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*Dedicated to those who are
Interested in New Bethel*

— *Editorial* —

Look to God
By Diane Piggott

As I sit to write this editorial, I am distracted by the abundance of calamities that are besetting our world. We are no longer isolated in our towns and cities because technology and innovations have made us a stone's throw away from any disaster.

I am so blessed to know Jesus Christ as my Savior. Without Him in my life, I would be deep in despair. I am at peace because God comforts me daily. I lift up families that I hear are beset by sickness, tragedies, accidents and death. My church has instituted weekly Bible Study so I can increase my knowledge of God's Word. I make way to Bible Study whenever it is in session. It is building up my spiritual strength.

Just in the recent week, a local 16 year-old high school student was stabbed and died at school, a 3-year was shot during a domestic dispute, and just yesterday and plane crashed in a nearby city killing 7 on board. I have a son teaching in a local high school, I live in a neighborhood that I feel rather comfortable and I live within 5 miles of a local airport. I could become very distraught because these things could happen in my back door. God is my comforter and I hope he is yours. If you haven't accepted God as your personal Savior, seek Him out in 2026. I pray that this is a great year for you.

Sending my love! "Happy New Year!"

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new philosophies that will follow him into his own teaching career. Living in New Zealand, working with Massey kind of taught him that, you know, mental health is an important thing we all deal with.

When given the time to reflect and speak on the upcoming school year, Dr. Rocker's enthusiasm and excitement were evident. He wants everyone to know that his office door is open and you are always welcome to walk in.



Ronald McDonald House Project
By Dr. Sydney Richardson

Youth Service Project #1: Sweet Treats at the Ronald McDonald House

November was a month for service projects. On November 22nd, the youth of New Bethel partnered with a local 4-H group (led by Bro. Herbert Richardson and Rev. Sydney Richardson) to provide service within the Winston-Salem community. The first service project was baking cookies for the families of the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House, located at 419 S Hawthorne Rd, provides living accommodations and emotional support for families with children receiving medical care at nearby hospitals. The house offers 36 private rooms for families, a community style kitchen and dining room, along with libraries, a playroom, and various living rooms. Our youth group signed up to work in the kitchen and bake cookies for the 36 families. For two hours, the youth prepped ingredients, stirred cookie dough, baked cookies, and separated them into individual bags. Some of our youth got to meet families staying at the Ronald McDonald house as well. After baking the cookies, the weekend manager took our group on a tour of the entire house. It was a fun and enlightening service opportunity and everyone was interested in baking for the families again. The Ronald McDonald House takes volunteers year round to provide meals and treats for the residents. You may learn more at www.rmhcpt.org.

Prayer Breakfast
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listening to everyone.

Just as sweet as the whispered prayers was the aroma of the delicious breakfast that lingered throughout the room. Everyone was able to enjoy their breakfast as they listened to the beautiful prayers being sent to God's ears. Some people were even enjoying their second helping if they were able to eat more!

The menu included oven fried bacon, country fried apples, grilled beef sausage, sausage patties, scrambled and boiled eggs, baked apples, golden fried salmon patties, buttered grits, oatmeal with all the trimmings, buttered grits, jelly, coffee, orange juice, water and a variety of fruit Danish.

The Choir sang beautifully as usual, and that made the breakfast just perfect.

Youth Service Project – Woman's Shelter –
By Dr. Sydney Richardson

For New Bethel's youth, December was another time for giving. On December 6th, our youth once again partnered with our local 4-H group and prepared lunch bags for a women's shelter. Our Lady of Salem Shelter for Women provides overnight care, meals, and to-go lunch bags for approximately 25 women experiencing homelessness in Winston-Salem on a first come, first serve basis. The shelter, located at St. Timothy Episcopal Church, operates during the winter months, usually November through the beginning of March. The youth prepared lunch bags of turkey sandwiches, fruit, pretzels, water, and a sweet treat. During this time, they also learned about food options for homeless people, along with safe and nutritious food items to give when wanting to be of help. While the youth were not allowed to assist with dropping food off, all of the meals were delivered in the evening to the church shelter. This opportunity sparked interest among the youth to continue serving Winston-Salem in different ways. To learn more about the shelter, please visit www.ourladyofsalem.org.

