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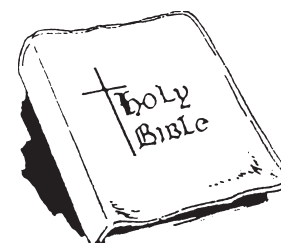


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SMITH-REDD IS MESSENGER

Smith-Redd Spoke for 78th Women's Day

by Susan Hunt

The 78th Annual Women's Day Celebration of New Bethel Baptist Church was held on Sunday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of guest speaker, Rev. Nancy Lorraine Smith-Redd from Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Stoneville, N.C.

The theme this year was "We Shall Wear A Crown", from the scripture 2 Timothy 4:7-8. The program was very inspiring and uplifting as it began with Dr. Sydney Richardson as the worship leader and the very talented New Bethel Baptist Choir giving an outstanding performance, with organist, that was very spiritual with their on-time selections that kept the spirits high throughout the service. Ms. Ashley Smith read the scripture, Deacon Constance Segers did the offertory prayer, Ms. Ruby Cain did the announcements and Ms. Jessica Leach introduced the speaker.

Rev. Redd did an awesome job with the theme "We Shall Wear A Crown" as her topic was "You Don't Know Me", meaning you don't know me because you don't see in me what God sees in me, and at the beginning of the service, Rev. Redd gave everyone a pin in the shape of a golden crown, and the instructions were to wait for her directions. At the end, the audience understood the message fully as she directed each person not to pin the crown on themselves but to pin it on someone next to them and tell them they are a Queen! The message being you may have come in here as an ordinary person, with some scars; but you're leaving here as a Queen, knowing our ultimate crown is eternal.

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Men's Day Celebration 2025

by Susan Hunt

The 78th Annual Men's Day program was held at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. It was a very special day made even more special by the many special guests who were in attendance to join in the celebration.

"The men chose their theme with a lot of thought and purpose" said Men's Day chairman, Deacon Charles R. Hunt. In fact, they held a meeting with all men in the church just for the purpose of choosing the theme and they chose the theme "**Godly Men Taking Care of God's Business.**" The scripture comes from Joshua 1:9.

The guest speaker for the celebration was Pastor James E. Cook, the Senior Pastor of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Cook brought his entire congregation as well as his choir to join in worship on this Men's Day program, which made the celebration an extra special program for the Men and all of New Bethel Baptist Church. Pastor James Cook is a native of Selma, Alabama and is married with three children. He has been the pastor of St. Stevens Missionary Baptist Church for eighteen years, continuing a ministry in the spirit of grace and excellence as the church fulfills its mission – *Winning souls and Maturing Disciples.*

The St. Stephens choir was a very large mass choir that filled the church with so much spirit and praise that made for a beautiful prelude to Pastor Cook's very dynamic message to the men (and women) about *Taking Care of God's Business.*

Deacon Thomas Atkins served as the Worship leader. Other participants on the program were Deacon Johnny Grooms, who read scripture Brother Herbert Richardson, Jr. who did the announcements, Trustee James Singletary, the occasion and Trustee Jerry Leach, the announcements.

The members of the Men's Day committee are: Deacon Charles R. Hunt, Chairman, Deacon Thomas Atkins, Trustee Jerry Leach, Deacon Johnny Grooms, Trustee James Singletary and Trustee Eugene Thompson.



REV. DR. APRIL RHINEHARDT
CHALLENGED US TO LEARN OUR HISTORY

Rhinehardt Brought Anniversary Message

by Diane Piggott

Rev. Dr. April Rhinehardt delivered the message at the 135th Church Anniversary of New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 10:30 am. The Anniversary theme was: "Still We Rise: A Legacy of Faith, Resilience and Renewal". Deacon Thomas Atkins was Worship Leader.

Rev. Dr. Rhinehardt is a Retired Board-Certified Chaplain, a Certified Life Coach and a Suicide Intervention Specialist. Educationally, she holds a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from Regent University, a Master's of Divinity from Shaw University, a Master's of Counseling from North Carolina A&T State University, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UNC-Charlotte and she has completed two years of Clinical Pastoral Education from Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. She is a member of St. Matthew Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.

She used Isaiah 40:31 for her text. She began, "God keeps His promises!" As she continued, "These promises come with conditions. She admonished us to "wait on the Lord, Work with expectations and Tune up your prayer life." She encouraged us that "our strength will be renewed, we'll have endurance, you'll run and not be weary and walk and not faint."

