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58th Youth/Young Adult Day Scheduled For March 8 Youth Choir Will Observe 35th Anniversary March 29



ASHLEY SMITH
YOUTH CHOIR PRESIDENT

Youth Choir to Celebrate 35th Anniversary

By Hattie Ingram

The Youth Choir of New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its 35th Anniversary with a concert on Sunday, March 29, 2009. Ashley Smith is president of the choir.

The choir is diligently making plans and rehearsing for the celebration. They will be singing songs of praise and adoration related to their theme, "Still Have Joy"

Mr. Dale Hairston, Minister of Music at New Bethel will be in charge of the music. He will be accompanied by Mr. Steve Thornton and Breshaun Liles. Ms. Linda Feemster is Director of the choir.

Ms. Ruby Cain Is Named Assistant Church Clerk

By Hattie Ingram

Ms. Ruby Cain, a lifelong member of New Bethel Baptist Church, was recently named Assistant Church Clerk of New Bethel. She joined New Bethel under the Pastorate of Dr. Jerry Drayton. She is the oldest of seven children of the late Mary L. and William H. Cain, Jr., all of whom grew up in New Bethel.

For many years she has been in the clerical arena, retiring from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the Sports Marketing Department. She is presently employed at Winston-Salem State University in the Accounting Department.

Ms. Cain is exceptionally happy that she was appointed to serve as the Assistant Church Clerk as her late mother served for many years as the
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TAMMICIA KELLY
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHAIRPERSON



ALLAN JONES
WORSHIP LEADER



MS. RUBY CAIN
ASSISTANT CHURCH CLERK



REV. RANDELL CAIN, JR.
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY SPEAKER
Cain to Address Youth

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Randell Cain, Jr. will address the 58th annual Youth/Young Adult Day of New Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2009. Allan Jones will serve as Worship Leader. Tammicia Kelly is the Youth/Young Adult Chairperson for the upcoming year. The youth have chosen for a theme, "A Change in Our Walk and a Change in Our Talk."

Rev. Cain is a native of Winston-Salem and was educated in the public schools here. He is the son of Mr. Randell Cain and the late Mrs. Alma E. Cain. He is a 1985 graduate of West Forsyth High and a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta where he received a Bachelor's Degree in General Science as well as holding a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech. He also holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He began a career in investment management in 1994 with Putnam Investments, moving to NationsBank, JP Morgan and NCM Capital. Since 2002, he has been with Atlanta Life Investment Advisors where he serves as a Portfolio Manager and a Principal Owner. His employment experiences have taken him to Boston, Charlotte, New York, Geneva, Switzerland, Durham, Atlanta and back to Winston-Salem.

In 1992, he married his high school sweetheart, the former Cynthia Rorie. The Lord has blessed their marriage with five children—Hamilton, Grant, Olivia, Victoria and Preston.

He accepted the call into the ministry and was ordained in 2007. Upon his return
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Interested in New Bethel

Editorial The Season of Lent

By Hattie Ingram

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. It is a forty-day period before Easter which began on February 25, 2009 and ends on April 11, 2009, one day before Easter.

The time of Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on how well we are following the way of Jesus. Keeping to a Lenten discipline often requires doing what we may not feel like doing. The ultimate example of discipline is Jesus beginning a journey to Jerusalem that He knew would lead to the cross. Surely He didn't feel like it, but He went.

Traditionally, Lent has been a time of self-denial, of fasting and praying. Many of us abstain from a normal part of our daily routine to remind us of the sacrifice of Christ. Some of us commit to a sacrifice that can benefit the less fortunate. We dine in restaurants where a portion of the funds are given to Samaritan Ministries or Second Harvest Food Bank. Members of groups such as our Laymen League volunteer with community projects where they build houses for families in need of housing and others assist in refurbishing senior members' homes. On a more personal note, there are those who give up desserts, bread, meats and many of their favorite foods and beverages.

Those who are observing Lent, whether
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Sunday School Views

Stepping Up To Serve

The Sunday school lesson for the month of March is about the story of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is not generally considered a major Bible personality but a person whom God used to lead an important project. The project he led was rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah was willing to step up and serve the Lord.

