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An Evening of Appreciation To Commemorate 62 Years of Service By Dr. Jerry Drayton



MRS. OLIVIA THOMPKINS
EFFORT CLUB PRESIDENT

Effort Club Makes Plans For 82nd Anniversary/ 10th Race Progress Promoters Program

By Shirley Willis

The Effort Club is busy planning for the observance of the club's 82nd Anniversary which will be held during its 10th Race Progress Promoters Program. The event will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. This year's program is being dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Drayton for the support they have given to the Effort Club each year in the preparation for, and presentation of, its Anniversary program. A special tribute will be made to Dr. and Mrs. Drayton during the program for their dedication and support to the Effort Club.

In years past, the Anniversary program was celebrated using various formats which included featuring prominent nationally known Civil Rights leaders. Among those individuals presented at New Bethel were: Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr.; Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University; Dr. Benjamin Mayes, President of Moorehouse College; Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP; Mr. Robert Weaver, the first Black Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Mr. Hamilton Holmes, the first Black Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor. When the expense of such efforts became prohibitive, the club changed the format of its anniversary program to include dramatizations, panel discussions and now, the Race Progress Promoters Program which is the brainchild of Mrs. Susie Drayton. It was her idea to look among persons in our own community who have promoted race progress.

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Laymen's League Honors Two For Their Christian Service

Davis and Robinson

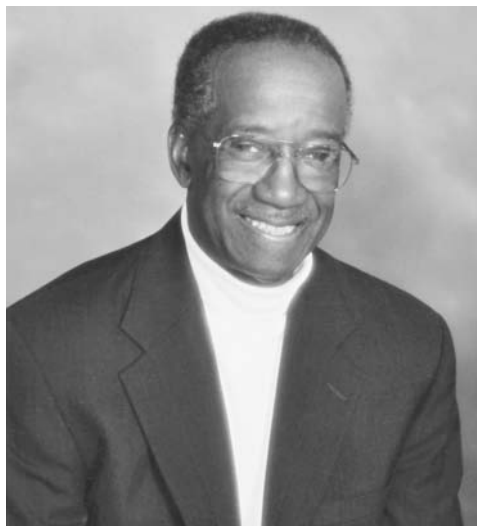
2006 Laymen of the Year

By Brenda H. Redd

The Laymen's League, whose purpose is to assist the church and Pastor in any effort or project that the church sponsors while providing Christian Education for the men of the church celebrated their 47th Anniversary on Sunday, October 15th. Our newly installed **(Continued Page 2, Column 2, Article 2)**



MR. NATHANIEL DAVIS
LAYMAN OF THE YEAR



DEACON CHARLES ROBINSON
LAYMAN OF THE YEAR



**DR. JORDAN C. HARRIS - SPEAKER FOR
"AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION"**

New Bethel Plans An Evening of Appreciation For Dr. Jerry Drayton

By Hattie Ingram

The New Bethel Baptist Church Family is making plans for An Evening of Appreciation for Dr. Jerry Drayton, our Pastor Emeritus, on Friday, November 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Pavilion Ball Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel. This celebratory dinner will commemorate 62 years of service to our church. The Reverend Dr. Jordan C. Harris, Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Church, Inc. of Statesville, North Carolina will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Harris is a native of Louisburg, North Carolina where he received his formal education. He earned the AB Degree in History and Social Studies and the Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was awarded The Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Shaw University Divinity School. The Reverend Dr. Harris received a Clinical Pastoral Training Certificate from the School of Pastoral care of Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He has completed special training in Community Development, Grief Therapy and Family Counseling.

He has been affiliated with churches in Oxford, Nash County, Aberdeen, Wadesboro, and Cooleemee, all in North Carolina. He has further served on the Advisory Committee to **(Continued Page 3, Columns 2 & 3, Article 3)**

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Editorial

What's So Special About Thanksgiving?

