



BARBARA ANN GREENWOOD GLENN

Barbara Ann Greenwood Glenn Passes

By Diane Piggott

Barbara Ann Delois Greenwood Glenn, 83, of Winston-Salem, NC passed away peacefully on Friday, January 23, 2026. She transitioned at her home in Little Elm, Texas, with her family by her side following a lengthy illness and hospice care.

Barbara was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Glenn, her parents, Pearline and Louis Porter, Ralph Greenwood; her grandparents, Azalee and James Mathis, and Margaret Greenwood.

Barbara's professional career included many dedicated years at Thomasville Furniture Company and a distinguished career at R. J. Reynolds, where she worked as a Lab Technician for more than 25 years until her retirement in 2003.

Her faith was her foundation. For many years, she was a devoted member of New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Jerry Drayton, where she served with the Young Adult Missionary group. She later attended New Birth Worship Center under Dr. James L. E. Hunt with her husband. In later years, she moved to Texas where she joined Friendship Baptist Church of The Colony under Rev. Gregory C. Trotter.

She was the heartbeat of her family—a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and loyal friend. Known affectionately as "fashion queen", she lived with a vibrant spirit and found beauty everywhere.

She leaves behind a lifetime of beautiful memories for her daughters, Patrice Glenn-Jackson and Willette (Daryl) Glenn-Boykin; four grandchildren, Aysia Glenn, Cherise Jackson, Cameryn Boykin and Daryn Boykin; two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Sage; two sisters-in-law, Mary (Larry) White and Brenda Glenn; on nephew, Timothy Glenn along with a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A Homegoing Service was held on Thursday, February 12 at New Birth Worship Center in East Bend, NC with Dr. James L. E. Hunt officiating. Russell's Funeral Home was in charge of services.



JUDITH NEAL CONNER

Judith Neal Conner Passes After Extended Illness

By Diane Piggott

Judith Neal Conner passionately known as "Judy" was born on January 7, 1952 to the late John Alton Neal and Edith Neal in Winston-Salem, NC. She slipped from her earthly realm into her eternal body on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care of Yadkinville, NC.

Judy was the oldest of five children, one sister, Joyce and three brothers, Jon, Jeffrey and Joel. She graduated from East Forsyth High School in 1970 and shortly after studied at Draughon Business College. Soon after her college experience, Judy relocated from Walnut Cove to Rural Hall in 1978 and excitedly joined the Wachovia Bank as an accountant for student loans where she graciously served for 20 years and transitioned to Centerpoint for 10 years.



Journalistic Society Visits Historic Magnolia House

By Susan B. Hunt

On February 22nd, members of the Journalistic Society took a field trip to celebrate Black History Month. They literally took a step back in time as they traveled to Greensboro, in the heart of downtown for a memorable brunch at The Historic Magnolia House. This historic house is the NC Green Book hotel and Living Museum where African Americans stayed during the Jim Crow Era.

The Magnolia House, established in 1889, was listed and starred in 6 editions of the Green Book as the highly recommended place to stay for travelers in NC.

Most recently, USA Today has listed it as one of the Top 10 Best Bed N Breakfast Awardee for the last three years. And of the 320+ NC Green Book Sites, The Magnolia House is one of maybe 4 sites still in existence operating as it did during its Green Book Heyday.

The walls and corridors are filled with pictures and artifacts and history that gives the feeling that

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In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband of over 33 years, the love of her life, Mr. James Conner, a niece, Amber Neal, a great-granddaughter A'Ziyah Bell; and a granddaughter-in-law Bridgett Teague.

Throughout her tenure, Judy fervently excelled in the artistry of crafting, knitting, sewing and baking all the while working and taking care of her family. She gifted her family and friends with their own authentic blankets and crafty needlepoint. She became a quiet, but profound member of New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Kendall D. Jones where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior in 2007.

