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DEACON THOMAS THORNTON
2009 MAN OF THE YEAR

Deacon Thomas Thornton Named Man of the Year For 2009

By Hattie Ingram

Deacon Thomas Thornton was named Man of the Year for 2009 during the 62nd Annual Men's Day Observance on Sunday, April 19, 2009. When Deacon John Posey presented the award to Deacon Thornton, he called attention to the outstanding contributions that he had made to New Bethel and the community. He is a retired teacher of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System and a volunteer upon retiring with Meals on Wheels and Food Bank. He is a dedicated husband and father and a great tenor in the Cathedral Choir and the Mass Choir.

Deacon Thornton recently resigned as church treasurer and finance chairman. He has been a valuable finance officer since he assumed the position of treasurer in 1989. He has been finance committee chair since 1977 and served as secretary to both boards. He has served faithfully and competently in all capacities.

Deacon Douglas Joyner Is Honored By Men's Day Committee Steps Down as Men's Day Chairman After 31 Years

By Hattie Ingram

Deacon Douglas Joyner was honored by the Men's Day Committee during their Annual
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MINISTER VELMA MCLOUD
LUNCHEON SPEAKER



REVEREND ARTIS H. SMITH
WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER

Annual Women's Day To Be Observed May 8-10, 2009

The women of New Bethel will celebrate their 62nd Annual Women's Day Observance over a three day period, May 8-10, 2009. The theme for this year's celebration is "God's Gifted Women On The Move." The women will present a fashion show on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 9, 2009, a noon-day luncheon will be held with speaker, Reverend Velma McCloud who is an associate pastor at Piney Grove Baptist Church. Minister Artis H. Smith, an associate pastor at New Bethel will preach at the final service on Sunday, May 10, 2009.

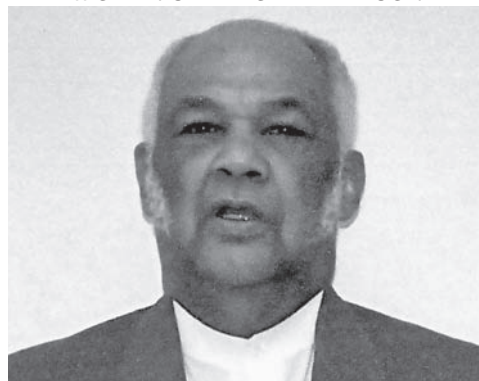
Reverend Artis H. Smith, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C. is the founder and former pastor of New Century Missionary Baptist Church located in Winston-Salem, NC.

Rev. Smith earned an Associate Degree in Business Management from WinSalem Business College. She has attended Winston-Salem State University, Salem College, Forsyth Technical Institute and Vintage Bible College and has audited seminary classes at Wake Forest University. In preparation for further Christian leadership, she received certificates of annual attendance from the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and the Rowan Christian Education; as well as numerous other certificates. In 2001, she graduated from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Unit.

Rev. Smith served as Associate Minister at St.
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MRS. SUSAN HUNT
WOMEN'S DAY CHAIRPERSON



DEACON DOUGLAS JOYNER
HONORED BY MEN

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Editorial

U.S. Responding As If Swine Flu Will Be Pandemic

By Hattie Ingram

With confirmed reports of at least 40 cases of swine flu in the United States, the Obama administration said Monday, April 27, 2009 that it was responding aggressively as if the outbreak would spread into a full pandemic. Officials urged Americans against most travel to Mexico as the virus that began there spread to the United States and beyond.

President Obama urged calm, saying there was reason for concern but not yet "a cause for alarm."

Administration officials have said that they are already waging a vigorous campaign of prevention because they are unsure of the outbreak's severity or where the virus might show up next. Eight states, including New York, New Jersey, Kansas, California, Texas and Minnesota have already reported outbreaks and on a scale of 1-6, we are now at phase 4. Swine flu is a new virus to which our country has not been exposed and U.S. customs officials are checking people entering U.S. territory. They are sending millions of doses of flu-fighting medications to states already affected with the virus and to Border States.

