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60th Annual Youth/Young Adult Day Scheduled For March 13



DR. JERRY DRAYTON
ADDRESSED BLACK HISTORY AUDIENCE

The Black History Committee Presents Dr. Jerry Drayton, A Walking History Book

By Connie Smith

Dr. Jerry Drayton was chosen by Mrs. Peggy McCullough and Mrs. Kathryn Speas to share his insights into the Black History of Winston-Salem in the 1940s when he came to town.

Speaking from the theme “Education is the key to unlock the golden door to Freedom,” Dr. Drayton credits Morehouse College with preparing him for the upcoming challenges for civil rights using a non-confrontational style to work with all people. Step one is to identify the power brokers for a group, learn them, and solicit their help to solve problems. When Dr. Drayton came to Winston-Salem in 1940s, although he was young, he was one of the few college educated Ministers and he would write letters to the newspapers outlining the problems in a tactful way to let the community know what the Blacks needed or wanted in Winston-Salem. His negotiation skills proved successful not only in Winston-Salem but in the state as the first African American to lead North Carolina’s Human Relations Commission for 8 years each time (16 years total) appointed by Governor Jim Hunt.

As Dr. Drayton stated, after legal segregation was dismantled, up come racism and now it is still present but it is presented in a subtle way. Rev. Jerry Drayton stated that Winston-Salem today has progressed not only by Blacks but
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NZINGA HAWKINS
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHAIRPERSON



**RASHAWN COUTHEN, WORSHIP
LEADER-YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY**

THE BLACK HISTORY... *Continued*
with the help of Whites and others who wanted to make Winston-Salem a better place. In 1944 Dr. Rev. Jerry Drayton organized the Political Action Committee of New Bethel Baptist Church as a way to increase progress, such registering people to vote and encouraging members to make an informed decision by using the vote as a voice. Kudos to the Black History Program Committee and Dr. Jones for being a catalyst to encourage New Bethel to embrace black history and our own Dr. Jerry Drayton’s Story of Winston-Salem.

Ashley Smith and Trustee John Lucas made presentations during the program.



REV. CLIFFORD A. JONES, JR.
SPEAKER YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY

Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Jr. To Address 60th Annual Youth/Young Adult Day

By Hattie Ingram

Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Jr., Pastor of United Cornerstone Baptist Church will address the 60th Annual Youth and Young Adult Day at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Rashawn Couthen will serve as worship leader. Nzinga Hawkins is Youth Day Chairman and Youth Ministries President.

Rev. Jones, a native of Clinton, North Carolina was reared in Charlotte, North Carolina. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina; the Master of Divinity Degree from Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton Centre Massachusetts and the Master of Theology degree from Emory University/Chandler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia. He also received Clinical Pastoral Education from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

He has served as a ministerial assistant, an Associate Minister and was charged with the spiritual success of youth and young adults. He worked as chaplain on-call at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and as advisor and advocate for the oppressed and underserved. He has traveled extensively, including preaching, teaching, and studying God’s word in Malta and Tunisia; and studying and performing opera in Cortona, Italy with the USC Studio Lirico. He conducted revival in South Africa.

He currently serves as Chaplain for the Winston-Salem Police Department and a wrestling coach for North Forsyth High School.

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Editorial

About Daylight Saving Time When Do We Change Our Clocks?

By Hattie Ingram

Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. That means that we need to set our clocks ahead on March 13. Let us stay up late next Saturday after midnight and dutifully set the grandfather clock, the mantel clock and the clock on the microwave. Then someone will take care of the alarm clock and people everywhere will set their watches and clocks in their cars. Cable companies will automatically set TV clocks.

Daylight Saving Time gives us an opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks an hour forward in the spring. There has been opposition and confusion since the early adoption of this law which was conceived by Benjamin Franklin to effectively move an hour of morning to the evening. Even today, many regions and countries routinely change their approaches to DST. There have been time-change riots in the Middle East, fewer criminal acts, changing dates for trick or treating, new born twins might have different birthdays, increase in voter turnout, change in signals at radio and TV stations; all because of Daylight Saving Time.

Let's get ready and get our acts together. Ready or not, Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. So let's set our clocks forward one hour so that we will not be one of those straggling late to church, for work, and for appointments. If you're on the 8:00 a.m. shift and you get there by 8:00 but forgot to set your clock forward, you're late. And by the way, as a safety precaution, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Sunday School Confident Living In Difficult Times

The Sunday school's lessons for the month of March are found in 1 Peter. The lessons are about living confidently in difficult times. Peter wrote to Christians who were paying a high price for remaining faithful to Christ. He encouraged them with the hope of eternal life and to demonstrate the need for holy living in spite of their suffering. These lessons will serve Christians well, for they echo Peter's message of hope and his encouragement to believers to live their lives with confident obedience.