She leaves to cherish loving memories are siblings, Joyce (Bo) Knight of the city; Jon (Denise) Neal of Greensboro, Jeffrey Neal and Joel (April) Neal of Walnut Cove; three stepchildren, Tamatha White of Kernersville, Shawn and Alicia Marshall of the city; three grandchildren, Terrez Teague, Shanise Sims, and Shekinah Mack Bell (William); eight great-grandchildren, Brianna, Ariyonna, Olivia, Aubrey, Jayceon, Jashia, Ailani and Elijah; one brother-in-law, Albert "T-ball" (Veronica) Conner; devoted cousins, Joann McCarter, Gail Joyce, Sandy Jones (Gerald); and Michael Gibson; a best friend, Charlene Bowen of Lexington; special friends, Carolyn White, Josephine Marshall, Odell Marshall, Sr. (Patricia), Freddie Lee Marshall, Sr. (Geraldine) Gloria Hobson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and wonderful friends.

A Celebration of Life was held at New Bethel on Friday, February 13, 2026 with Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones as eulogist. Russell's Funeral Home was in charge of services.

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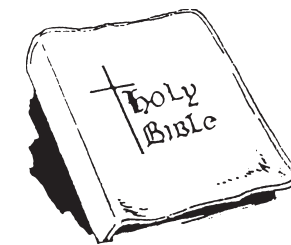
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DR. GREGORY K. MOSS, SR.

48th Annual Leadership Observance

By Susan B. Hunt

Our church family was truly blessed on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The Deacons, Trustees and their spouses hosted the 48th Annual Leadership Observance program centered around the theme "Called to Lead, Chosen to Serve". The guest speaker was Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Senior Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Moss is the former Interim Executive Secretary and former President of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Society, and also the former President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Moss delivered a powerful message in a time when leadership is often defined by position and power, that the heart of true leadership—service—is what it truly means to lead in God's kingdom. His message encouraged us, challenged us and called us higher in our walk as leaders in the body of Christ.

The chairman of the Leadership Program is Trustee Daniel Piggott, Program chairperson is Susan Hunt, Mrs. Sue Leach, Vice chairperson and Mrs. Diane Piggott, Secretary.

On the program were Trustee Daniel Piggott serving as the worship leader, Mrs. Betty Atkins reading the scripture and Mrs. Susan Hunt giving a statement of the occasion. Dr. Freda Smith welcomed the visitors and read the announcements and Deacon Thomas Atkins introduced the speaker.



REV. DAMIAN RUDOLPH ANDERSON

Anderson Delivers Youth Sunday Message

By Diane Piggott

Rev. Damian Rudolph Anderson, a native of Winston-Salem, bought the Youth Day Message at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:30 a. m. He currently serves as an Associate Minister of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church where the Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Armstead is Senior Pastor. He was licensed to preach in 2006 by the former Pastor Prince Rainey Rivers and ordained by the Rowan Association in 2008.

Rev. Anderson was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools where he was a 1994 graduate of Carver High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA where he was a Benjamin Mayes Teacher Scholar and in 2005, he earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Rev. Anderson has been an educator in the WSFCS Schools for the past 21 years. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Alisa Deanne Poe and they are the proud parents of five beautiful children—Naikeesha, Princess, Cierra, Malachi and Elijah.

Program participants for the Youth Service performed their duties skillfully. Talent Dalton read the scripture; Trinity Dalton offered the invocation; Sherrell Marible gave the youth announcements and Canaan Richardson introduced the messenger.

Rev. Anderson began his delivery with the poise of a seasoned minister. His subject was "A Bold Witness for Christ" using as a text, Acts 24: 10-21.

He began expressing his love for history and historical facts speaking of World War I and the fall of the Berlin Wall, but went on to say, you cannot have a true conversation of history without talking about the history of Black people. Our forefathers took a lot before these people of faith stood up and said they won't take this

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REV. DR. JOHN MENDEZ

Rev. John Mendez Will Address 79th Men's Day

By Diane Piggott

Romans 15:4 – KJV... For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Rev. John Mendez Will Address the 79th Men's Day of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The Men have chosen as a theme, "Men Rooted and Grounded."

The men have been busy making plans. Rev. Mendez always brings a powerful message to stir your soul. Mark your calendar.