Symptoms of swine flu include a high fever, lethargy, nausea and diarrhea. Those who witness the symptoms are encouraged to seek medical attention. Meanwhile, everyone should cover coughs, wash hands frequently, don't shake hands and stay away from large crowds.

Sunday School

Profiles in Character

The Bible provides several illustrations on how people responded to various situations—both good and bad. By looking at the lives of selected men and women in the Bible, we can learn important lessons that will help us develop in our faith, in our Christian character and in our walk before the world.

May 3rd—"Barzillai: The Man Who Grew Old Gracefully"—2 Samuel 17:27-20; 19:31-39; and 1 King 2:1, 7. The first lesson for the month of May tells how Barzillai as an old man brought needed supplies to David when David was fleeing from Absalom's rebellion.

May 10th—"Hannah: Ideals of Motherhood"—1 Samuel 1:1-2, 10-11, 17-18, 21-28 and 2:1-2. In this lesson, Hannah was barren and prayed for a son whom she promised to give back to God.

May 17th—"Abigail: Living with a Difficult Husband"—1 Samuel 25:2-3, 18-19, 23-31, 36-38, 39b. Abigail was a gracious woman married to Nabal, a foolish and evil man.

May 24th—"Barnabas: The Man Who Encouraged Others"—Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-28; 11:19-26; 13:14-15, 42-43. This lesson describes how Barnabas helped the church by giving a generous gift.

May 31st—"Phillip: The Man Who Loved to Tell People About Jesus"—Acts 6:2-3, 5a; 8:4-8, 26-31, 34-35; and 21-8-9. This lesson states that Phillip told the good news to the Samaritans and to the Ethiopian eunuch.

See you in Sunday School!

Plans Being Made For Church Anniversary

The New Bethel Baptist Church family will observe its 119th Anniversary on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Zavior B. Pratt, will be the guest speaker. Music will be rendered by the Mass Choir. Gold Star and Silver Star members will be recognized during the program. Mementos will be sent to all sick and shut-in members.

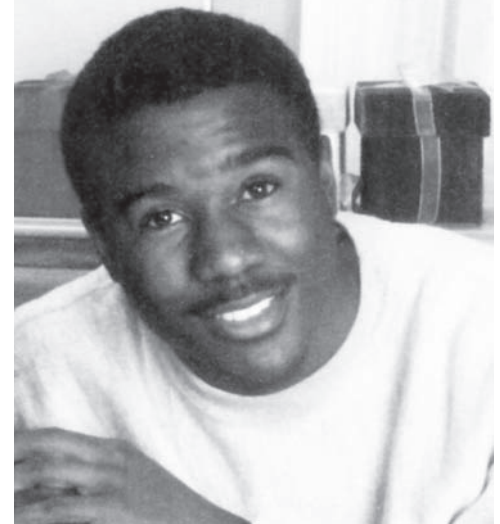
Vacation Bible School Slated for June

By Diane Piggott

Vacation Bible School will continue days 6 through 10 of Urban Ministries 10-day Vacation Bible School series, "Chosen Champions For Jesus" during the week, June 22-26, 2009. The school will open nightly from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each evening before classes begin.

A meeting of persons willing to volunteer their services for Vacation Bible School will be today following the morning services. Mrs. Diane Piggott and Ms. Audrey Brown solicit your support.

