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## Annual Women's Day Activities Scheduled For May 23-25



**NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS**

### Eight Ordained

*By Diane Piggott*

Rev. Chad R. Armstrong, Pastor of Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church brought the message of Ordination as New Bethel Baptist Church singled out eight to be individuals for the office of Deacon. The Ordination Service was held at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of New Bethel. Rev. Dr. William L. Owens was Worship Leader.

Rev. Sherman Marshall selected Acts 6:1-7 for scripture and Rev. Frederick Barnes led in prayer. The Phillips Chapel Choir blessed us with the selection, "The Lord Is Blessing Me." Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr., Pastor of New Bethel gave the Statement of Purpose before the selection, "Anyway You Bless Me." Trustee Gerald Pauling presented the Charlotte native. He selected Philippians 2:1-4 as his text and used as his subject, "True Imitators of Christ." He pointed out that "the term 'deacon' has a connotation of service. It's important that we be 'imitators of Christ.' Our attitude should be one of humbleness." Rev. Armstrong stressed "what shows

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**DEACON JAMES BROWN**  
**"MAN OF THE YEAR"**

### Brown Named "Man of the Year"

*By Hattie Ingram*

Deacon James Brown was named "Man of the Year" on Sunday, April 20, 2008 during the 61st Annual Men's Day Celebration at 11 a.m.

Deacon Charles Hunt presented Brown a very lovely plaque and remarked that it was his pleasure to make the presentation. He described Brown as a very faithful worker at New Bethel. The plaque read, "Presented to Deacon James Brown for dedicated service to New Bethel Baptist Church... Men's Day Committee...2008." Deacon

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**MINISTER VELMA MC CLOUD**  
**WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER**

### New Bethel Women To Observe Women's Day Activities With Three Services

*By Hattie Ingram*

The women of New Bethel will observe their 61st Annual Women's Day Activities celebration May 23-25, 2008 with services planned to help women "Renew Mind, Body and Spirit." This celebration brings the return of Attorney Renita Thompkins Linville and Minister Velma McCloud as guest speakers.

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**ATTORNEY RENITA THOMPKINS LINVILLE**  
**WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER**



## Youth Choir Celebrates 34th Anniversary

By Carolyn C. Crosby

The Youth Choir of New Bethel celebrated its 34th anniversary on Sunday, April 27th. This year's anniversary theme was "Grateful."

The Youth entered the sanctuary this year free style in an effort to allow them to express themselves in praise and dance. They wore pastel tops with blue jeans and electrified those in attendance with "I Will Bless the Lord" with Kris Feemster as soloist.

Minister Bjorn Cooper served as the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. BreShawn Liles provided the welcome followed with scripture by Nzinga Hawkins and prayer by Adrian Malone.

Ms. Linda Feemster, Directress for the choir gave presentations to the Music Staff and Ms. Paula Imes. She also thanked all parents and guardians for bringing the youth to rehearsals and for their support. Several parents were given a token of love and recognized for the preparation of the meal served following the morning service. Mrs. Sharon Grooms, along with Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, Mrs. Elinor Walker, Ms. Alisa Poe, Ms. Sonja Bradley, Mrs. Mary Bradley, Mrs. Janie Smith. The Youth also presented Ms. Feemster with a gift basket and donation.

BreShaun Liles took the lead on the first selection, "Bless the Lord." The choir then uplifted our hearts with "Grateful."

"I Just Want to Thank You" featured Sharika Grooms as the lead soloist. Sharika brought tears to your eyes as she lifted your spirit to the highest and hit some notes that amazed us all.

The choir's final selection, "Our Father, You Are Holy," featured a variety of the youth and their melodious voices. Adrian Malone, along with Kris Feemster, Sharika Grooms, Donneitra Bryan, Ashley Smith, Tammicia Kelly, Kristen Feemster, and Maiya Thomas.

The Youth Choir from New Zion Baptist Church under the direction of Ms. April Brown rendered two beautiful selections along with the New Bethel Liturgical Dancers who ministered to the audience with "Total Praise."

Music was provided by Dale Hairston, Monte Odom, Steve Thornton and Breshaun Liles.

Remarks were given by Pastor Jones who commended the Youth Choir and thanked those in attendance for supporting our Youth.