It's a Time to Give Thanks

By Hattie Ingram

Amid all the stuffing, turkey and sweet potato pie, it's useful to reflect for a moment on precisely why we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and why it is so special. Everyone knows the story of the first Thanksgiving: While seeking religious freedom and establishing a colony at Plymouth, the Pilgrims were taught by the native Indians to plant corn, hunt, harvest their crop and they celebrated the first Thanksgiving with a feast. It was such a memorable occasion that we have honored it ever since. Sometimes, Thanksgiving is associated with cooking traditions. Turkey is the centerpiece for the feast, and it is accompanied by all of the trimmings. The spirit of Thanksgiving has become eating. South Beach, Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers and Dr. Atkins are all put on the shelf.

You can tell by the increased traffic near shopping malls and the decrease in prices of gasoline that many are preparing for that trip to relatives and friends for the holidays. Some retailers use Thanksgiving Day to start the Christmas shopping season, college teams demonstrate their extraordinary skills on the football field, vegetarians and animal rights activists campaign against the turkey and some protest gluttony and obesity or poverty and hunger. Some don't celebrate it at all.

We all must admit that Thanksgiving has a serious side to it as well. The tradition of Thanksgiving is a symbol that our nation is a land of abundance and for this we owe thanks to God. It is time to be grateful for our blessings and remember those who are down on their luck. We can show our thanks as individuals, **(Continued Page 4, Column 3, Article 2)**



**NICOLE NICHOLS
RECEIVED HER CNA LICENSE**

Nichols Receives CNA License

By Diane Piggott

Nicole Nichols has just completed an 8-week course to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA). She is a student at Forsyth Technical Community College.

The CNA license is a pre-requisite for a nursing degree that Nichols plans to pursue. She has also received a personal care license that included a week of clinicals. Clinicals included working with the elderly at Arbor Acres assisting with feeding, making beds and taking blood pressures and temperatures. She is presently working at Forsyth Medical Center in its food and nutrition department. She is waiting for a position in the Mother/Baby Department.

At New Bethel, the 2004 Mt. Tabor graduate is a member of the Youth Choir, Martha Missionary Group and the Youth Council.

Nicole is the granddaughter of Mrs. Laura Powell and the late Mr. James Powell.

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pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. delivered a powerful sermon "Come Home" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Laymen League President and Trustee Charles Hunt shared with the congregation that the Laymen are blessed to have so many outstanding men in their organization. Traditionally, recognition is bestowed upon one individual after a nominating committee receives and reviews nominees. This year, a unanimous agreement was reached and both Mr. Nathaniel Davis and Deacon Charles Robinson were determined to be exceptional candidates, thus both received the 2006 "Laymen of the Year Award."

The Laymen's League quietly affects the lives of those seen and unseen while fulfilling their Christian outreach service. Their tenacious spirit in performing acts of human kindness, their volunteerism in the city's Soup Kitchen and delivery of Meals-on-Wheels to the sick and shut-in gives great testimony to the phrase "a good Christian man."

Said Mr. Hunt of the two recipients: "Mr. Davis has been Chairman of the Laymen's Day Program Committee for more than seven years. His quiet "behind the scenes" leadership style **(Continued Page 2, Column 3, Article 2)**

Youth Corner



**MAIYA THOMAS
YOUTH REPORTER**

Finding Faith

By Maiya Thomas

I'd like to paint a picture for you. A mother, a daughter, and a son. Living life. Going about the daily tasks of, school, work, choir rehearsals etc., and in one day all that changed.

About 3 years ago my strength was tested when my Mother became very ill and had to be admitted to the hospital. As we were on our way to Forsyth Medical Center I asked myself, what's going to happen? What's wrong with my mom? For 10 long hours, my brother and I sat in the Emergency Room waiting for the doctor to come out and say that our mom was OK and we could take her home. But that wasn't the case. We left that night not knowing what was wrong.

The next day, we learned that she had stomach cancer and was very sick. I can remember walking into her hospital room, and she looked so fragile. She was very weak, but she hugged us so tight and told us that she was going to be okay. My mother never complained about anything. I knew from that moment, that if my mom had the faith to know that things were going to be okay, then I better step up and know that GOD was going to work it out for my family and we would have my mom healthy again.