Others appearing on program were: Mrs. Carol Poe, scripture; Mrs. Gwen King, invocation; Ms. Ruby Cain, announcements/welcoming visitors and recognitions of Silver Star and Deceased Members; and Ms. Jessica Leach, introduction of Speaker.

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*Dedicated to those who are
Interested in New Bethel*

Editorial

Looking to God

by Diane Piggott

We've had a lot of activity at New Bethel this quarter. Many health concerns have touched our members. There have been many to transition to the "great beyond".

Our president has adopted the "King" approach to leadership and has stimulated a lot of turmoil in our nation. Protests have been sparked in many cities.

Two of Minnesota's legislators homes have been invaded by an armed gunman. In one of the homes, a female senator was shot and killed along with her husband. In another home, the gunman shot both the legislator and spouse and both are fighting to survive from their injuries.

The Middle East has a war going on between Israel and Iran. More casualties are announced each day.

*Heavenly Father, we look to you
for comfort!*

**VBS 2025:
A Fun Family Affair**

Vacation Bible School took place at New Bethel from June 9-12, 2025 at 5:30pm through 8pm. Dr. Alfreda Smith directed the school serving as principal.

The theme was "Live It Out and Love Like Jesus". The lessons were accompanied by music, games, enrichment activities and interactive games. Classes were held for all ages. Ages 2 to 5 were instructed by Sharifah Perry and Ciarra Cason. Ages 6 to 9 were instructed by Janada Eddings. Ages 10 to 17 were instructed by Sabrina Dodd. Adults, 18 and up, were led by Dr. Sydney Richardson.

The four days seemed to have flown by as fun was experienced by all!

Youth Honor Roll Recognition *by Sydney Richardson, Ph.D*

Zimere Smith

- Promoted to the 8th grade at Lowrance Middle
- Awarded for outstanding artwork by the NC General Assembly
- Made honor roll

King Smith

- Graduated from Ibrahim Elementary
- Made honor roll
- Received "Handy Helper" Award

Serenity Albright

- Graduated from Flat Rock Middle
- Going to Reynolds High School
- Ran track and will be a cheerleader at Reynolds
- Made honor roll and will take all honors classes in high school

Christian McDaniel

- Promoted to the 5th grade at Konnoak Elementary
- Plays soccer
- Made honor roll

J'Zara Scriven

- Promoted to the 2nd grade at Quality Education Academy
- Made the Dean's List

Avery Richardson

- Promoted to the 8th grade at Lewisville Middle School
- Participated in track, Environmental Science Club and Craft and Baking Club
- Made honor roll

Canaan Richardson

- Graduated from Morgan Elementary and will attend Lewisville Middle
- Participated in 4-H
- Will join Orchestra in Middle School
- Made honor roll

Trinity Dalton

- Promoted to 7th grade at Western Rockingham Middle School
- Participated in track
- Played the character of Pearl in the SpongeBob SquarePants Play
- Made honor roll

Talent Dalton

- Promoted to 5th grade at Stoneville Elementary
- Speaks Spanish fluently
- Participated in Girl Scouts and AIG Art Club
- Made honor roll



Piggotts Celebrated

by Dionne Galloway

Diane Piggott was celebrated for her 75th birthday by her family on Sunday, June 15, 2025. Since this also coincided with Father's Day, Daniel A. Piggott, Sr. was singled out as an "exceptional father". He told them to place more emphasis upon his "Queen".

The Drayton Fellowship Hall was used for the event. Family and friends gathered at 2 p.m. for the festivities. The occasion was in

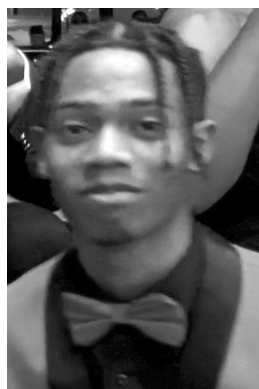
a pink and white color scheme and the Hall looked fantastic. Diane was draped in a pink sash with gold lettering saying "75 and fabulous". A crown was placed upon her head saying "75"!

The menu was outstanding: baked and fried chicken, ham, stew beef with carrots, rice and gravy, mac-n-cheese, cabbage, green beans and potato salad. The catering team consisted of Jeanette Hatcher, Jackie Shannon, Brenda Witherspoon and Jannie Smith served up the feast.