### NEW BETHEL WOMEN... *Continued*

Attorney Linville, first lady of Piney Grove Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker on Friday night, May 23, 2008. She is a graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Attorney Linville has been practicing law for 25 years and has extensive experience in the area of real estate transactions, family law, wills and estates, and traffic laws. She is affiliated with the North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina State Bar Association, Forsyth County Women Attorneys Association and has been extremely active in community and civic affairs.

She began her ministry service at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church and began an outreach ministry with New World Outreach Center. She is the wife of Dr. James F. Linville of Piney Grove Baptist Church and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Thompkins.

An exciting fashion show will be incorporated  
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ALLAN JONES  
RECEIVES MVP AWARD

## Allan Jones Is West Forsyth's Best Receives Most Valuable Player Award

By Hattie Ingram

Allan Jones has received West Forsyth's most prestigious award, Most Valuable Player for the 2007-2008 school year. Allan has provided West with considerable inside strength and muscle all year long. That, coupled with his improved 3-point shot, has earned him an All-Central Piedmont 4-A selection and he is being recruited by Division I and Division II programs in and out of state. Scouts have been impressed with his versatile style and performance. He was named to the Triad Sports Weekly All Forsyth Team, 2008 County Basketball Team and Men's All District Team during the Frank Spencer Classic Tournament.

Jones, a 3 year letterman, won the praises of his coach and sports writers during his first year at West. He became the team's power forward, according to his coach and has endeared himself to all of his teammates and West Forsyth student body. He has received praise from opposing coaches and players as well because of his dominance on the court. His coach is looking forward to his leadership role next year.

He has been invited to play in the spectacular Bob Given's Tournament in Chapel Hill in late May. Scouts from all of the major colleges will be on hand to watch Allan and other players work their magic on the court. The New Bethel Church Family wishes Allan the best!

### NEW BETHEL WOMEN... *Continued*

into the Friday night observance. On Saturday, May 24, all ladies are invited to enjoy Spa Day from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Minister Velma McCloud will be the featured speaker for the Sunday Morning worship service May 25, 2008. Minister McCloud is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina where she received her formal training. She is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University receiving BA and MA degrees in English and Afro-American Studies. She retired from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System after twenty-eight years of service. She is currently enrolled at New Hope Bible College in the Biblical Studies Program where she earned the Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies in 2007.

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CAIRA ROBERTSON  
IN STARRING ROLE

## Ciara Robertson To Star in Dream Girls

By Hattie Ingram

When the Music Department of Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy presents an adaptation of the Musical *Dream Girls*, Ciara Robertson is set to play the role of Deanna. This role was played by Beyonce in the Musical. Ciara is so excited about the opportunity to portray Deanna because Beyonce is her favorite performer. She is elated about the popular songs that she, DeAsia Jones, and Miosha Monroe will sing and just as thrilled about the beautiful costumes she will get to wear when the Musical opens at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on May 15th and 16th at 7:30 p.m. She would love to see members from New Bethel in the audience.

Ciara was just selected as a Junior Marshall at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy and adds that honor to an extensive list of other activities in which she participates at the school, including Gospel Choir, varsity Cheerleading, volleyball team, student council, and Junior Class President. She is a member of the Youth Choir at New Bethel and has done modeling for John Casablanca.

Ciara feels blessed to use her talents for the Lord and to be a positive roll model for her siblings and other teenagers. She is proud of her 3.8 unweighted and 4.2 weighted GPA. She plans to work hard so she can attend Hampton University and major in Psychology.

Congratulations, Ciara!

### NEW BETHEL WOMEN... *Continued*

She preached her initial sermon at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she was ordained in 1997. She serves as an Associate Minister at Piney Grove where she is Superintendent of Sunday School Ministry, Member of the Missionary Department, Intercessory Prayer Team and other ministries.

Minister McCloud has conducted Sunday School workshops, Women's Conferences and preached in Winston-Salem and vicinity. She is married to Deacon Stephen McCloud and they are parents of two children and two grandchildren.

Others appearing on the program are: Worship leader, Mrs. Tina Carson-Wilkins; Scripture, Mrs. Myrna Hairston; Prayer, Mrs. Lennetta Bartley; Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Cynthia Curtis; Announcements/Welcoming Visitors, Mrs. Brenda Redd.