Youth Corner



TREY CURTIS
YOUTH REPORTER

Looking Forward To the Future

By Trey Curtis

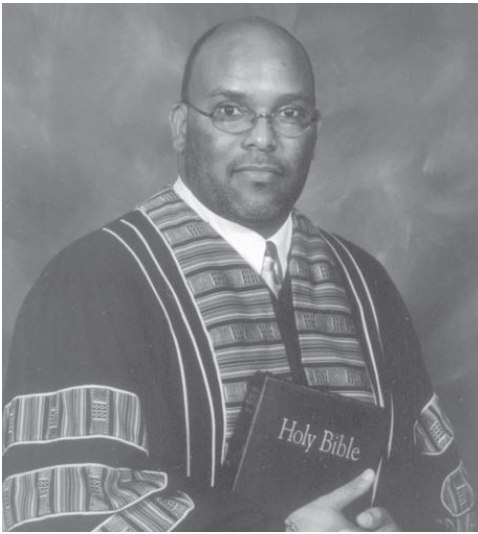
I remember the excitement I felt getting ready for my first day in kindergarten: shopping for my new book bag, lunch box, school supplies, and clothes. I remember when going to Open House, meeting my teacher and seeing my name on my desk was very exciting. I also felt the same excitement when I went to middle and high school. But nothing compares to the excitement I feel as I prepare to go to college.

I'm looking forward to being on my own: setting my own schedule, eating what I want, when I want, and making all of my own decisions. I'm also looking forward to meeting new people from different places, with different places, with different backgrounds, and forming new friendships. I am looking forward to the college life because I know it is the first step to my future career. I know that college is the beginning of the preparation of my life as an adult, and that can be an overwhelming thought sometimes.

The good news is that no matter how overwhelming the future can be, I know that God will be there with me. The Bible says that God knows the plans He has for me and that those plans are good ones. As long as I follow Him, my future will be bright.

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

—Kate Douglas Wiggin



DR. KENDALL D. JONES, SR.
PREACHES FOR CONVOCATION

Dr. Jones Speaks At Holy Communion

By Carol Poe

Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr. was the keynote messenger for the Fourth Annual Holy Convocation of the United Churches In Unity on Friday, April 24, 2009. The convocation worship session was held at the Dillard Auditorium in the Anderson Center on the Campus of Winston-Salem State University. Reverend Andre Finley presided.

Dr. Jones referenced his message from 1st Corinthians, Chapter 1, verses 18 through 31 and delivered a blazing sermon, "The Power of the Cross." He emphasized that the Church has lost its way, and that Christians need to go back to the cross to reflect on, recapture, and reclaim their faith in God. He reflected on God's love for mankind by demonstrating His love for Simon Peter despite Peter's misbehavior.

The strength of Dr. Jones' message was evident as those in attendance rose to their feet and echoed the word "power," as Dr. Jones enthusiastically repeated, at times, the theme of his message, "The Power of The Cross."

The Praise Team and The Mass Choir provided music along with the UCIU Fellowship Choir.

DEACON DOUGLAS... *Continued*
Men's Day Observance on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Deacon Charles Hunt presented him with a handsome plaque thanking him for his untiring efforts as Men's Day Chairman. Deacon Joyner assumed the chairmanship in 1978 after the late Trustee Benjamin Ellis became ill and was unable to serve in that capacity.

He was elected to the Board of Trustees in December 1974 and to the Board of Deacons in 1977. He now serves as Vice Chairman of the Deacons. He became Chairman of the Finance Committee in December 2008.

Deacon Joyner is a gold star member of New Bethel and has worked in numerous capacities in the church through the years.



TRUSTEE EVA MCWILLIS
WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON



MRS. MAE JONES
CO-CHAIRPERSON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Breakout Retreat Scheduled For September 18-19, 2009

By Hattie Ingram

The Women's ministry of New Bethel Baptist Church is planning an exciting retreat at Country Inn Suites in Huntersville, North Carolina on September 18-19, 2009. The retreat is designed to provide opportunities for spiritual renewal, spiritual growth, fellowship, singing, and recreation with women throughout Winston-Salem. New Bethel women ages 20 and above are encouraged to come together for these two spirit-filled days and witness the power of the Lord as He ministers through the spoken word, dance and song. Planned activities include praise and worship, fellowship activities including a dinner cruise on the Lady of the Lake and tour of Lake Norman, Bible study and much more.