March 1st—"Be Aware"-Nehemiah 1:1-11. This lesson tells how Nehemiah became concerned when he heard about the walls which had been broken down. This led to days of prayer in which God called him to do something about the need.

March 8th—"Prepare" Nehemiah 2:1-8, 11-18. This lesson explains how Nehemiah prayerfully asked permission of King Artaxerxes, for whom he was serving as cupbearer, to be authorized to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

March 15th—"Do Not Despair" Nehemiah 2:19-20; 4:1-14. This lesson tells of the opposition that used ridicule and intimidation to try to stop the work.

March 22nd—"Clear the Air" Nehemiah 5:1-16. This lesson tells of complaints of the poor debtors against wealthy creditors.

March 29th—"Hang In There" Nehemiah 6:1-16. This lesson tells of a last desperate attempt by Nehemiah's enemies to have him removed as leader of this project. The work was completed in record time.

See You in Sunday School

Announcements

1. The Forsyth County Sunday School Union Will meet at New Bethel Baptist Church On Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. All members of the Sunday School are asked to attend.

2. First Union Service Of New Year To Be Held At New Bethel

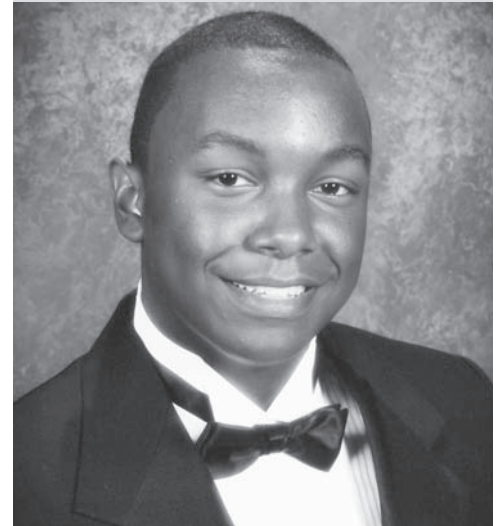
On Sunday, March 22, 2009, the first Union Service will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Reverend John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church, his congregation, choirs, and ushers in charge of the service. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, pastor of New Bethel is the Host Pastor.

3. Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8, 2009

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collectively or singularly, are reminded that since Christians are called to serve, Lent is the perfect time to evaluate our service. It is also a time to seek new ways to serve or to be strengthened to continue the service you are doing. It is a time to ask God's forgiveness, and recognize that His forgiveness comes at an infinite price—the death of Christ on the cross on our behalf.

Youth Corner



JAMON CARSON
YOUTH REPORTER

It's Time

Good Morning New Bethel...two years ago, the Youth of this church chose the theme, "It's Time". Even though the subject is pretty broad, it looks like every one in America agreed with what we felt. So, the *time* has come, and depending on who you are and what you believe, January 20, 2009 was either your dream come true, or your worst nightmare. I know it sounds odd, but think about this. For those who have lived long enough to know anything about the Civil Rights era, the election of President Obama was a dream come true. Black History Month has a special meaning for all of us; especially this year. But for many of the homeboys, and chickenheads who spend their days hanging out on the corners of our community, January 20 was a nightmare, because it was the day that their excuses for not being successful were no longer acceptable. It has always been okay to excel, they just chose not to do it. Their refusal to take responsibility for themselves and their actions will serve as a constant barrier to a successful life and career. The suggestion that we are trying to emulate the majority population when we do a good job in school, can finally be thrown into the garbage. **It's acceptable to be exceptional.** President Obama is clear proof that it is possible to be cool and smart at the same time. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Evers, the Greensboro Four from the mighty and prestigious North Carolina A&T State University, along with many other men and women suffered untold indignities to pave the way for all of us to enjoy a better life; some even gave their lives to open doors for us. The paths they shaped during the Civil Rights era, laid the groundwork for students of all backgrounds to go beyond listening to people who don't understand what President Obama's election really means to all Americans. No, racism did not disappear when he took the oath to become the leader of the free world, but a dialogue has evolved, and those who feel that bigotry is a wasteful point of view are looking at themselves and others differently. (Part 1)



**HONOR ROLL STUDENTS
FOR SECOND QUARTER**

Honor Roll Students Recognized

New Bethel Baptist Church recognized its second quarter Honor Roll students on Sunday, February 22 during the 11 a.m. services. Ms. Barbara Phelps called the honorees down front to be recognized. Her daughter, Cherelle Phelps, assisted her.

