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121st Church Anniversary To Be Observed Today



**MRS. SUSAN HUNT PRESENTS AWARD
TO MRS. PEGGY McCULLOUGH, 2011 WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Peggy McCullough Named "2011 Woman of the Year"

By Hattie Ingram

The women of New Bethel Baptist Church presented the prestigious "Woman of the Year" award to a very special woman during the 64th Annual Woman's Day Observance on Sunday, May 15. Mrs. Peggy McCullough is the recipient of the 2011 award. She was presented the award by the Woman's Day Chairperson, Mrs. Susan Hunt who presented the honoree a beautiful crystal cross and compared her to the virtuous woman in the sacred words of Proverbs 31. In keeping with the Woman's Day Theme "We Are Daughters of the King" taken from the Book of Psalms, Mrs. McCullough was described as a daughter who worships the King in her songs, prayers and service to the church.

Mrs. McCullough, who was involved in a serious accident recently when she was hit by an SUV and another car, was shocked. She had just returned to church after the accident and never thought she would be chosen. She stated

that no one has ever been happier than she was. Her husband, William H. McCullough and mother Mrs. Ethel Brooks cried and expressed their joy and happiness.

For more than 33 years the "2011 Woman of the Year" has served New Bethel in many capacities. Among them are: Teacher of Sunday School Class #1, Musician and Assistant Superintendent for the Sunday School, Musician for the Communion Singers and the Saturday Morning Prayer Service, Member of the Mass Choir, Effort Club, Volunteers For Christian Service, Lion of Judah Prayer Cottage and contact person for the Prayer Chain.

Mrs. Peggy McCullough felt the presence of the Lord during the terrible event of the accident and she is indeed thankful that He didn't allow her to lose her life. She states emphatically that "It's only what you do for Christ that counts."

Vacation Bible School Completes The Step Up and Go Green For Jesus Unit

By Diane Piggott

Vacation Bible School at New Bethel Baptist Church will complete the "Step Up and Go Green for Jesus" unit of Urban Ministries, inc. The Adult Theme is a continuation of "With These Hands: Inspiring a Call to Stewardship for God's Creation." The school will meet nightly during the week, June 27 through July 1 from 6 to 8:30 each evening.

The 5-day school will focus on promoting health bodies, providing for the preservation of plants and animals, volunteerism, recycling, reusing and reducing waste and planning future environmental actions. Catch phrases for each night will be: Monday-EAT RIGHT; Tuesday-

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**REV. BURRELL BROOKS
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER**

Church to Celebrate 121st Anniversary

Submitted by Cynthia Curtis

The 121st Anniversary celebration will begin on Saturday, June 4, 2011 with a cookout for the entire New Bethel Baptist Church family. The cookout will be held at the church and will include food, fun, music, and prizes. On Sunday, June 5, 2011 we will continue the celebration during our 11:00 a.m. service. The anniversary theme is: "Live Our Your Devotion to the Church"—Acts 20:28. Reverend Burrell Brooks pastor of St. John Baptist in Statesville, North Carolina will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Brooks is a native of Ellenboro, North Carolina and was born to the late J.Y. and Louvenia Brooks. He earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina. He completed his undergraduate degree from Friendship College in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He also completed two years of seminary courses from the Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. While an active member of the Webb First Baptist Church in Ellenboro, North Carolina, God called him into the ministry. He was licensed by the church and ordained through the Gold Hill Baptist Association. He is married to Elaine Brooks and previously served as pastor of Christian for Change Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, New Providence Baptist Church, Mt. Holly, North Carolina, and New Zion Baptist Church in Lancaster, South Carolina. Additionally, he hosted and produced a gospel program called "Opportunity Knocks" and a program called "Outreach" on television station WTVI-42 in Charlotte, North Carolina.
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Editorial Graduates Ready To Begin That Famous Journey

By Hattie Ingram

Over the next few days, thousands of young people in our region will march off into the future, high school diplomas in hand. Also, since last month, thousands of college graduates have either entered the "real world" they've heard so much about or decided on advanced study for a few more years.