God has a way of making you sit up and recognize that you must believe in him and have FAITH. I did that and now my mom has been Cancer-Free for 1 year now. Faith is the tool that we ALL need and should have.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE... Continued
has been phenomenal. He heads the 'Kitchen Team' for the Leagues' annual program. His exemplary leadership skills have ensured that the program and services have run smoothly each year.

Likewise, Deacon Robinson is no stranger to good will. He has graciously shared the talents God has bestowed upon him. He has led devotional services for the Laymen and our church for years. Furthermore, he conducts Bible Study and teaches the importance of mentoring younger trustees and laymen."

New Bethel is blessed to have such strong and positive examples of good Christian service.

New Bethel Presents Its Third Quarter Outreach Report 2006

By Connie Smith

On Sunday, October 22, 2006 at 4 p.m., the Martha Missionary Group held its annual Rainbow Tea in the Drayton Multipurpose room. This tea was similar with the colors of the rainbow and food tasting from all tables, but this tea was very different, because the goal was to find out what and how our young adults feel and respond to issues involving their life. It proved to be informative and a tasty fellowship utilizing the talents of our own church family. Ms. Brooke "Nikki" Brown rendered a soul stirring solo and served on the Young Adult Panel. She was joined by Ms. Cherelle Phelps, a WSSU student, Mrs. Kenya Rocker Redd, school counselor, Mr. Rahsaan Moorman, health insurance professional, and Mr. Ronald Brown, fireman, producer, and small business consultant with Mrs. Nicole Piggott as Facilitator, who is an assistant principal and mother. Dr. Kendall Jones served as the Christian Advisor, who promised the young adults a voice in New Bethel along with actions on suggestions and concerns. The purpose of the YOUNG ADULT PANEL was to find out what are their concerns, needs, and desires. The Martha Missionary Group will encourage and support active participation by men and women from 22 years of age to 35 years old particularly and of all age groups at New Bethel Baptist Church. Many young adults are in schools, working, rearing children, and trying to survive; however, with Christian love and support, they can live the God-approved life.

The panel questions for discussion were developed by Mrs. Len Bartley and Mrs. Freda Smith.

The Martha Missionary group extends an open invitation for young adults to attend this group's meetings on the 3rd Sunday immediately after church service in the back of the main sanctuary on the left. Mrs. Freda Smith is the President.

EFFORT CLUB... *Continued*

Subsequently, the club initiated the Race Promoters Program in 1997 and since that time has honored approximately one hundred individuals and many groups and organizations. The club honors individuals and organizations for their contributions in these categories: Religion, Education, Medicine, Sports, Business, the Arts, Industry, Human Services, Law, and Volunteer Activities. Club members nominate individuals meeting the criteria established by the club. A panel of judges reviews the nominations and makes recommendations. This year's judges were: Dr. Virginia K. Newell (Broker/Owner, Virginia K. Newell Realty and retired college professor); Attorney Beverly R. Mitchell (General Legal Counsel, Winston-Salem State University); Mr. John Jackson (Financial Consultant/Advisor); and Mr. Daniel Piggott, Sr. (Principal of Atkins Academic and Technology High School).

The 2006 Race Progress promoters and the categories for which they were chosen are:

Dr. Winston Bell (Education)

Mr. Samuel "Sam" Davis (Sports)

**Mrs. A. Louisa Lyerly Foy
(The Arts - Music)**

**Mrs. Velma H. Friende
(Volunteer Activities)**

**Fire Chief John W. Gist
(Human Services-Public Safety)**

**News Anchor Margaret Johnson
(Industry-Television)**

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PASTOR AND PASTOR EMERITUS ENJOY BRUNCH

Draytons Treated To Retirement Brunch

By Diane Piggott

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry (Susie Jones) Drayton were treated to a brunch in honor of his retirement at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George (Trustee Carolyn) Crosby on Saturday, September 30, 2006. Circular tables dotted the backyard shaded by huge oaks, which added a nip to the air to remind us that it was fall.