Honor Roll students were: LaCresha Mankins, kindergarten at Oldtown; Malcolm Hatcher, 1st grade at Forest Park; Kelson Smith, 5th grade at Walkertown Elementary; Kendall Britton, 3rd at Gibson Elementary; Kelsey Summey and Nicolis Lyles, 7th grade at Northwest Middle; Herbert Liles, 7th grade at Downtown Middle; Escada Horton, 8th grade at Wiley; Kerry Campbell, 9th grade at Veritas Sports Academy; Alexis Summey, 9th grade at Mt. Tabor; Jasmine Moss, 9th grade at Atkins Academic and Technology High School; Trey Curtis, 12th grade at Reynolds High; Sharika Grooms, 12th grade at North Forsyth High; and Allan Jones, 12th grade at West Forsyth High School.

Ms. Phelps challenged the youth to keep up the good work. She quoted Sophocles who said, "Success is dependent upon effort." She also added congratulations on behalf of the church. She asked the parents and guardians to stand as the name of their child was called.

Illness Etiquette

Ten Ways to Avoid Getting Sick

By Connie Smith, Child Care Health

Consultant with Work Family Resource Center

1. Wash your hands frequently (before and after meals, after using the restroom, after changing a diaper, and after blowing your nose. You should wash your hands for at least 15-20 seconds with soap and warm water. Using a sanitizer is better than nothing.
2. Avoid contact with people who are sick when possible.
3. Eat more fruits and vegetables, drink more water, and exercise regularly.
4. Get adequate sleep or rest every night. (6-8 hours)
5. Get a flu shot every year. Know what your doctor recommends.
6. Know how to ID symptoms of stress and what to do to decrease it.
7. Cover your mouth and nose with tissues or your elbow every time you sneeze or cough then wash or sanitize hands.
8. Put used tissues into the trash.
9. Do not share eating utensils, drinking glasses, towels or other personal items.
10. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. When you do, wash or sanitize your hands.

If you are sick (fever, diarrhea, flu, etc.), please stay home and seek medical advice from your doctor or the public health department 336-703-3110.



**BRITTANY R. RILEY
VYING FOR MISS JABBERWOCK**
**Brittany Sponsored By
Her Grandmother**

By Diane Piggott

Mrs. Martha Riley is sponsoring Brittany Renee Riley, her granddaughter in the Jabberwock 2009, a pageant sponsored by the Winston-Salem Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The pageant will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Carver High School.

Brittany is the daughter of Ernest J. Riley, III and Trena Gregg. She is a senior at Reagan High School. She has accompanied her grandmother to events and services at New Bethel over the years. Mrs. Riley is asking for the support of her New Bethel Family. A Spaghetti Dinner is planned for March 22 at New Bethel to support Brittany's run for "Miss Jabberwock." She is excited about having the opportunity to raise funds for the college scholarships that will assist Brittany and others for college.