March 6th—**Faith Under Fire**—I Peter 1:1-12

March 13th—**Ready for Action**—I Peter 1:13-2:1

March 20th—**Relationships Under Stress**—I Peter 2:11-12; 3:1-2

March 27th—**Stay the Course**—I Peter 4:1-2, 7-19

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



ALEXIS SUMMEY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Alexis Summey Youth of the Month For February 2011

By Elinor Walker

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

At New Bethel, Alexis is a member of the Youth Ministry, she volunteers with the Nursery, and she has been featured in *The Spotlight* as a Youth Corner Reporter. She is an 11th grade student at Mount Tabor High School, where she is busy with activities such as The Art Club, for which she was recommended for Honor's Class, Varsity Cheerleading, for which he earned a letter and was recognized for having the best attitude, and The Tabor Girls Club.

Alexis's hobbies are cheering, dancing, and expressing her artistic talent. She enjoys meeting
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Youth Corner



ASHLEY SMITH
YOUTH REPORTER

A Relationship With God

By Ashley Smith

One might define a relationship as a connection, association, involvement or an emotional attachment between people. All of us have our ups and downs in relationships, whatever the case may be I want you to realize that relationships both good and bad are beneficial to us and they help us grow and become stronger. God wants us to have good friends and good experiences. There are three major things that I deem to be the most important when it comes to a Christian everyday relationship with God. Those are communication, understanding and respect.

Communication is important in any kind of relationship but the most important type of communication is between man and God. Communication is more than just our ability to talk, but also to listen. As we communicate with God, the first part of that communication is listening. God's primary ways of communicating with us is through His Word and by the Holy Spirit. God speaks to all believers through the vehicle of the Bible, which is all we need to equip us for the Christian life. In order to fully understand God's communication with us, we must be diligent to read, study, memorize and meditate on His Word.

Next, understanding. We should seek to understand God and all the many sacrifices He's made for us. How many of you would say its okay to send your child and have him sacrificed for others with his hands and feet nailed to a cross? In order to understand, we must have a true relationship with God.

Lastly respect, just as we respect our parents we should respect God, He is our Heavenly Father. We must respect God for who He is and what He has done and will continue to do in our lives. I want you to think about your relationship with God. Does it reflect good communication, do you understand and respect the many sacrifices He has made for you. **SO HOW SUCCESSFUL IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD???**

ALEXIS SUMMEY... Continued
new people and making new friends.

Alexis is the daughter of Sister Shari Summey, the granddaughter of Sister Willa Lash and the sister of Kelsey Summey.

Congratulations to Alexis Summey.



YOUTH BECOME JUNIOR ACHIEVERS

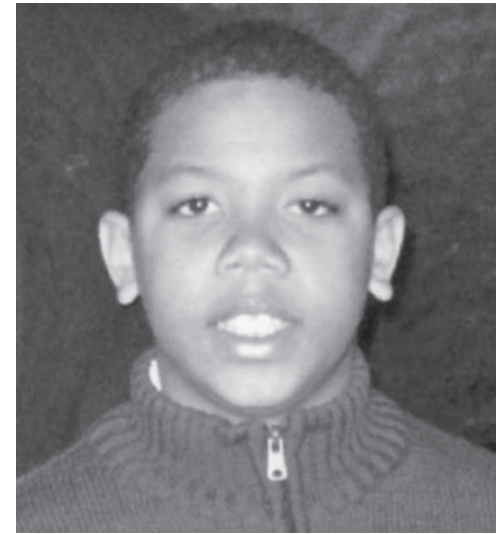
Youth Inducted In Achiever Program

By Diane Piggott

Six New Bethel Youth were inducted into the Junior Achievers Group of the Rural Hall Chapter of National Women of Achievement, Inc. (NWOA). The Junior Achiever program is for youth ages 6 to 12 years of age. It emphasizes scholarship, talents and service. The women of the adult group mentor and support the juniors.

The youth inducted were: Cierra Campbell and Princess Poe-Smith, daughters of Ms. Alisa Poe; Lacesha, Latricha and LaShyia Mankins, daughters of Ms. Caprishia Mankins and granddaughters of Mrs. Lisa Myers; and Armani Mankins, daughter of Ms. Latricha Mankins.

Pictured with the Juniors are Mrs. Lisa Myers and Mrs. Diane Piggott, members of the Rural Hall Chapter of NWOA, Inc. Ms. Gwendolyn Thompson is president of the Rural Hall Chapter.



**KENDALL BRITTON
HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD WINNER**

Kendall Frazier Britton Human Relations Award Recipient

Congratulations to Kendall Frazier Britton on being the winner of the Human Relations Award. Kendall is a 5th grade student representing Gibson Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year at the Human Relations Banquet.

The purpose of the human Relations Student Award is to recognize and encourage youth who demonstrate a positive attitude and community service through relationships with all people despite differences in race, color, national origin or exceptionality.