Dr. and Mrs. Kendall D. Jones (the new pastor), officers and their spouses and a few members at large were in attendance to the affair. The meal was a smorgasbord of foods—grits, hashbrowns, oatmeal, bacon, country ham, sausage, fish, assorted fruit, biscuits, danishes, juices, quiches, casseroles and coffee. Lively conversation was intermingled with the smacking of lips as all enjoyed their meal.

Following the meal, some of the attendees took this opportunity to give moving testimonies of love and admiration for Dr. and Mrs. Drayton. Dr. Jones commented that he used the time to "pick Dr. Drayton's brain." This was truly an event to commemorate 62 years of service. You could feel the love in the air!

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Members

By Hattie Ingram

Jesus allowed himself to be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness," according to Matthew 3:15. On Sunday, October 29, 2006, Omar Nichols, Ciara Robertson, James Conner, Nira Robinson, and Vicky Causer followed His example by being baptized or by receiving the right hand of fellowship. We congratulate them on this very special occasion and pray that God's best will be theirs as they walk daily with Him.



MEMBERS WELCOMED FOLLOWING THE MORNING BAPTISMAL SERVICE

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the Director of Prisons of North Carolina, chaired the Task Force on Minority Affairs of North Carolina Chaplain Services, was Statistician and Vice-President-at-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, chaired the Constitution Committee, was Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association and currently serves as Executive Secretary and Treasurer to the Rowan Baptist Association and Secretary Treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Examiners as well as numerous boards and committees.

Dr. Harris is married to Leola Thompson Harris. They have two daughters and three grandsons. Everyone is encouraged to come out to this evening of reflection as we honor Dr. Drayton for longtime service, dedication and leadership.



THE JONESES RECEIVE GIFTS AT INSTALLATION SERVICE

Jones Installed as Pastor of New Bethel

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Dr. Kendall Dwayne Jones, Sr. was installed as pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, October 8, 2006 at 11 a.m. during the morning services. Trustee Jerry Gilmore, III was worship leader.

Dr. Jones accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mae Williams Jones and younger son, Allan Jermaine Jones sat in solemn stance on the right front pew of the sanctuary. The next pew held his mother, Mrs. Joan Jones, sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Derwin Brown and an aunt, Ms. Charlene Carodine who came all the way from California. Several pews behind them held nearly 50 well wishers from Second Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, his former church.

Greetings came from several dignitaries. The Honorable Allen Joines, Mayor of the city of Winston-Salem welcomed Dr. Jones to this community of 227,000 people along with a gift, a plate depicting the city's seal. He was followed by Rev. Dr. J. C. Harris of the Rowan Baptist Association, Rev. Willard Bass, Secretary of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity extended an invitation to join this group; and lastly, Deacon Charles Davis, Chairman of the Board of Deacons of Second Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rosetta Pauling introduced Rev. Anthony Burrell, Senior Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Pompano Beach, Florida and a friend of Dr. Jones from his seminary days. Speaking as a friend, Rev. Burrell took his text from II Kings 4:10 and entitled his message: "A Bed, A Table, A Chair and A Lamp." He told the congregation "sometimes the preacher needs to get away for ministering can be taxing. He will need the bed for rest." He continued, "A table and chair are needed for somewhere to eat and to hold something to eat. Church take care of your pastor! The lamp is needed for study. The Bible mentions that the prophet had a servant, so Deacons, you serve." He admonished the associate ministers and told them to "help your pastor and protect him. Sometimes the pastor will need to send you. Go gladly! Follow him as he follows Christ. If you support this man of God, "eyes have not seen what wonders God will perform."

Dr. Drayton, now Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel, gave the charge to the church. He remarked, "You have one of the best supportive churches in the state, whatever I can do for you, you have my support."

Rev. Dr. Charles Briscoe, Pastor Emeritus of Pasco Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri delivered the charge to the pastor. He addressed Dr. Jones as "my son" and delivered the charge, "I charge you to be true to God; to seek first His Kingdom and give Him pre-eminence in your life.