**CHRISTIAN THOMAS
SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

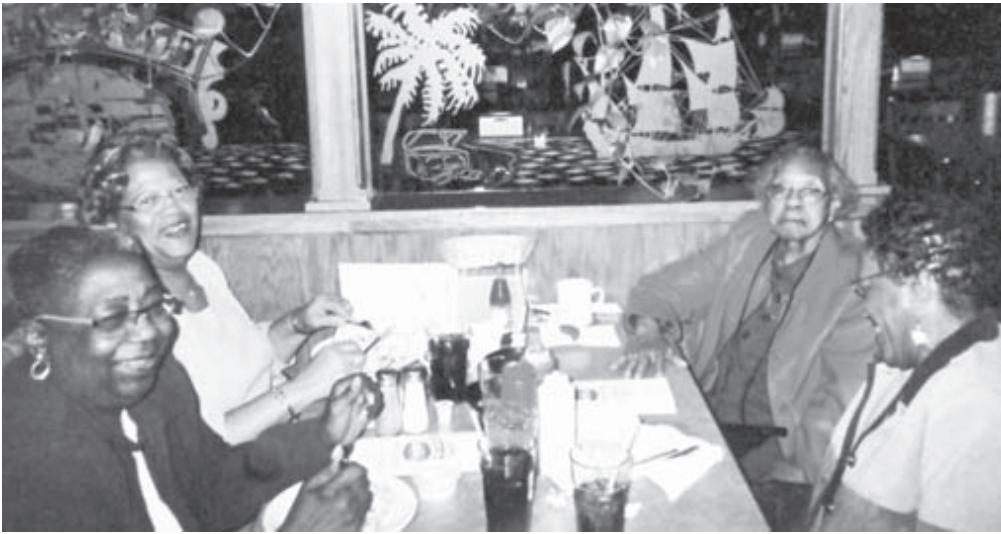
Thomas To Be Honored By Pop Warner Little Scholar Association

On April 5, 2009, Christian Thomas will be honored by The Mid-South Regional First Team Scholar sponsored by the Pop Warner Little Scholar Association. They honor boys and girls who participate in the Pop Warner Football/Cheer-leading and Dance Programs in their surrounding communities who have obtained the honor roll during the entire (2008) and even previous school years. Christian has been with the Forsyth County Broncos Football Team (in Clemmons) for 3 years and will continue with them this coming August 1st for his fourth year. He is a fifth grader at Bolton Elementary School. He has made honor roll since first grade and will continue to make education a very important part of his life. We are very proud of Christian and this honor. He is the son of Brenda Thomas. His sister, Maiya Thomas, grandmother, Dessie H. Wilson and aunt, Linda Feemster, are all faithful members of New Bethel.

CAIN TO ADDRESS... *Continued*
to Winston-Salem, he affiliated with Zion Memorial Baptist Church serving under the Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones. There he is a Sunday school teacher, heads the Worship Committee for its Laymen League and is a part of the Evangelism Committee.

Others appearing on the program are: Ashley Smith, scripture; Nicholas Lyles, invocation; Nzinga Hawkins, announcements and welcoming visitors; Tammicia Kelly, explanation of theme; Cierra Campbell, offertory appeal; Terrell Britton, II, offertory prayer; and Timeka Couthen, introduction of the speaker.

The youth and young adults will also be in charge of the Sunday School Hour at 9:45 a.m. Participants during Sunday school are: Michael Curtis, presider; Escada Horton, scripture; Kenneth Rocker, Jr., prayer; Adrian Malone, prayer for teachers; Trey Curtis, Youth class teacher; Alexis Summey and Nicolis Lyles, Class No. 1; Princess Poe-Smith and Nasya Smith, Class No. 2; Naikeesha Poe-Smith and DeShawna Bradley, Classes 3 and 4; Ashley Smith and Sharika Grooms, Class No. 5; Kenneth Rocker, Jr., Class No. 6; and Jasmine Moss and Jamaal Horton, Class No. 7; Kelson Smith, blessing of the offering; Nzinga Hawkins, reading of the covenant; and Ms. Debbie Frazier, Review of the lesson.



**SENIORS ENJOYING DINNER
AND FELLOWSHIP**

Senior Ministry Enjoys Concert and Dinner

On Saturday, February 7, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel enjoyed an afternoon of good music and good food. They attended A Program of American Hymns, African-American Art Songs and Spirituals at Salem College. Barbara Caprilli (soprano) and Richard Heard (tenor) were accompanied by pianist Pamela Howland. Their selections included such favorites as *There is a Balm in Gilead*, *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*, and *Give me Jesus*, plus many more. The concert ended with a very jovial rendition of *Scandalize My Name*.

The evening of fun continued as the seniors made their way to Captain's Galley in Advance. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a hearty helping of seafood. And the much awaited membership cards were distributed. But perhaps the best part of the evening was the fellowship, love, and laughter that was shared.