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anymore. He highlighted Rosa Parks who stood up by not giving up her seat on a Montgomery bus and launched the efforts of a young civil rights leader named Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to be a Bold Witness for Christ, we have to be unashamed of our service for God. After all the accusations, Paul stood steadfast and dedicated. When you make a decision to follow Christ, you must stand on the Word. Be unapologetic. Paul studied the Word of God and he stood firm. He trusted in God's Word. He stressed that we must be unwavering in our faith. God took the sting out of death. Jesus Christ is alive and well. Our hearts and minds have to be in the right place for any act we perform for God, our hearts must be in tuned to God.

In closing he pointed out that this is a messed up world we are living in. Understand, we need Christ. Don't go with the crowd. Don't wait on anyone else. Love is a verb; show people that you love them. There's no interview. You must confess Him with your mouth.

At the close of the message, the group was treated to an ice cream social in the Drayton Multipurpose Room.

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Editorial

Offer Your Service Freely

By Diane Piggott

As I enter into the Editorship of The Spotlight for my second year, I find that I can use more help. I should have been more attentive in watching what Mrs. Hattie Ingram did to put out The Spotlight on a monthly basis, but I just tried to do what I was asked to do. Now the entire job has fallen upon me and I don't have the same connections that she had. If you have some free time, please come to me and volunteer your services. I am not the most outgoing person around and now I have gotten myself in a depressing situation at times when it comes to doing The Spotlight. You've been most kind in complementing me and I do want to do a fine job! It is just a little more than I can do with other activities going on in my life.

Help me keep The Spotlight going! It is more than I can handle without asking for help. I know many of you want to keep it going as I do. Please step forward and help put in the work for another 73 years! Thanks in advance.

My Trip to Africa

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One thing that definitely took some getting used to was the traffic. They drive on the opposite side of the road, and there are very few stoplights. It's more of a "move with confidence and keep going" kind of system. Surprisingly, even with all the movement and hustle, I rarely saw any accidents.

And the streets? They were alive. Everywhere you looked, vendors were selling something—fresh fruit, handmade goods, even sugar cane drinks. It felt like you could find anything you needed right there on the side of the road. It was vibrant, resourceful, and full of culture.

Every moment in Nairobi was an experience—new, eye-opening, and unforgettable.

And this... was only the beginning.

To be continued in Part 2...



CAMILLE POE

My Trip to Africa: Part 1 – A Journey I'll Never Forget

By Camille Poe

There is so much I can say about my month-long trip to Kenya, I honestly feel like I need a full one-page spread in The Spotlight—and even that might not be enough! Before I could even step foot on African soil, I had to prepare myself for the journey—an 18-hour flight from Atlanta to Germany, then on to Kenya. Let me just say... being on a plane that long is not for the weak. But every hour in the air was leading me to an experience that would change me forever.

When I finally landed in Kenya, I was overwhelmed with emotion. It's hard to describe, but it was a feeling I know I will never experience in that exact way again—because it was my first time. A once-in-a-lifetime moment. As we left the airport and drove toward the Airbnb, I found myself glued to the window in amazement. The city skyline was glowing against the night sky—tall buildings, bright lights, and life everywhere. It was nothing like what I had been taught or what I had imagined from history books. This was a thriving, modern city—filled with highways, banks, gas stations... and yes, even a KFC and Burger King! I couldn't help but smile. It was beautiful. It was real. And I was finally here.

For several days, I stayed in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, in a cozy Airbnb. While it was nice, I quickly had to adjust to a different way of living. Things I had always taken for granted suddenly became noticeable—like the sewage system, water pressure, and access to hot water. There was no air conditioning, but thankfully, there were fans. The electrical outlets were different, the cable service was limited, and instead of a laundry room, there was a washer outside on the patio—with no dryer. Clothes were hung out to dry, which actually made sense with the warm weather and the desire to conserve electricity. Despite the adjustments, I embraced every moment.

While exploring Nairobi, I visited local malls that were beautifully decorated for Christmas. There were live bands playing, choirs singing, and an energy that filled the air with joy. The city itself was vibrant and full of life—honestly, it reminded me of New York at times!