Myra Wilson was secured to make a lovely pink, white and gold balloon display around a banner which read "75 Happy Birthday. Mom said, "If I don't have another party, this one will be cherished for the years to come for all of the love and extra effort shown." As the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Piggott, it was an honor for me to show such an outpouring of love. My older brother, Daniel, Jr. joined us and my younger brother, Darryl from Colorado took time off from work to join us. My Dad's siblings joined us from Whiteville, cousins around Winston-Salem and Greensboro and my Mom's younger sister from Concord popped in for the occasion.

Campbell Recognized as Outstanding Bandsman

by Beverly Brown



Kory Campbell, a rising senior at North Carolina A & T State University, was recognized as Outstanding Bandsman at the Spring Band Program banquet on May 4, 2025 by the Wind Ensemble. On the occasion, he was presented with a plaque.

Kory has been in the marching band at A & T for three years. He is a section leader and plays the tenor drum, mallet, and the percussion instruments.

At A & T, he is a sociology major. As a member of New Bethel, Kory has served on the Usher Board. Kory is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Campbell, Sr. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown.

CAMPBELL IS AN EXCELLENT PERCUSSIONIST



REDD GRADUATES FROM RJR

Redd Headed to NCCU

by Diane Piggott

Kya Gwendolyn Gayle Redd has graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School on May 21, 2025 and has been accepted to attend North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham this fall. Kya is the daughter of Kenya Rocker Redd and Mr. and Mrs. George (Vanessa) Redd, IV. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Gwendolyn Rocker and Mr. and Mrs. George (Brenda) Redd, III.

Kya was recognized as having the highest GPA among African American students at the school. Being that she knows that college is an expensive undertaking, she sought out scholarships to help defray the cost. She has received the Soaring Eagles Scholarship, the NCCU People Helping People Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Miss Jabberwock 2025 Scholarship, the Winston-Salem Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship, the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Scholarship, the Winston-Salem NCCU Alumni Association Scholarship, the RJR Volleyball Scholarship, the RJR Kappa Weaver Memorial Scholarship, and the Executive Director's Crosby Scholars Award.

We wish Kya much success on her educational endeavors at NCCU.



PIGGOTT COMPLETES LINCOLN ACADEMY

Piggott Moves to Stem Early College

by Nicole S. Piggott

June 11, 2025 marked a glorious day as Ari Nicole Piggott celebrated completion of middle school at Lincoln Academy in Greensboro. Her family joined her in her celebration as she maintained all A's throughout Middle School, earned 4 high school credits, and placed first place in a regional Debate Team Oratory. She also participated in Mock Trial, Yearbook, Church Dance Ministry and Competition Dance. Now she heads off to STEM Early College at NC A&T State University for high school.

She is the daughter of Nicole S. Piggott and Daniel A. Piggott, Jr. and granddaughter of Trustee and Mrs. Daniel (Diane) Piggott, members of New Bethel.

Ari was celebrated by her family and a few of her classmates at Lincoln Academy at THE CLUBHOUSE at 305E Pisgah Church Road. They enjoyed delicious food and indoor sports of golf, basketball, and baseball.

We wish her the best in this next stage of her life!



MCDANIEL GRADUATES FROM PARKLAND

McDaniel is Off to UNC-Chapel Hill

by Diane Piggott

Charles "CJ" McDaniel graduated from Parkland High School with a 4.5 GPA and will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). He plans to major in Chemical Engineering. He has a full scholarship to attend the university as an honor student in the Class of 2025. CJ is the son of Felisha Jackson and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Iven (Gwen) King.

We extend our best wishes to CJ as he enters this phase of his life!

Rhinehardt Anniversary Message

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Silver Star members were Mr. Kerry Campbell, Jr. and Ms. Timeka Couthen Woodberry. Deceased members from June 2024 to June 2025 were: Mrs. Nina Walker (7/7/24), Mrs. Barbara Carson (10/5/24), Mr. James Conner (11/25/24), Mr. George Horton (1/15/25), Mrs. Jamie Morrison (2/25/25) and Mrs. Dorothy Shipp (6/4/25). A delicious repass was held following the service in the Drayton Fellowship Hall.



BROWN INVESTED OVER 32 YEARS TEACHING

Beverly Brown Retires from School System

by Beverly Brown

On March 31, 2025, after over thirty-two years as a classroom teacher, Beverly Brown retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

Beverly, after graduating from Appalachian State University in 1992 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education, began her teaching career as a second-grade teacher at Vienna Elementary School. After two years, she switched grade levels to teach fifth-grade, her dream grade level. In 1999, she moved to Griffith Elementary and continued teaching fifth-grade, until she changed to fourth grade for the next nineteen years. In her last year, she taught third grade.

