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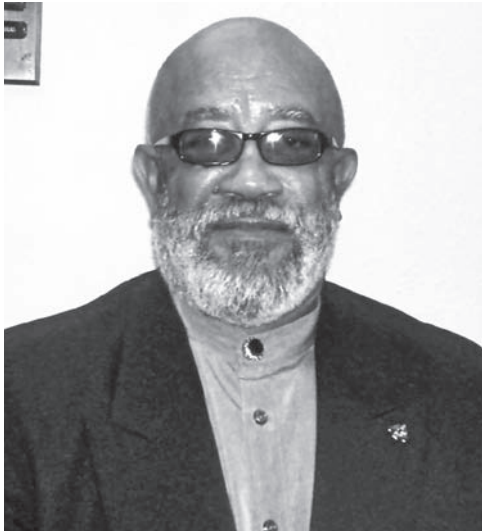
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Effort Club Celebrates 13th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program



**CLIFTON FULTON
NAMED "LAYMAN OF THE YEAR"**

Laymen's League Honors Clifton Fulton For His Christian Service

By Hattie Ingram

The Laymen's League of New Bethel conferred upon Clifton Fulton the prestigious award of "Layman of the Year" at their 51st Laymen's Day Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Fulton, stunned and momentarily speechless, was presented to the New Bethel Church family as the honoree by Deacon Joe Bartley who said that it was easy to say kind words about him because Fulton, like other laymen worked tirelessly and faithfully throughout the year as they engage in projects aimed at enlisting men in active Christian service through the church. Following a standing ovation, the honoree acknowledged his surprise and humbly accepted a beautifully engraved plaque which read "In Appreciation to Clifton L. Fulton, Jr. for Dedicated Service to the Laymen's League of New Bethel Baptist Church on October 18, 2009.

Fulton, a native of Kernersville, North Carolina is a graduate of Carver High School. Our honoree served in the Vietnam War and retired from the Marines after 29 years of service. He spent 24 years in the Army Reserves as a Drill Sergeant. He retired from Duke Energy as a Linesman after 35 years. Trustee Carl Bankhead was his "Boss Man."

At New Bethel, Fulton is a member of the Usher Board, the Sunday School, the Senior
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Daylight Saving Time Begins Today!

Pastor's Activities

November 11, 7:00 p.m.
REVIVAL—New Zion Baptist Church
Speaker: Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.
With Choir and Ushers

November 12, 10:00 a.m.
CHANGE—
Clergy Caucus Meeting
At New Bethel

Trustee Carl Bankhead Is Named Interim Chairman Of The Trustee Board

By Hattie Ingram

Trustee Carl Bankhead has been named Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees at New Bethel, effective immediately. The appointment was made by Pastor Kendall D. Jones, Sr. during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2009. Trustee Bankhead, along with other Deacons and Trustees, will continue to assist the Pastor in the total administration of the church.

Trustee Bankhead, a native of Hickory Grove, South Carolina completed his formal education in his hometown. He was employed by Duke Power (now Duke Energy) at their
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**TRUSTEE CARL BANKHEAD
NAMED INTERIM CHAIRMAN**



**MRS. OLIVIA THOMPKINS
PRESIDENT OF EFFORT CLUB**

Effort Club Preparing For Race Progress Promoters Program

By Shirley Willis

The Effort Club is very busy making plans for its 13th Annual Race Progress Promoters Program during which the club will observe its 56th Anniversary. This year's program will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

The Race Progress Promoters Program is the brainchild of former First Lady Mrs. Susie Drayton. The focus of the program is to recognize individuals and groups in the community for their accomplishments toward promoting race progress in several categories including: law, education, religion, business, sports, the arts, human services, medicine, industry, and volunteer activities. Since its inception in 1997, approximately 120 persons have been honored during the program.

A panel of judges will assist the Effort Club in making decisions regarding the selected honorees. Returning as judges again this year will be Dr. Virginia Newell, broker/owner of Virginia K. Newell Realty and retired professor, Winston-Salem State University; and Mr. Nigel Alston, executive at GMAC Insurance and columnist for *The Winston-Salem Journal*. Joining the panel for the first time will be New Bethel's own Deacon Carolyn Crosby who will serve as chief judge.