Women planning to participate should complete a registration form and a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit due on June 7, 2009. A final payment which includes \$145.00 for a single room or \$72.00 for a double room plus \$59.59 for the dinner cruise is due by August 7, 2009. For further information, please contact Ministry Chairperson, Trustee Eva McWillis or Co-Chairperson, First Lady, Mrs. Mae Jones.

Seniors Learn About Good Healthcare Decisions

By Rev. Diane Horton

On Saturday, April 4, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel gathered in the Drayton Multipurpose Room for the second lunch and learn event of the year. The tasty and abundant covered dish lunch included turkey, ham, and roast beef cold cuts, potato salad, green beans, bread, drinks and an assortment of desserts. Mrs. Donna Robinson-Jackson was the guest speaker. The topic was Senior Healthcare.

Mrs. Robinson-Jackson has been serving seniors in the local area as a consultant since 2006. She recognized the need for serving the senior community as she gained first hand experience, along with her mother, in making difficult healthcare decisions regarding nursing home facilities, prescription drug coverage, and Medicare payments.

Ms. Flora Golden opened the program by welcoming everyone to the luncheon and sharing bits of wisdom to live by. Mrs. Mittie Glymph read scripture. Mrs. Nira Robinson offered prayer. Rev. Diane Horton introduced the speaker. Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. closed the program with remarks and prayer.



SENIORS ENJOY LUNCH AND LEARN.



MRS. JANIE SMITH
4TH VICE PRESIDENT

Forsyth Missionary Union Makes Donation

By Lucille McCormick

Several hundred cans of chicken soup were recently donated to the Samaritan Ministries by the Forsyth County Missionary Union. The soup donation was a project spearheaded by the Fourth Vice President of the Union, Ms. Lynda Breeden whose duty is to be in charge of missions for the union.

Mrs. Jannie Smith, Fourth Vice President of New Bethel's Senior Missionary Group was in charge of the project for New Bethel. Thanks to Mrs. Smith, New Bethel's group contributed to this endeavor. Mrs. Lucille McCormick, Senior President of New Bethel commented, "Let us continue to reach out to and give service to others." Ms. Cathie Dorgan and Mr. James Smith of Samaritan Ministries received the donation.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S... *Continued*
Stephens Missionary Baptist Church where she preached her initial sermon and was licensed on November 2, 1997; solemnly and publicly set apart and ordained to do the work of the Gospel Ministry in December, 2001.

Rev. Smith is a retired State Administrative Educator/Human Resources having served in the Regional Office of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Winston-Salem State University and Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and Wake Forest University as Administrative Assistant in the Treasurer's Office.

Minister Velma McCloud is a native of Reidsville, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, WSSU (B.A., English) and NC A&T University (M.A., English and Afro-American Literature). Minister McCloud taught English for 28 years and retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System in 2000. She taught at West Forsyth High School and, while there, she served as Advisor to The Afro-American Society, Mentor for CELL+Program for prospective minority teachers, a Mentor teacher, and Chairman of the English Department.

She serves as Superintendent of Sunday School Ministry, and is a member of the Missionary department, Intercessory Prayer Team, Prison Ministry, and Daughters of Hannah Women's fellowship group. She is currently enrolled at New Hope Bible College in the Biblical Studies program and received her Bachelors Degree in Biblical Studies on May 20, 2007. She has taught classes at MACEA-High Point, NC.

A Women's Day chorus under the direction of Ms. Audrey Brown will provide music for the occasion. There will also be a Woman's Day Booklet in honor of Mother's Day.



COACH ALFRED POE
WILL RETIRE

Poe Announces His Retirement

By Diane Piggott

Alfred Poe surprised his New Bethel Family with an announcement of his retirement in the Friday, April 24 edition of the *Winston-Salem Journal*. Poe came to Carver High School in 1972 as its Boy's Basketball Coach and a teacher in the Physical Education Department. When the school year wraps up this June, he will be wrapping up a 37-year affiliation with Carver High.