All members of New Bethel, age 60 plus, are invited to join the Senior Ministry. Dues are \$25.00 per person, per year. Rev. Dianne Horton is the Minister of our Senior Ministry.

Reverend J. R. Samuels Delivers the 35th Annual Message to New Bethel Leaders

By Hattie Ingram

The Deacons, Trustees and Spouses of New Bethel have set the tone for the annual programs of the church by sponsoring its Annual Leadership Observance. The late Trustee J. C. Gilmore brought the idea of the program to the leaders' group 35 years ago and the successful observance has continued. The leaders extended the 2009 invitation to Reverend Joseph R. Samuels to preach the sermon. This great preacher, now Pastor Emeritus of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, stirred the hearts and souls of all in attendance as he spoke from the subject, "The Revelations of Your Christian Experiences." Deacon Thomas Atkins served as worship Leader.

Using Psalm 23 as his scriptural text, Reverend Samuels spoke of the "Secrets of Life" when he compared God to a shepherd who protects his flock. He spoke at length about the security afforded us by God's protection, care and comfort. He reminded all that the Lord will take care of us; give us a second chance; that goodness is in front of us, mercy is behind us, but Jesus is on the other side.

MS. RUBY CAIN IS... *Continued*

Church Clerk. She also served as Director of the Young Adult Missionary Department following the second director the church had since its inception of the group. She wore two hats in this position as she was Director of the Forsyth County Adult Department for the Forsyth County Union for many years. She is a member of the Journalistic Society and the *Spotlight* staff. She serves as vice president of the Senior Missionary Department.

She is the mother of one son, Gregory, two granddaughters, Timeka and Trecious Couthen, and four great grands—Janiyah, Jada, Jaylan and JãBre.

One of her greatest joys is to be of service to mankind without thinking of how long it takes to do what is needed, but to do all you can while needed.

Deaths Of Relatives of New Bethel Baptist Church

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Columbus Palmer, Jr.

Mr. Columbus Palmer, Jr. departed this life on January 15, 2009. He was funeralized in San Diego, California on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at Mt. Erie Baptist Church California Cremation and Burial Chapel. Rev. Walter G. Wells officiated.

Mr. Palmer was the grandfather of Irie Thomas, a faithful member of New Bethel.

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**NORRIS AND CASSANDRA GULLICK
OFFER SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

The Gullicks Become Entrepreneurs

By Diane Piggott

Cassandra and Norris Gullick, Jr. have recently launched two entrepreneurial opportunities. They have opened "The Gullick's Learning Room" offering childcare for first, second and third shifts for ages six weeks through 12 years. The Learning Room is located at 4146 Carnation Drive just off of Northampton Drive in the eastern part of the city. Their second endeavor is Basketball Training for boys and girls ages 8 and older. If you are looking for a personal trainer for your son or daughter to learn the fundamentals of basketball and how to have an appropriate attitude for the game, look no more! Just call Norris Gullick, Jr. The Gullicks may be reached at 336-416-4719 or 602-1096.

DEATHS/FUNERALS... *Continued*

Mr. Earnest Hamlin Eaton

Mr. Ernest Hamlin Eaton passed away on January 22, 2009. His funeral was held January 25, 2009 at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. Howard Parker, Jr. officiated and Congleton Memorial Mortuary, Inc. was in charge of services.

Mr. Eaton was the brother of Charles (Romaine) Eaton, both loyal members of New Bethel.

Mr. James A. Murray

Mr. James A. Murray departed this life January 28, 2009 and was funeralized February 5, 2009.

Mr. Murray's funeral was held at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and Rev. Daniel Lennox, Celebrant, gave the Homily.

Mr. Murray was the brother of Mrs. Nira Robinson and the uncle of Myra (Dennis) Wilson all devoted members of New Bethel.

Mrs. Brenda Parham Mauney

Mrs. Brenda Parham Mauney passed away on January 30, 2009 at Forsyth Medical Center. Funeral Services were held at Shiloh Baptist Church with Dr. Paul Lowe giving the eulogy on February 7, 2009.

Clark Brown Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mauney was the beloved cousin of Chris Harper, Pamela Harper, and Vicky Adams, all devoted members of New Bethel.