The President of the Effort Club is Mrs. Olivia Thompkins.

Sunday School To Repeat Feeding Our Neighbors Drive Will Participate in Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign

By Hattie Ingram

The Sunday School will repeat the Feeding Our Neighbors Drive which benefits the Second Harvest Food Bank again this year. The kick-off event was held on Sunday, October 25, 2009 after the Sunday School hour. The drive begins November 1, 2009 and ends November 22, 2009. The theme for the event is "Feeding the Multitude—One Can at a time. Its scriptural basis is Matthew 14:19-21.

Each member of the entire church is asked to bring two cans or more per Sunday. The goal for the drive is 1500 cans. The friendly competition between Sunday School classes will be displayed on a graph each Sunday showing the number of cans turned in by each class.

The entire Sunday School will be invited to a breakfast before the Christmas Program in December. The class collecting the most cans will be treated to a family style buffet at their own decorated table.

The Samaritan Ministries Penny campaign will be launched at the same time as the food drive. Jugs to collect change and dollars will be placed at entrances in the church for members to make contributions. All monies donated will be taken to Thruway Center on December 5, 2009.

Societal Concerns Addressed at Tea

By Diane Piggott

The Martha Missionary Group of New Bethel Baptist Church chose to address several issues in society as they celebrated their anniversary with a Rainbow Tea. Ms. Camille Poe served as Mistress of Ceremony.

"This Is Our Mission" was the opening hymn. Ms. Beverly Brown chose I Corinthians 13:1-8 for scripture and Mrs. Debra Raynor-Wynn offered prayer and a blessing of the food. The devotion ended with the singing of "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

The presentations of societal came next. Escada Horton began with information on "Cocaine." She followed her presentation with a question/answer period and awarded Mrs. Freda Smith a gift for correct responses to the most questions. Loryn Herring presented information on "HIV/AIDS." She, too, posed questions to the audience. With the audience giving so many correct responses in unison, she awarded everyone with a gift. Ashley Smith presented information on "Methamphetamines," commonly called "Meth." Kerry Campbell, Jr. wrapped up the presentations with information on "Alcohol." The audience played "DRUGO," a game similar to BINGO, but with facts about drugs and they had to cover the answer to the questions on their playing cards. Remarks came from Mrs. Diane Piggott, Director of the group and the pastor Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. Refreshments were served.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS ADAMS
DIRECTORS OF SENIOR PLAY

Senior Ministry To Celebrate First Anniversary

On Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m. the Senior Ministry will celebrate their first anniversary. This date is exactly one year since the Senior Ministry held its kick-off event at Golden Corral.

The anniversary service will include a play titled *Twelve Gates To The City*. Bro. Thomas Adams and his lovely wife Sis. Vicki Adams are the co-directors of the play. The cast includes many familiar New Bethel faces. They have been busy rehearsing for several weeks.

Rev. Dianne Horton is responsible for coordinating the Senior Ministry. She is assisted by a committee that includes: Deacon Thomas Atkins, Sis. Betty Atkins, Bro. Rick Frazier, Sis. Bonnie Moorman, and Sis. Elinor Walker.

The entire New Bethel church family is invited to join us as we celebrate this occasion.

TRUSTEE CARL... Continued

Rock Hill Nuclear Station in 1980. Because of his expertise and dynamic work ethic, he was transferred to Winston-Salem in October 1980, exactly 29 years ago. Upon arriving in Winston-Salem, he visited New Bethel repeatedly with his uncle and aunt, the late Wardell and Pearl Bankhead, both dedicated members of our church prior to their deaths. He joined our church family in 1987. He continues to serve as a Management/Scheduling Specialist for Duke Energy where he works with the engineering department scheduling work for distribution line technicians. He works a non-stop schedule during hurricane season when he travels from state to state offering service and assistance to persons in disaster areas who are without power.