When Poe arrived at Carver in 1972 it was a 9-10 High School. He established himself as a formidable coach and dominated the conference. In 1984, when Carver returned to a high school, grades 9-12, Poe stayed at the coaching position. He has touched many lives. Many of his former players still stay in contact with him. Twelve years ago, he took on the position of Athletic Director and the last two years he was girl's basketball coach.

Poe remarked, "I've been blessed to work with some good people and I would do it all over again. I was thinking of coming out in January anyway. The decision by the school system to add additional teaching responsibilities to my position, helped me to move up my retirement date." When asked how he plans to fill his day, he said, "Hitting a few golf balls, walking and perhaps coming up to the school doing a little volunteering."

His wife, Carol, three children and five grandchildren will probably keep him very busy with "honey-dos" and errands.

Congratulations on a well-deserved rest!



Ballard Tells Men To Be "Strong Men"

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Dr. J. Donald Ballard, Interim Pastor of New Breed Baptist Church in Cary told the men of New Bethel to be "Strong Men" as he addressed the 62nd annual Men's Day Celebration at the church. Deacon Wesley Curtis was worship leader.

Rev. Ballard took his text from Matthew 12:22-29 and used for a subject, "The Strong Man of the House." In this text, we see Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath. "There are always persons just sitting around waiting to criticize. Many of the problems of the church are NOT church problems," stated Ballard.

"No one can enter a strong man's house without binding the strong man," declared Ballard. He continued, "How can the strong man prevent intruders from entering the house and spoiling it? Or how can people in the church prevent people from entering the church and spoiling it?" These were a couple of questions posed by Ballard. He went on to tell the Men's Day congregation what it takes to be a strong man. "A strong and real man:

1) Possesses strength and sensitivity; you can cry sometimes. 2) He possesses power and compassion. I'm weary of a man who says, "I'm not afraid of anything." 3) He balances intellect, emotion and physique. 4) He must be strong physically and mentally. Parents must not let children who live in their house, eat their food and tell them what to do! 5) He must be morally strong before the world, his church and his family. 6) He must be spiritually strong; pray in front of them and take them to Sunday School. 7) The strong man must be at home and be available. 8) A strong man must care about those in his house. With this last attribute, it led Dr. Ballard to tell a short story about a little boy whose father became frustrated because the boy frequently asked for help on a geography assignment. He told his son that if he asked one more question, he was going to tear up a map that was his assignment. The boy brought another question to his father and he tore up the assignment. The lad picked the pieces from the trash can and glued it back together and brought yet another question to his father who asked, "How did you put that back together so quickly?" The boy exclaimed, "There was a picture of a man on the back of the world map, so I put the man together and that put the world back together. So in closing, Dr. Ballard stormed, "You need to learn to be the strong man" and the world would be better!"

Two special recognitions were given to two very deserving members of New Bethel. Deacon Douglas Joyner was recognized for thirty-one years that he had given as chairperson of the Men's Day Committee. He was awarded a plaque for his dedication and service from 1978 to 2009. Deacon Thomas Thornton was named "2009 Man of the Year." He, too, was presented a plaque.

The Men's Day Chorus enhanced the service with soul-stirring selections. "I Feel Like Going On," "Further Along," "If I Couldn't Say A Word" and "He's Sweet I Know" were some of the melodious selections.

The Planning Committee consisted of Deacon Douglas Joyner, Chairperson, Deacon Eugene Barr, Ads Chairperson, Trustee Richard Walker, Finance Chairperson, Trustee Kenneth Rocker, Music Chairperson, Deacon Thomas Atkins, Outreach Chairperson and Deacon Charles Hunt, Program Chairperson. Others were: Deacons James Brown, John Posey, Thomas Thornton and Wesley Curtis and Trustees Jerry Leach and Johnny Grooms.