Upon graduation, all of these young people will have opened the door to a new phase of their lives. They will hear all the conventional wisdom they can stand from graduation and commencement speakers and various other authority figures.

Rewarded with the president of the United States as their commencement speaker, the graduating seniors at Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tennessee got the same advice as young Barack Obama once got himself: Keep pushing. "You've always been underdogs," the president told the cheering students from a school where academic scores and graduation rates have soared despite tough times in the community. "Nobody's handed you a thing. But that also means that whatever you accomplish in your life, you'll have earned it."

Graduates have been told that life is a journey, and that the journey is more important than the destination. Just remember this is a time for celebration. They have written all the papers, passed all the tests and now they're ready for their big day. They should enjoy their graduation day, and stay awake during the speeches—it's always possible someone will say something memorable they wouldn't want to miss. Just remember, graduates, you must follow your heart wherever it leads—hopefully it will lead you to a job and a productive life.

Sunday School Putting Possessions In Perspective

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of June will explore the biblical perspectives of material possessions. Many people are more concerned with comfort, self-gratification, and wealth than with godly pursuits and passions. As a Christian, you are not an owner of your possessions, but a steward. Learn how to be the best steward you can be!

June 5th—**What Do You Own?**—I Chronicles 29:10-20

June 12th—**Where Is Your Treasure?**—Matthew 6:19-34

June 19th—**How Much Is Enough?**—Philippians 4:10-20; I Timothy 6:6-12

June 26th—**Why Be Generous?**—Luke 19:1-10; II Corinthians 8:3-4; I John 3:6-18

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



**NZINGA HAWKINS
YOUTH OF THE MONTH**

Nzinga Hawkins Youth of the Month For June 2011

By Elinor Walker

The Youth Ministry is proud to recognize Nzinga Hawkins as Youth of the Month for May 2011. Our honoree was selected for her outstanding leadership and participation in the Youth Ministries, her school and her community.

At New Bethel, Nzinga is a member of the Youth Choir, the Liturgical Dance Group and she serves as President of the Youth Ministry. Nzinga, a senior at Reynolds High School is a member of several clubs and organizations such as: Red Cross Club, Cooking Club, Teens for Change, Inc., the Dance Group, the Concert Band, and she is a Crosby Scholar. Nzinga was selected as Student of the Year at Reynolds High School and honored at a special reception. In the community, Nzinga volunteers with the following organizations: The Best Choice Center, Springwood Nursing Home, the National Black Theater, the North Carolina Black Repertory, Reynolds Park Recreation Center's Summer Camp, the March of Dimes, and Rock the Block. She has been **(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2)**

Youth Corner



**NASYA SMITH
YOUTH REPORTER**

What a Mother Means to Me

By Nasya Smith

A mother to me is a person who can overcome anything. She is a person who can get through the hard times and focus on the good times. She is a woman of beauty, grace, and intelligence. The history of Mother's Day goes back to Ancient Greece. It all started as a festival that honored one of the greatest mothers of their time, Cybele, a great mother of the Greek Gods. Then years later, Mother's Day was introduced to Europe. Mother's Day in Europe has gotten young people and children out of church. The reason for that, was because they had to go and pick flowers. They then had to go to the mother's church (originally called Mother Church) and leave the flowers there or they would give the flowers to their mothers themselves. As for the definition of Mother's Day most people would say it is a day for mothers to relax from cooking, cleaning, taking care of the children, and dealing with life's ups and downs. My definition of Mother's Day is the same but celebrate it like a birthday in which mothers receive much recognition.

NZINGA HAWKINS... Continued

a member of the local chapter of The Top Teens of American for six years, where she held the office of parliamentarian for three years. She currently serves as President of Area 4 Southeast Region, and she graduated from the leadership Academy at Rice University in Houston, Texas and received a certificate from the State Legislator in 2008. Her hobbies are fashion designing, drawing, dancing, modeling, mentoring youth, traveling, shopping and spending time with family and friends. Her journey to success will take her to A&T University this fall where she will pursue a degree in Nutrition and Food Service. Nzinga is the daughter of Sister Willie Kay Hawkins and the niece of Sister Pat Mumford. Congratulations to Nzinga Hawkins.