At New Bethel, he is actively involved with the Sunday School, Laymen League and Communion Singers. He is a member of the Finance Committee and drives the church van. Trustee Bankhead shared the title of "Man of the Year" with Trustee John Lucas in 2007 during the Annual Men's Day Celebration. He volunteers with the Bog Brothers and Big Sisters Organization. He is father of one daughter who lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



MRS. CAROLYN STRICKLAND
CHURCH SECRETARY

Headline: Church Secretary Goes to Jail

By Carolyn Crosby

Our church secretary along with other church secretaries and leaders of the community were jailed on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Sundance Hotel and Spa for the East Winston Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Lock-up. She had to raise bail to help fight against neuromuscular disease. Every local child and adult that is diagnosed with any one of the 43 diseases covered by MDA is eligible for up to 4 clinic visits per year funded by MDA. It costs MDA \$200 to fund one clinic visit for a person diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease. Mrs. Carolyn Strickland is very grateful to New Bethel and its members in assisting with her bail which will provide for three (3) clinic visits and several MDA flu shots.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE... Continued

Ministry and van driver for the Ministry. He has landed one of the starring roles in the upcoming play "Twelve Gates to the City" which will be presented by the seniors later this month. He has a passion for working with youth and the elderly. He volunteers with the youth of New Bethel, of his family and friends. He finds great joy in checking on them on a regular basis to see how they are doing in school and how he can help them. He wants to help them be all they can be in all aspects of their school work, their social involvements and their Christian walk. He strives to assist them with what he calls the "Total Package." Mr. Fulton spends a considerable amount of time supporting and offering assistance to the elderly, taking them to appointments, helping with chores and wherever he is needed.

He is the father of two adult sons.

The New Bethel Baptist Church family congratulates Mr. Clifton Fulton.

AN APPRECIATIVE... Continued

with other duties were: Ms. Valjean McKinney, Mrs. Dories Crosby, Mrs. Jeanette Hatcher, Mrs. Jackie Shannon, Mrs. Wanda Davis and Mrs. Eileen Baker. The buffet tables were beautifully arranged with a variety of delicious foods including: Kansas City and Lexington Style ribs, string beans, rib eye steak, baked potatoes, a salad bar, a variety of breads and desserts, etc. At the center of one buffet table was a large ice
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Drayton's Message Entitled "Consecrated For Service"

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church returned on Sunday, October 18, 2009 to deliver the message for the 50th Anniversary of the laymen's League at what was called Laymen's Day during the 11 a.m. morning services. Trustee Eugene Thompson was Worship Leader.

Dr. Drayton was at New Bethel at the inception of the Laymen's League fifty years ago and it seemed most fitting that he would deliver the golden anniversary message.

He took his text from Isaiah 6:8 in which he used for a subject, Consecrated For Service. He began, "God created the world and He had one purpose for His creation. That was that His creation would render service to each other." "Everybody is born for a purpose. You have to discover God's purpose for you," he remarked. Then he stated, "There are three ways for you to be consecrated for service. 1) Through faith, that is, getting to know God. 2) You have got to have the right view of yourself. Isaiah thought he was great, but he didn't see himself in God's mirror. Don't think you are better than you are! 3) You've got to be touched from above. Mothers and Fathers can't do the touching. God dispatched an angel to Isaiah and took a live coal and touched Isaiah's lips and purified him."

In closing, Drayton stated emphatically, "If you have been consecrated by God, you'll be ready to serve." He added a personal testimony of how he realized more than 70 years ago that he needed God and gave his life to Christ at age 12. With the majority of the congregation on their feet, he exclaimed with tears swelling in eyes, "I've got somewhere to lay my head!"

The occasion was moving. The Laymen made a \$500 donation to the church and named Clifton Fulton as its "Layman of the Year!" The Laymen had a delicious breakfast on

Senior Ministry Enjoys Dinner and a Play

By Rev. Dianne Horton

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the seniors of New Bethel enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Barn Dinner Theater in Greensboro. A buffet dinner was served before the play. The seniors were recognized during the evening by the emcee. The play began after the recognitions.

The play was titled *The Service At Rocky Bluff*. It was full of comedy and gospel songs. The moral of the story was we should allow God to use us wherever we are. And not all of us will minister to people in the same way. We all have a purpose.

