year and has been employed with the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System for 12 years. She is currently the assistant principal at Simon G. Atkins Academic & Technology High School. Her career goal is to become a **exemplary** principal in the state of North Carolina.

Here at New Bethel, Freda is a member of the missionary department, choir, women ministry, and youth council.

She gives all credit and glory to God as he continues to order her steps.

MCMILLIAN OUTLINES... Continued the persona of Hope was Rev. Artis H. Smith; and the persona of Love was Mrs. Barbara Hairston. The congregation was given a momento of the day—a compact with the word, LOVE detailed upon it.

On Saturday, May 15, a noon luncheon began the festivities of the 63rd annual Women's Day. Following a delicious catered meal, Rev. Linda V. Carter brought a message on "Labels." She stressed that "People try to place labels on you, but it's not about what others call you. It's about what you call yourself! We, as women, have a serious issue with labels. Labels can very damaging. God's label for you is LOVE!"



**JALEESA BARTLEY
EARNS DEGREE IN ART DESIGN**

Jaleesa Bartley Receives BA Degree In Art Design

On May 15th, Jaleesa Bartley received her B.A. in Art Design from North Carolina State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. While attending NC State, she was a member of the African American Design Student Association, Leonardo da Vinci Scholars and the NAACP. She worked as a Marketing Assistant at Carmichael Complex on campus, designing advertisements, flyers and developing layout design for their publications and website. Jaleesa received several scholarships and awards. She was the 2009 recipient of the Ebony Harlem Award for Excellence in Art. Last month she received the Dean's Excellence in Art and Design Award, acknowledging her outstanding creativity and great professional promise. It is awarded to one undergraduate and graduate student annually. In April, she was the featured artist in the Obsidian Magazine (Literature in the African Diaspora).

Last summer she studied at the University of Kumasi in Ghana, West Africa. There she focused on color, motif and patterns. This summer Jaleesa will intern with Capstrak Incorporated, a strategic design and communications firm in Raleigh, NC. In the fall, Jaleesa will return to NC State to complete a second degree in Africana Studies. To view her work, visit jaleesabartley.com. She realizes that none of this would have been possible without God, her family support, prayers and love from her church family and friends.

Jaleesa is the daughter of Deacon Joe & Lennetta Bartley, granddaughter of Kennetta Thompson.

Graduates Honored For Achievements

By Hattie Ingram

The Youth Ministry of New Bethel recognized our 2010 graduates during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 30, 2010. The following persons were honored for their completion in the Nursery. They are: Mykala Garrett, Dior Gabrielle Richmond, and Eric Smith, Jr. They are all headed to Children's Church.

Completing high school and headed to college are: Adrian Malone, from Atkins High School to North Carolina Central; Maiya Thomas, from Parkland High to A&T State (Continued Page 4, Column 2, Article 3)



MRS. ALENE DAVENPORT, REV. ARTIS H. SMITH AND MRS. BARBARA HAIRSTON



MRS. MARY SHULER
OUTSTANDING CARE PROVIDER

Shuler Has a Legacy Of Caring For Kids

By Diane Piggott

Smart Start of Forsyth County recognized Mrs. Mary Shuler as an "Outstanding Early Childhood Family Childcare Home Provider." This month she completes her 30th year in home daycare with Mrs. Shuler's Daycare.

The Lancaster, South Carolina native is still going strong at 79 with her daycare. She gives God the credit. When the state implemented its strict star-rating system for daycare centers, Mrs. Shuler made sure that her center had a 4-star rating, which she proudly displays in the daycare's play area.

She keeps her skills sharp by attending workshops sponsored by Smart Start of Forsyth County. Two most recent workshops were: "Building Self-Esteem in Young Children Everyday" and "Are You a Professional? How Do You Know?"

She has many anecdotes of the children that she has kept. When she sees them around town, it just tickles her when they come up to her and hug her as if they are five years old again.

REV. DIANE HORTON... *Continued*

Pastoral Education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She also spent time in New York City studying and observing Urban Ministry as part of her multicultural immersion requirement. Rev. Horton completed her second and third year internship at New Bethel with Dr. Jones serving as her mentor and ministerial consultant. In her third year, she served as President of AKONI, a student organization that seeks to develop and maintain a sense of community and unity in the development of a sound and well-rounded theological education that includes and promotes a relationship between the African-American and African heritage and theological experience. In her last semester Rev. Horton was privileged to be invited by Dean Leonard to preach at the Meditations on Grace Lenten Services at First Baptist Church — Highland. She also returned there on Good Friday along with six other ministers to preach the Seven Last Words.