Youth Ministry Christmas Party
By Dr. Sydney Richardson

On December 13th, the youth ministry hosted a church Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall. The goal of the evening was to wind down from a busy year, play games, eat good food, and just have fun. Our kitchen committee, led by Mrs. Sharon Grooms, served chips and dip, pizza, chips, cookies, salad, holiday punch, and hot chocolate. Everyone who attended also took home a gift bag of hot chocolate, marshmallows, and candy canes. The selected movie of the evening was *Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey*, and then everyone played a rousing game of Bingo. The game was led by Sis. Myra Wilson and Bro. Herbert Richardson. Winners of the game picked out gifts of candles, lotions, coffee mugs, toys, and more. Everyone who played was also allowed to choose a gift to take home for being such good sports! It was a fun evening and a great way to celebrate the Christmas season. New Bethel's youth ministry will take a nice and needed break during the holiday season and return in February. Thank you to our church family for your love, prayers, and support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



New Bethel Baptist Church Flower Club 69th Anniversary
By Sharon Grooms

The New Bethel Flower Club held it's 69th Anniversary on Sunday , September 27th, 2025. This year, they chose to honor the oldest, dedicated, charter member of the Flower Club, Mrs. Nira Robinson , who turned 90 years old. The members stood to honor her, as president, Sharon Grooms made the presentation. Two signed cards and a

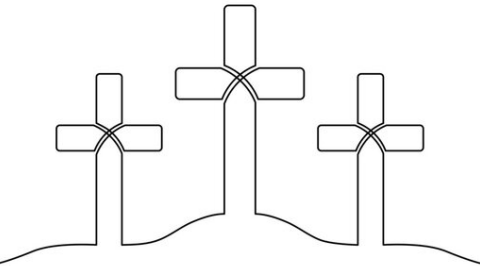
Heartfelt Wishes to Write in A Card
By Diane Piggott

1. Wishing you the happiest holiday and a wonderful New Year in 2026.
2. Sending you peace, love, and joy this holiday season.
3. Spreading holiday love this festive season!
4. Happy holidays from our family to yours.

Christmas Musical Presented
By Carol Poe

The music department of New Bethel Presented the annual Christmas Cantata with the Liturgical Praise Team on December 21, 2025, during the morning worship service. The choir serenaded the congregation with such songs as "Lord You Reign," "Jesus is the Light," "Emmanuel," and "Jesus is the Reason." Thanks to the choir and Liturgical Praise Team for all that you do to provide the congregation with music, songs, and dance.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Quarterly Activities and Events for 2026
By Carol Poe

- January 3rd –**
New Bethel Prayer Breakfast
- January 19th –** Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance
- January 25th –**
Missionary Union Meeting at New Bethel
- February –** Black History Month
- February 14 –** Valentine's Day
- February 15 –**
New Bethel Leadership Service
- February 18th –** Ash Wednesday
- March –** Women's History Month
- March 8th –** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 20th –** First Day of Spring
- March 29th –** Palm Sunday

Laymen's League Sponsors A Clothing Give-Away
By Susan B. Hunt

During the Thanksgiving season, the Laymen's League has always reached out to members of the community to give. This season, on November 16th, members of the Laymen's League and other members who very willingly volunteered their time, sponsored a clothing give-a-way for the homeless.

For several weeks prior to the giveaway, there was an appeal for clean and gently used clothes and blankets and other items for the event, as usual, New Bethel members responded and brought lots of items. The Laymen's League also purchased personal care items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, and mouthwash. They were put together in individual plastic bags for the people to have. The clothing was organized and put on clothing racks, making it easy for all to browse through.

All of the people who came were able peruse the clothing racks and get whatever they wanted without any limitations. They were blessed and they were very humbled and voiced their gratitude. However, the Laymen would say that they received much more than they gave away that day; for it is always more blessed to give than to receive.

The event began at 8 am with many already in line outside the church before it started. It ended by noon and there was a steady stream of those persons in need coming through to get items from the give-a-way.

As an extra special treat, everyone could get one or two hot donuts, orange juice or bottled water as well as other snacks to go. and everything that was left over was taken to the Salvation Army and donated there.

Everyone who helped with the event felt a sense of thankfulness for being able to help our neighbors. Certainly all were blessed during a season of giving.