Once again the seniors had a wonderful evening of fellowship. Pastor Jones and Bro. Clifton Fulton were our van drivers for the evening. We thank them for their time and their service.



SENIOR MINISTRY GROUP ENJOYS OUTING TO THE BARN DINNER THEATER

Sunday School Views Confront Casual Christianity

The five lessons for the month of November come from the Letter of James. James confronts casual Christianity by guiding believers to express their faith by who they are, how they think, and what they do. James confronts our casual Christianity by challenging us to allow God's Word to transform every aspect of our lives. We can learn much from this ancient but contemporary letter to believers.

November 1st—"Live Your Faith"—James 1:19-25; 2nd 14, 18-26

November 8th—"Celebrate Your Trials"—James 1:2-18

November 15th—"Treat Everyone Equally"—James 2:1-13

November 22nd—"Watch Your Language"—James 3:1-18

November 29th—"Work on Your Humility"—James 4:1-17

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

DRAYTON'S... *Continued*

the Saturday prior to the Sunday service. Rev. Melvin Aikens, an associate of Union Baptist Church brought the message.

AN APPRECIATIVE... *Continued* sculpture of the Cross resting on angels' wings which was created by Mr., Wynn,

Dr. Jones were roasted by several persons including Trustee Eugene Thompson, Mrs. Elaine Brown, Rev. C. Anthony Jones, Jr. of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and Master BreShaun Liles who was dressed in a robe and imitated the pastor's hand gestures when he preaches causing the entire room to roar with laughter. Mrs. Mae Jones was roasted by Trustee Eva McWillis and Mrs. Debra Wynn. A musical (*Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2*)

Deaths and Funerals Relatives of New Bethel Members

Ms. Shaleah Monet Gibbs

Ms. Shaleah Monet Gibbs, age 15, departed this life on Saturday, September 27, 2009 in Brooklyn, New York. She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Frankie) Greene, dedicated members of New Bethel. She was funeralized on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the St. Phillip's Christian Church in her hometown. Rev. Solomon Kinard, Pastor did the eulogy.

Donnelly and Purcel Funeral Directors were in charge of services.

Mr. William Macon Eaton

Mr. William Macon Eaton, age 97, brother of Mr. Charles (Romaine) Eaton departed this life early on the morning of Sunday, October 11, 2009. His funeral was held in Fayetteville, NC on Saturday, October 17 at 1 p.m. from Evans Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church with Rev. Joseph C. Brown, Senior Pastor, officiating and performing the eulogy. Wiseman Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaton are loyal and dedicated members of New Bethel.

Mrs. Catherine Delores Hairston Jackson

Mrs. Catherine H. Jackson, sister of Rev. Artis H. Smith, was called to eternal rest on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She was the first born of seven daughters born to the late Rev. Richard Lafayette and Mrs. Bessie Lee Hairston. She accepted Christ and was baptized at New Bethel Baptist Church.

A celebration of Life Service was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at Leviticus Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit with Rev. Jerome Williams delivering the eulogy. Rev. Clyde T. Tyus officiated. Services were entrusted to O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home.

Mr. James Walter Parham

Mr. James "Waddie" Parham, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 in Saratoga Springs, New York. The long time resident of Saratoga Springs was the son of the late Walter and Icie McWhiter Parham who were dedicated members of New Bethel where he was baptized. Funeral services were held at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the William J. Burke/Bussing and Cunniff Funeral Homes. Burial was conducted with full military honors at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Mr. Parham was the uncle of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Vickie) Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Pamela) Harper and Christopher Harper, all faithful members of New Bethel

AN APPRECIATIVE... *Continued* tribute was rendered by Misses Naikeesha, Cierra and Princess Poe.

As the afternoon came to a close, Dr. Jones thanked everyone who had contributed in any way to the success of the day. He complimented those who prepared the delicious food and especially his Tbone steak. He also complimented Mr. Donald Wynn for the beautiful sculpture. He gave a special thanks to the co-chairs of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee: Deacon Carolyn Crosby and Ms. Audrey Brown for the excellent job they did in planning and overseeing the many features of his third pastoral anniversary at New Bethel.