The Human Relations Commission in partnership with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system held its 31st Annual Human Relations Student Award Banquet on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Kendall is an honor roll student at Gibson Elementary and a member of the Jr. Usher Board and Youth Council Ministry at the church.

He is the proud son of Terrell and Patrice Britton, the brother of Terrell Britton II and the grandson of Willa Frazier Lash and Neil Davis Britton.

We are very proud of him and all of his accomplishments.

1ST YEAR ROBOTICS... *Continued*
year team—Team Platypi of Colfax, NC—who were extremely helpful in the completion of the robot.

On Monday, February 21st, Team Yellow Jacket held a program to showcase their finished robot. The robot was shipped to the FIRST organization on Tuesday, February 22nd for inspection. The next time the students will see their robot will be at the regional competition in April.

Ms. Tabitha Moser, Jacket Integrated Academy Science Teacher, coaches Team Yellow Jacket and Mr. Lloyd Strachan—Carver High School Math Teacher, assists her. Mrs. Laura Murdock, Mrs. Carol Poe, Mrs. Alisa Poe, and Mrs. Connie Fletcher serve as team parents. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to the Robotics Team for traveling expenses to the upcoming Regional Competition, please contact Mrs. Nicole Piggott—Jacket Integrated Academy Principal at 727-2772.

Honor Roll 2nd Quarter 2010-2011

CALEB'S CREEK ELEMENTARY
Kory Campbell

GIBSON ELEMENTARY
Kendall Britton

WHITAKER ELEMENTARY
Arianna Davis

NORTHWEST MIDDLE
Nicolis Lyles
Terrell Britton, II

WALKERTOWN MIDDLE
Kelson Smith

FLAT ROCK MIDDLE
Christian Thomas

CARVER HIGH
Breshaun Liles

MOUNT TABOR HIGH
Kelsey Summey

PARKLAND HIGH
Kristen Feemster

FORSYTH ACADEMIC SCHOOL
Princess Poe-Smith

ATKINS BIOTECH HIGH SCHOOL
Jasmine Moss

Reminders

Daylight Saving Time
Begins March 13, 2011

First Union Service of Year
March 27, 2011

New Bethel Baptist – Host Church
St. John C.M.E. – Guest Church

1st Year Robotics Team Of Jacket Academy

By Diane Piggott

Jacket Integrated Academy's 1st year Robotics Team—Team Yellow Jacket—is excited and ready for Regional Competition on April 7–9 in Raleigh, NC! Through generous support from JC Penney and NC 4-H, Team Yellow Jacket is a part of the NC FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics program. Students attended a kick-off program in Raleigh on Saturday, January 8th, where they began learning the in's and out's of the robotics program and began building and programming their robot. The students returned from the kick-off eager and excited to build a competitive robot over the course of six weeks. Team Yellow Jacket partnered with a 4th

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**NAIKEESHA POE-SMITH & BRESHAUN LILES
REPRESENT TEAM YELLOW JACKET**



**MRS. PEGGY McCULLOUGH
LOVES STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

Let's Meet Sunday School's— Sister Peggy McCullough

By Diane Piggott

Our Sunday School Staff member that we highlight for March is Sister Peggy McCullough. She is teacher of Class Number 1 which meets in the choirstand.

Sister McCullough has been affiliated with the Sunday School for 33 years. She began as a student in Class Number 8 when the late Deacon Moriese Davis was teacher. She then moved to Class Number 7 as a student under the late Deacon Charles Robinson. She later became an assistant superintendent and with a reorganization, she became teacher of Class Number 1. She plays musical selections for the opening and closing of Sunday School. She attends the Sunday School Union Services every third Sunday of each month.

This past December 1010, she directed a three-part Christmas play that was written along with the assistance of Mrs. Diane Piggott.

Sister McCullough grew up in New Bethel. She attended the public schools here. She graduated from Winston-Salem State University. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Brooks and the wife of Mr. William McCullough. She is a retiree of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools where she worked at Carter Vocational High School as a Teacher Assistant.

A tragic accident sidelined her this month and she is recuperating in the Lutheran Home, 5350 Old Walkertown Road. We pray for her speedy recovery!