RHONDA NICOLE WYNN AND STEPHEN McCLOUD WED

Wynn and McCloud Exchanged Vows

By Diane Piggott

Rhonda Nicole Wynn and Stephen McCloud, Jr. were wed on Saturday, April 29, 2011 in an intimate ceremony at the home of her mother, Ms. Patricia Wynn in Charlotte. Rhonda is also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnell (Debra) Wynn of Winston-Salem. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Velma) McCloud, Sr. of Winston-Salem.

A dinner reception was held at the Blue Restaurant of Hearst Tower in downtown Charlotte. Rhonda and Stephen reside and work in the Research Triangle Area.

Rhonda grew up in New Bethel along with her fraternal twin, Ronald and twin sisters, Deanna and Denise Wynn..

Congratulations to the happy couple who grew up as loyal friends!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMPLETES THE STEP UP... *Continued*

PRAISE GOD; Wednesday–WORK HARD; and Thursday–WISE UP! On Friday there will be a Closing Program to recap the week's activities. Refreshments will be served nightly from 6 to 6:30. Volunteer to help with Vacation

Bible School.

Mrs. Diane Piggott will serve as the school's principal and Ms. Audrey Brown as the assistant principal. Mrs. Lisa Myers will serve as the school's secretary. Mark your calendar!

Seniors Enjoy Museum Tour and Seafood Dinner

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

Saturday, April 30, 2011, was a beautiful spring day. It was the perfect setting as the seniors of New Bethel enjoyed a lovely afternoon of fellowship. We began our day at The Reynolda House Museum of American Art. The Reynolda House is the centerpiece of the Reynolda Historic District. Our time there began with an orientation video that gave a brief overview of the home's history. Our tour guides led us as we explored the restored 1917 mansion of Katherine and R.J. Reynolds. Once the tour of the house was complete we viewed a special art exhibit by photographer O. Winston Link, *Trains That Passed in the Night*.

Following our museum tour we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Jimmy's Seafood. Everyone seemed to be happy and well pleased with dinner. The room in which we were seated was filled with lots of laughter and conversation.

The Senior Ministry is grateful to Trustee Eugene Thompson for serving as our van driver for this outing. We thank Trustee Thompson for his time.



SENIORS ENJOY OUTING AND DINNER



**JESSICA LEACH
WILL STUDY FOR DOCTORATE DEGREE**

Jessica Leach Earns Master's Degree

By Carolyn Crosby

Jessica A. Leach received her Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy, Law, and Ethics from the University of Virginia on May 22nd, 2011. Her graduating thesis was titled, "Consumer Perspectives on Sharing Medical Information." She conducted 6 focus groups throughout Virginia to gather information about how people might feel about sharing their personal genetic information with selected others, and what capabilities they would want to see in a computerized tool that would allow them to record, organize, and present information. In Charlottesville, she interned with Sisters Conquering Cancer, an African American Cancer awareness group where she was a community health educator and participated in health programs emphasizing cancer prevention through physical activity, healthy eating, and timely cancer screenings. She assisted in conducting and evaluating prevention health programs, and grant writing. As an intern for the UVA Cancer Clinic she worked with the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition where she assisted in developing a Colon Cancer Free Zone worksite plan that will be implemented throughout the state. This past semester she was a research assistant for the prenatal Educational Video Study where she recruited and enrolled low-income mothers seen in clinic into a clinical study. She conducted follow-up interviews with participants on their feeding habits and attitudes of individual nursing behaviors. While at UVA she has been a research analyst for UVA Center for Survey Research (CSR) where she helps design health surveys, and conduct qualitative and quantitative research. She will continue work at CSR throughout the summer. She plans to work for a couple of years, and then return to school to receive her doctorate.

Jessica is the daughter of Trustee and Mrs. Jerry (Rometta) Leach and sister of Jennifer Leach.