Rev. Horton has been a faithful member of New Bethel for the past eighteen years. She announced her call into the ministry in May 2008 and preached her initial sermon in September 2008. She currently serves as the Pastor's liaison in her role as Minister of Small Groups at New Bethel. In August 2010, Rev. Horton plans to further her ministerial education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center where she has been accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education Department's Chaplain Residency Program.

Rev. Horton is the wife of Bro. George Horton and the mother of Jamaal and Escada Horton. She is grateful to God for all of the love, support, and encouragement she has received from her church family during this journey.



MRS. NIRA ROBINSON
COMPLETES PHARMACY COURSE

Robinson Receives Pharmacy Certificate

By Diane Piggott

Mrs. Nira Robinson completed requirements for a Certificate as a Pharmacy Assistant in a Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the West Campus of Forsyth Technical Community College.

Mrs. Robinson says, "I was drawn to keep working towards a college degree and for some reason I picked the pharmacy assistance area." She did not complete high school as a teenager, but rectified that in 1997 when she completed the requirements for her high school diploma. She has always had the desire to get a college education and began the work to make that happen with the assistance certificate. She has been a life-long learner.

She would like to encourage anyone who has not completed studies for a high school diploma to do so!

FINANCIAL GUIDELINE... *Continued*

outlines the guidelines for the collection of monies, requesting, receipting of monies and reimbursements.

Further discussion was held regarding the cost associated with the cleaning of the linen tablecloths. This charge along with the cost for printing of special programs will also be charged back to the individual auxiliary to offset the cost of color printing.

GRADUATES HONORED... *Continued*

University and Twydes Singleton.

College graduates are Jaleesa Bartley and William Glenn, Jr. Jaleesa Bartley received the B.A. degree in Art Design from North Carolina State University and will return to North Carolina State to complete a second degree in African Studies. William Glenn received the BA degree in Food Service Management from Johnson and Wells College and is currently seeking employment.

Mrs. Alfreda Smith received a Masters Degree in Administration from A&T State University. Rev. Dianne Horton earned the Masters of Divinity Degree from Wake Forest University School of Divinity and has been accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education Department's Residency Program at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.



MRS. WILLIE MAY GRAY
PASSES

Mrs. Willie Mae Gray Passes After Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Willie Mae Gray of Winston-Salem, NC, was born to Coneata Byers and Jim Peen.

As a lifetime resident of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Gray attended 14th Street Elementary, Atkins High and Winston-Salem State University. She went on to become an educator, working in the Winston-Salem School System at both Brown and North Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Gray was well known and extremely loved by all who knew her. She was an active member of the social group "Singles & Friends," a committee member of Atkins Class Reunion and a member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where she made new friends and adopted new family members.

She leaves to cherish memories, two children; Turquoise and June (Kim), and seven grandchildren, Cheo, Julius, Jazmin, Jamin, JB, Jake, and Makenzie. Also three great-grandchildren, Cory, Jalen, and London, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Her funeral was held May 1, 2010 and the eulogy was given by Rev. Jerry Drayton. Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements.

Deaths of Relatives Of New Bethel Baptist Church Members

Louetta Curtis Murphy

Louetta Curtis Murphy was born on December 26, 1928 in Bryson, TN, Giles County and departed this life April 4, 2010 at Lincoln care health center in Fayetteville, TN. She was a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York until recent failing health caused her relocation to Tennessee. She leaves to mourn her passing three brothers Lewis Curtis (Zelda) of Fayetteville, TN, LC Curtis (Margaret) of Fayetteville, TN and Leroy Curtis (Charlene) of Nashville, TN, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was the aunt of Deacon Wesley Curtis.

Mrs. Katherine Norris Galbert

Mrs. Katherine Norris Galbert departed this life on April 1st, 2010. Services was held April 8th, 2010 at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in East Point, GA with the Reverend Clayton E. Taylor officiating. Mrs. Galbert was first cousins to Martha Riley and Dorothy Witherspoon; Second cousins of Priscilla Stephens, Lisa (Robert) Myers and Jackie (John) Posey, all faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Rev. Bertha Jackson Walker

Mrs. Bertha Jackson Walker passed on May 20, 2010 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. Services were held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Twelve O'clock Noon at St. John CME Church with Rev. Dr. James E. Russell, Jr. Officiating and Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr. Eulogizing. Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services and arrangements. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker is survived by a grandson, Brushawn McKinney, an active member of New Bethel.