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Youth Recognition on Sunday, March 8

By Dr. Sydney Richardson, Ph.D.

The youth of New Bethel Baptist Church have been hard at work this year, and they were recognized for their accomplishments at the church's Annual Youth Sunday Service on March 8, 2026. Students were recognized for making honor roll at school, participating in sports and clubs, and engaging in service work. These accomplishments included volunteering at community events, playing sports such as volleyball, track, soccer, and cheerleading, managing sports teams, and participating in clubs/events such as Black Collective, Environmental Science, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Battle of the Books, Science Fair, and more. The following youths, ranging from elementary to high school, received recognition for their hard work throughout the year:

- Christian McDaniel
- Chloe Smith
- Avery Richardson
- Cydney Smith
- Canaan Richardson
- Trinity Dalton
- Sherrell Marible
- Talent Dalton

Congratulations to our New Bethel youth on representing excellence and the love of Christ wherever they go!

72nd Forsyth Baptist Training Institute

By Diane Piggott

The 72nd Countywide Baptist Training Institute takes place Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1, 2026 from 6 to 8:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 700 Highland Avenue here in the city. This year's theme is "A God For All Our Circumstances". Rev. Samuel J. Doyle is host pastor.

The Institute Facilitators will reach the entire church population. Mrs. Denise Waller is facilitator for the Deaconesses; Ms. Shelia Sullivan for Senior Missionaries; Rev. Ronald Speas for Pastors and Ministers; Mr. Rodney McCormick for Ushers; Minister Calvin Lowery for Young Adults ages 21-44; Dr. Jeremiah Shipp, Trustees; and Elder Richard Wood for Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers and Students.

Additional facilitators are: Deacon Christopher Brooks for Deacons, Mrs. Sharon Martin for the Health and Wellness Guild; Rev. Clara Goods for Eager Seekers youth, ages 6 to 10; Rev. Michelle Hudson, Youth In Action ages 12 to 15; and Mrs. Geneva Payne for Youth Messengers ages 16 to 20.

The Institute is sponsored by the Forsyth County Missionary Union (FCMU), the Baptist Ministers Fellowship, The Deacons' Union, the Sunday School Union, the United Ushers' Union, the Health and Wellness Guild and Youth Supervisor of FCMU. Ms. Nancy W. Green is the Institute Director

The Institute presents such an enlightening and rewarding week of instruction. Mark your calendar now. The Institute Book is "Living a JOB Faith-From Tried to Triumphant" by Paige Lanier Chargois and is \$12.00. The Deaconess Class will use "The Ministry of A Deaconess". The book cost is \$13.

New Bethel Celebrated Black History Month

By Connie Smith

New Bethel Celebrated Black History Month with a presentation and other activities on each Sunday in February.

First Sunday: Connie Smith shared how the slaves working in Salem were not told of their freedom until May 21, 1865. The first property where Blacks could buy property in Salem was in Happy Hills Garden where slaves had been kept and some sent back to Liberia. This historical community is in the midst of revitalization with some affordable homes to be built and the restoration of the Shotgun House Legacy. For more details, go to "Triadculturalarts.org" to volunteer and donate.

Second Sunday: Serenity Albright, granddaughter of Brenda Witherspoon, presented on the first teen, Claudette Colvin who refused to give up her bus seat in segregated Montgomery, Alabama on March 2, 1955. She was 15 years old when she was arrested and she decided to apply to have her record expunged in October of 2021. Avery and Canaan Richardson presented on their grandfather, Mr. Charles (Charlie) M. Davis who was the 1971 ACC Men's Basketball Player of the Year. He was the second Black player at Wake Forest University and he also played in the NBA for the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Portland Trailblazers.

Third Sunday: Trustee Johnny Grooms shared that Hattie McDaniel was the first Black to win an Oscar in 1940 as "Mammy" in "Gone With The Wind" and in 2021, Amanda Gorman was the youngest poet laureate to speak at the Inauguration of United States' President, Joseph Biden.