Trustee Wesley Curtis presented Mrs. Mae Jones with a lovely bouquet of two dozen red roses. They both received the treasure chest holding a love offering, a Bible and a key rounded out the mementos of the occasion.

Dr. Jones showed a tearful expression of joy and exclaimed, "What a wonderful birthday present!" He added, "All week long I thanked God and I know I'm blessed. There's a lot of love in this sanctuary. I thank my wife! She has loved me and encouraged me. You know, a woman can make a ministry or break one! My mothers taught me how to love! I will never take this charge for granted. I've only been here for seven weeks, but I feel like family. I love you, all! And I thank God for you!" Then, Dr. Jones ended his remarks with this exclamation, "I'm in this till I'm 65!" On this note he closed.

A service only minutes short of three hours was a pleasant memory. The congregation dismissed to a scrumptious dinner in the Drayton Fellowship Hall and Multipurpose room.

EFFORT CLUB... Continued

County Attorney Davida W. Martin (Law)

Rev. Dr. Cedric S. Rodney (Religion)

Mr. James W. Shaw, Sr. (Business)

Dr. Sadie B. Webster (Medicine)

Also to be honored during the program is **The Society for the Study of Afro-American History in Winston-Salem Forsyth County**. Through the efforts of this organization, much progress has been made to preserve the local African-American heritage. Another recipient of special recognition will be the Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge, a public charter school that has been designated "One of the Top Ten Most Improved Schools in North Carolina."

The renowned **Twin City Choristers** under the direction of Dr. Fred Tanner will render the music for the evening. Following the program, a reception in honor of the award recipients will be held in the J.H. Hamlin Annex. All are invited to join with the Effort Club in the celebration of its 82nd Anniversary and 10th Race Progress Promoters Program. Mrs. Olivia Thompkins is president of the Effort Club.

Deaths and Funerals Of Relatives

By Barbara Ford

Mr. Larry Rayford Glenn

Mr. Larry Rayford Glenn departed this life unexpectedly on September 28, 2006 at Forsyth Medical Center. Funeral services were held on October 3, 2006 at Union Baptist Church with Dr. Sir Walter Mack officiating. Russell Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

He leaves to cherish fond memories a host of other relatives and friends, among them, an aunt, Mrs. Jamie Morrison and uncle, Mr. Edward Morrison, both active members of New Bethel.

Mr. James Albert Ford

Mr. James Albert (Pete) Ford departed this life on October 16, 2006. He attended New Bethel Baptist Church for many years before returning to his birth place, Marietta, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his late wife Mrs. Helena Hairston Ford, who was a member of New Bethel. He is survived by a daughter, Ms. Tanya Ford of Durham, North Carolina and a son, James DeLano Ford of Winston-Salem. He leaves to cherish fond memories, a brother, Mr. Elwood (Barbara) Ford, both active members of New Bethel.

Funeral services were held on October 21, 2006 at Turner Station A.M.E. Church in Marietta with Rev. Arthur R. Jenkins officiating. Worley Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Antonia Ross Watkins

Mrs. Antonia Ross Watkins passed on October 20, 2006 and was funeralized on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at Uncompromising Word Fellowship, Inc. with Pastor Bobbie A. Jones, Sr. officiating. Interment followed in Parkland Cemetery. Douthit Funeral Directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

She is survived by her husband and two sons and many other relatives and friends; among them is Ms. Valjean McKinney, an active member of New Bethel.

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through our churches, and charity and civic organizations by helping the less fortunate, not only by providing a hearty Thanksgiving meal, but offering a helping hand throughout the year. We can pray that our courageous troopers in Iraq and Afghanistan can stay out of harms way and be able to come home soon. It is a time to keep the gatherings of family and friends high on our priority lists. Let us thank God for the rich memories of those who have lived before us and blessed us with gifts of love. Let us rejoice and be thankful for what we have – no matter how little or how great.