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE... *Continued*

Those appearing on program are as follows: Worship Leader—Mrs. Sharon Grooms, Scripture—Mr. William Poe, Prayer—Mr. William Robinson, Announcements—Ms. Ruby Cain, Recognition of Gold & Silver Star Members—Trustee Kenneth Rocker, Memorial to Deceased Members—Mrs. Dolye Mack, Offertory Prayer—Trustee Carl Bankhead, and Introduction of Speaker—Mrs. Willa Lash. Music will be rendered by the Mass Choir. Mementos will be sent to all New Bethel sick and shut-in members.



**TRUSTEE DANIEL PIGGOTT
HONORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School Shines Its Spotlight On Piggott

By Diane Piggott

The Sunday School of New Bethel Baptist Church highlights for June Trustee Daniel Piggott, teacher of Class Number 4. The class meets jointly with Class Number 3 which is instructed by Deacon Constance Segers. They share teaching duties.

Trustee Piggott is a native of Whiteville. He came to Winston-Salem to do his student teaching and stayed upon completion when a position became available. Piggott's assignment was teaching math and coaching basketball and baseball.

He received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education from North Carolina A&T State University as well as a couple of Master's Degrees to prepare him to enter school administration. After twelve years in the classroom, he entered administration with a position of Assistant Principal at Mr. Tabor High School. He did a year at North Forsyth High as Assistant Principal before becoming a principal at Independence High School. He was there for three years before coming to Carver High School and S. G. Atkins Academic and Technology High School.

He united with Diane Bell and they have three adult children and two grandchildren.

"Teaching Sunday School is a joy and pleasure," says Piggott. "I feel that God has blessed me with the ability to lead students in Biblical study as we search for the truth hidden in His Holy Word," continues Piggott, "for I basically see myself as a facilitator who engages with others to discover what God is saying to us. I thank God for the boldness to stand in the midst of His people."

He invites anyone who desires to delve into the Word to join his class!

National Baptist Congress To Convene

The 106th Annual National Baptist Congress of Christian Education will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana during the week of June 19-25, 2011. Dr. Kendall Jones and Deacon John Posey will attend the convention as delegates from New Bethel Baptist Church.



HEALTH MINISTRY PLANS AND PREPARES VEGETABLE GARDEN

NBBC Health Ministry Begins A Community Garden

Submitted By: Rev. Dianne Horton

The Health Ministry is our newest small group ministry here at New Bethel and it has already started its first initiative towards commencing a healthy lifestyle change for all of us. This first initiative is our community garden. The garden is located near the corner of Liberty and 116th Street.

Trustee John Lucas is a member of the Health Ministry Planning Committee and he is serving as project leader for the garden. He is assisted by an outstanding group of volunteers, affectionately known as, the friends of the garden. They are Sister Catherine Douthit, Sister Barbara Eure, Sister Debbie Frazier, Sister Sabrina Garrett, Brother Charles Greene, Sister Rethea Holloway, Brother George Horton, Nicolis Lyles, Brother Robert Pitts, Sister Nina Walker, and Brother Stephon Walker.

This marvelous group of gardening experts has been very busy making sure

that the garden is successful and bountiful. They have tilled, dug, and planted. They have run errands to pick up plants and seeds. They have made signs. They have secured water barrels and water to fill the barrels. They have donated their time, skills, plants, herbs and materials.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of these gardeners the harvest will be plentiful. The following are planted in the garden: corn, cucumbers, eggplants, green beans, okra, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and zucchini. The garden even has a special section reserved just for herbs.

All New Bethel members are welcome to become a friend of the garden. If you have a green thumb and enjoy tending the soil of God's creation you are more than welcome to join us in this Health Ministry initiative. All interested persons may contact Trustee John Lucas or Rev. Dianne Horton.

DID YOU KNOW? II

Articles of Faith

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption

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WHAT BAPTIST BELIEVE
SERIES

Honor Roll Students

3rd Quarter

Caleb's Creek Elementary—

- Kory Campbell

Gibson Elementary—

- Kendall Britton

Kennedy Middle—

- Deshawna Bradley

Northwest Middle—

- Terrell Britton, II
- Nicolis Lyles

Atkins High—

- Jasmine Moss

Carver High—

- Breshaun Liles

East Forsyth—

- Bianca Brailey

Mount Tabor High—

- Kelsey Summey