Fourth Sunday: Ashley Smith, Dance Instructor at Parkland High School brought dance students: Ja'zhia Wardlow, Jada Johnson, Makenna Terry, Janaya Howell and Nabria Worthy to dance for the congregation and Sanai Henderson, a singer, led the church in singing the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Connie Marks presented a current events commentary on the Injustice of Justice. Fourteen states led by Republican Governors are enacting and passing laws restricting the teaching of Black and racial history. Why? So that American White youth will not feel guilty or experience discomfort of America's racist past.

The Black History Committee led by Mrs. Carol Poe set up and displayed Black historical exhibits in the Annex and distributed Black History bags to the congregation. The membership also participated by wearing African and cultural attire.



GEORGE REDD, IV

George Redd, IV, 2026 Hall of Fame Inductee

By Wanda Davis

When you look at George, you might think the Carolina Panthers called and needed an offensive tackle. But he promised everyone, he played basketball. He was honored and inducted on Saturday, February 21, 2026 into the East Forsyth High School Hall of Fame.

He has been around the game of basketball all of his life. It all started at home. His parents sacrificed and saved to send him to UNC Chapel Hill Basketball Camps and to Five-Star Basketball Camps that shaped his game and mindset. His parents, Brenda and George Redd, III believed in him.

His Dad, taught him how to be a man. He showed him what it was to get up and go to work every day. His Mom would get off from work and drive him to Charlotte twice a week during the summer so he could run with the Charlotte Sonics program. That summer they finished 6th in the nation. When he played, there was only one AAU Team in Winston-Salem, the Winston Lake Lakers. Across the whole state, only about six teams total. Can you imagine how many kids tried out for the 12-spot roster? Every kid in Forsyth County wanted one of those spots. George stated, "You didn't make a team back then because you "kind of" played. You earned it." George was taught that life can be tough—but through prayer, faith and hard work, you can still find a way. If he wanted something, he was taught to go get it—no excuses, no shortcuts, just keep moving forward until the job is done. Thank you to his parents.

God placed people in his path, men who showed him what it means to encourage youth early. Two men in particular are Al Wadoo Jabbar and Coach Donnie Holt.

George stated that basketball has been kind to him. It allowed him to travel, compete and meet incredible people. It taught him humility and it taught him that hard work pays off. It taught him preparation, how to take coaching, how to lead and how to be led. He was able to take that mentality into his professional life.

He now serves as the CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. Safe and affordable housing is a real need. Families are suffering—living in overcrowded conditions

Quarterly Events at New Bethel Baptist Church

By Carol Poe

The New Bethel Baptist Church invites members and the community to participate in the following special services and observances during the Spring quarter. Mark your calendars and join us as we worship, celebrate and serve together.

April

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Observance
Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday Celebration
Sunday, April 26 – Annual Men's Day

May

Tuesday, May 5 – Teacher Appreciation Day
Thursday, May 7 – National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day
Sunday, May 17 – Annual Women's Day
Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Observance

June

Sunday, June 7 – Annual Church Anniversary
Friday, June 19 – Juneteenth Observance
Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day

George Redd

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and having to decide whether they pay rent, buy medication for survival, or put food on the table. George works with elected officials and community stakeholders to create a plan that works for everyone. Housing isn't just about a building. It's about stability, health, dignity and the kind of community we choose to be. His four years as CEO have helped families by building new homes and they have also repaired homes for seniors so they can age gracefully in the places they love without being forced out. It has been a privilege to serve the less fortunate. When he walks through the Habitat doors, he knows they people are counting on him.

The lessons that George has learned from his parents, his family, Jabbar and Coach Holt prepared him to carry that responsibility as long as he has breath in him.

George is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and he serves as Worshipful Master of Red Rock Lodge #809 located in Walkertown, NC.

He is married to Vanessa Redd and he is so thankful for her patience, prayers and love for holding the family down through every season. She has been his peace, partner, and his push when he needed it the most. They have a daughter, Kya, who is currently a sophomore at North Carolina Central University. She just finished a semester with a 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in Psychology. She plans to serve families as a Child Psychologist.

George stated: "To any kids out there, "Say please and thank you". Volunteer, laugh, smile, travel and don't worry about things you cannot control or change and be a good person."