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Begins Today

Did you know that American 15 year-olds rank 21st in science and 25th in math when compared to their peers worldwide? Within our own community, the graduation rates, dropout rates and college preparedness rates of African American high school students have fallen behind their Caucasian counterparts. These dismal statistics underscore the need for us to get more serious about our investment in education. President Obama has kept his commitment to make education a high priority by launching the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) initiative. The purpose of this program is to inspire students to excel *(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)*

Leaders Must "Pass The Scroll"

By Diane Piggott

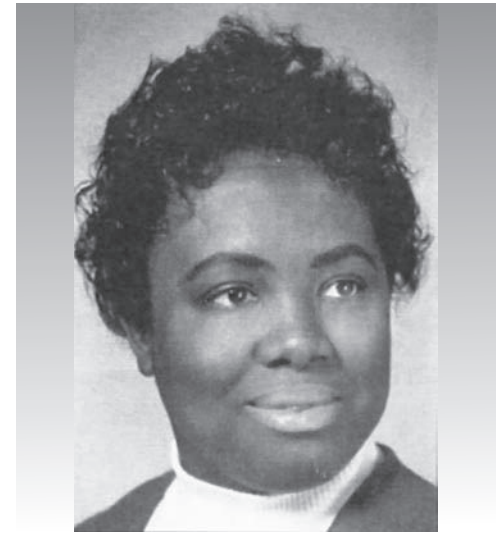
Rev. Dr. Bill J. Leonard, Professor of Church History at Wake Forest University, addressed the 37th Leadership Observance of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Deacon John Posey was worship leader. Trustee Daniel Piggott was Chairperson of the Leadership Observance Committee.

Rev. Leonard holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas Wesleyan College, a Master of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Boston University and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Franklin College.

He came to Wake Forest in 1996 with a joint appointment in the School of Divinity and the Department of Religion. He is an accomplished author, a captivating lecturer and a seasoned pastor.

Dr. Leonard encouraged the leaders to "Pass The Scroll" and used as a text, Luke 4:16-22. Others on the program were: Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, scripture; Trustee Eugene Thompson, prayer; Deacon Posey, Statement of the Occasion; Mrs. Lennetta Bartley, announcements/welcoming visitors; Trustee Eva McWillis, offertory prayer; and Deacon Charles Hunt, introduction of speaker.

Dr. Leonard began with a quiet demeanor stating, "Ms. Winnie Bradford gave me the scroll (Bible) in my hand at age 5 in First Baptist Church in Decatur, Texas. At age 8, I was promoted to Mr. Johnny Ramey's all boys class. Mr. Ramey gave me a description of Hell so vivid that I accepted Christ as my Savior a few months later." He explained that someone taught Jesus to read Hebrew and the songs. Then Leonard posed the questions—"Who taught you how to read the scroll? Do you remember their names?" He admonished everyone to consider three points before you can lead. They were: 1) Who are you spiritually? 2) Who are you with communally?; and 3) Do you know where you need to go?" He added, "The tradition of Sunday School is getting lost in today's churches." Hence, "people don't know the Bible lessons as they did. Leaders are persons who understand the traditions that are unique to your congregations. "What kind of traditions as leaders will you try to perpetuate," posed Leonard. In closing, we were asked to ponder yet another question, "When the youth of today are our age, who will come bubbling up out of their mouths as the person or persons who passed them the scroll?" He admitted that Ms. Winnie Bradford will forever be remembered as the one who passed me the scroll!



MRS. PEGGY W. SPENCER

Mrs. Peggy Ann Wilson Spencer Passes After Illness

By Barbara Ford

Mrs. Peggy Ann Wilson Spencer passed away February 3, 2011 and was funeralized on February 7, 2011. She was a lifelong member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Spencer retired from Southern Bell Telephone Company (now AT&T) as an information operator after over 28 years of service, starting in New York then ending in the Winston-Salem office.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn Dobson-Powell of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Robin D. Macklin (Jack) of Kernersville, North Carolina; two sons, Mandell R. Dobson, Sr. of Charlotte, North Carolina and Jerry "Tom" (Patricia) Dobson of Albany, Georgia; nine grandchildren, among them Brittany Moore of Fayetteville, North Carolina and many other relatives and friends.

Dr. Kendall Jones gave the eulogy. Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

PREPARING... *Continued*

in math and science so that our nation can sustain global competitiveness and remain a technological innovator.

Just as President Obama has developed an action plan to address existing educational disparities, the New Bethel Scholarship Committee is taking an active role in preparing our youth for the opportunities that lie ahead. Each year the Committee presents high school seniors, who have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year institution, with financial awards to assist students in funding their education. The group is also committed to partnering with our youth and helping them make a successful transition in college. To meet this goal, the Committee held their first session entitled "So you think you're ready for college." This event gave the students and parents an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to expectations, and the overall college experience. In addition, the committee plans to schedule a Career Fair as well as Workshops to help our students achieve their academic goals.

While the Scholarship Committee is working aggressively to accomplish the goals on this year's agenda, college tuition continues to increase. Your financial contributions are vital to the success of our youth and future of our nation. After all, leadership tomorrow depends on how well our kids are educated today!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a covenant we **promised** to live by as members of New Bethel. You probably know it by memory, it is displayed at the rear of the sanctuary. Take a look and if you don't already have it memorized, give it a try. **Don't forget, you can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you. Living out that promise will change your life.**

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