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BEVERLY, SARAH



MYRA, NIRA

### BROWN NAMED... *Continued*

Brown humbly thanked the men for the recognition and stated "I give God the Glory for this honor and for all of His blessings."

Deacon Brown is a native of LaGrange, Georgia where he completed his early education. He graduated from Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia with a degree in Business and a minor in Economics. He has been employed at Hanes Brands, Inc. since 1981. Brown's current position is manufacturing manager at the location in Winston-Salem.

Our honoree chairs the committee that delivers Communion to our sick and shut-in members. He diligently keeps up with shut-in members of New Bethel and organizes groups of Deacons and trustees to visit homes where they sing, read scripture, pray and serve communion. He was ordained as a Deacon on April 13, 2008, having served as Trustee shortly after uniting with New Bethel. Brown was ordained as Deacon before under New Bethel's former Son, Dr. Elijah Jackson in Manchester. He was named Superintendent of the Sunday School during the December's Church Meeting. Deacon Brown also serves as financial secretary of the Laymen's League, member of the finance committee, the Youth Council, and is chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Deacon James Brown is married to the former Lynda Brown. And they have one daughter, Lacy.

### EIGHT ORDAINED... *Continued*

Hunt, Sr. and Constance C. Segers.

Here are a few remarks about each deacon. Brother Atkins, a native of Badin has reestablished himself in North Carolina after retiring as Supervisor of the Design and Construction Department of Engineering from the New York City Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Betty, are the parents of three adult children and grandparents of five. Brother Barr is a native of Florence County, South Carolina, but was raised in Winston-Salem. He is a retired employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and works part-time for Reynolds Park Golf Course. Atkins and Barr were ordained at Amity Baptist Church in Jamaica, New York and Mt. Olive Church, respectively. Barr is married to Clemetine Gladden. He moved his membership to Mt. Olive, but returned to New Bethel over ten years ago. Brother Bartley is a transplanted New Yorker and the son of the late Wilbert and Theresa Bartley. His matriculation at Winston-Salem State University on a football scholarship brought him to the area. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from there in Information Systems. He has been employed by Hanesbrands for over twenty years. He and his wife, Lennetta are the parents of two daughters, Chanté Thompson and Jaleesa Bartley. They are the grandparents of one, Jolen Thompson. Brother Brown has been a member of New Bethel since 1992 moving here from Manchester, Georgia with his job with Sara Lee/Hanesbrands. He was ordained a deacon in 1988 at New Hope Baptist Church in Manchester. He is married to the former Lynda Barnes and they have one daughter, Lacy.

Additionally, Sister Crosby is a life-long member of New Bethel. She is employed by Novant Health and is currently a Project  
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### EIGHT ORDAINED... *Continued*

Manager for the Information Technology Department. She is married to George Crosby and has one daughter, Paula and two grandchildren, Charlie and BreShaun. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Ceasar Sims and the late Joe Milton Ceasar, Sr. Brother Curtis is a native of Tennessee who united with New Bethel in 11982. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. Married for 25 years, he and his wife, Cynthia have three children, Kristen, Trey and Michael. He is an architect and a partner in the firm of Walter Robbs Callahan and Pierce, PA. Candidate number 8 is Brother Hunt who grew up in Winston-Salem. After his marriage to wife, Susan Bowman Hunt, he moved his membership from Mt. Zion to New Bethel where he has served for over 20 years. The Hunts are the parents of two children, Charles, II and Candice Rachelle. Lastly, Sister Segers is only a couple months away from entering the Gold Star Membership Club of New Bethel for those who have been members for 50 years or more. She is the daughter of the late Mr. George and Mrs. Ruth L. Calhoun. She graduated from Paisley High School before entering Winston-Salem State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She has worked in several sales-related positions at Sears Holdings for 32 years. She is married to Milton Segers, Sr. and they have one son, Milton, Jr. She was reared, nurtured and encouraged in Christian discipleship by her grandmother, the late Mrs. Eugene Wright. All of the ordained candidates are active and dedicated members of New Bethel and boldly answered "I Do" to the charge of Deacon—they will rise to the aide of the pastor in spreading the Word of God and are willing to do what it takes to enhance the work of New Bethel.