During her years as a teacher, Beverly served as grade chair and as a mentor teacher to several new teachers. She also served as a

supervising teacher for two student teachers.

Her school family celebrated her with a Mardi-Gras themed retirement party on March 22, 2025 in the school gym. It was attended by her family members, as well as current and past co-workers.

On her last day of school, Beverly was walked around the school by the school's second grade "mayor", where she was cheered on by students and fellow staff members.

On June 4, she attended a Retirement Breakfast for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School employees at the Education Building.

Beverly, who has been an active member of New Bethel since 1989, has been enjoying her time off and looks forward to what comes next for her. Beverly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, the sister of Mrs. Pamela (Kerry) Campbell, and the aunt of Wayne and Kory Campbell.



SHIPP WAS A 50+ YEAR MEMBER

Shipp Transitions After Extended Illness

Mrs. Dorothy Lee Frazier Shipp received her heavenly transition on Monday, June 9, 2025 from Novant Health facility in Winston-Salem. She was born on August 7, 1937 to the late Robert and Edna Whitmore Frazier in Winston-Salem. She attended the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and was a 1955 graduate of Atkins High School. Following graduation, she attended Russell's Business College where she earned her certificate in Business in 1957. She eventually enrolled at Forsyth Technical Community College where she completed the requirements to become a certified Nurse's Assistant. With that certification, she became a dedicated professional in Public Health Services.

She joined New Bethel at an early age under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton. Her life-long membership in the church facilitated her active participation in the Effort Club, Elizabeth Missionary Group, Deacons and Trustees Wives, the Bereavement Committee and the Journalistic Society.

While in church she was introduced to her future husband, Henry Thomas Shipp. They married in 1971 and enjoyed nearly 33 years of marriage until his passing in 2004.

Those family members left to cherish her memory are: a cousin who was more like a sister, Gracie Burwick, step children, Henry T. Shipp, Jr and Marie Webster; a step-granddaughter, Angela Shipp; her step-great, grandson, whom she lovingly referred to as "her baby; Rev. Dr. Jeremiah (Vanita) Shipp; step, great granddaughter, Tiffany Hood; step great-great grandchildren, Elijah and Joshua Shipp; and a host of other relatives, church members and friends; especially Mary Spruill, John Jowers and Joe and Lennetta Bartley.

Participating on the program were: Old Testament scripture, Trustee Perry Hairston; New Testament scripture, Deacon Constance Segers, Prayer of Comfort, Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr.; Church Resolution, Ms. Ruby Cain; Community Resolution, Ms. Mary Spruill; and Eulogy, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Shipp of Love and Faith Christian Fellowship Church in Greensboro. Internment was in Evergreen Cemetery by Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home. Russell Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Deaths of Relatives and Friends

Mrs. Regina Savage Harris

Mrs. Regina Savage Harris, was the sister of Mrs. Sharon (Kenneth) Rocker, was born on August 6, 1962 and passed on May 3, 2025. Her services were held at New Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, May 10 at 12 noon.

Mrs. Myrtle Ethel Kelly

Mrs. Myrtle Ethel Kelly, the aunt of Mrs. Dollye K. Mack, was funeralized in Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. She was born on Nov. 7, 1931 and passed on May 21, 2025. Services were held at Vaughn Greene Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sandra Stowe Chavis

Funeral service for Mrs. Sandra (Stowe) Chavis, sister of Sister Carol Poe, was held Friday, June 20, 2025 at Haymount Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, NC. Service began at 11:00am. Please keep the family in prayer.

Ms. Cheryl Diane "Diane" Donnie

Funeral services for Ms. Cheryl Diane Donnie, the cousin of Mrs. Romaine Eaton, Mrs. Deronda Kee(John) Lucas and Marvin Brockman, was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Russell Funeral Home Chapel at 11 am.

Mr. Robert Dean Hollis

Mr. Robert Dean Hollis, the brother-in-law of Mrs. Romaine Hollis and uncle of Mr. Marvin Brockman, was funeralized in Atlanta, Georgia at 11 am at the Murray Brothers' Chapel.

Mr. Anthony Moore

Mr. Anthony Moore passed on Saturday, June 14 and was funeralized on Sunday, June 22 in Mt. Airy at Spencer Funeral Home Chapel. He was the nephew of Mrs. Susan (Charles) Hunt.



WILLIAMSON SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE

Williamson Passes Suddenly

Edward Leon Williamson, Jr. passed suddenly on March 23, 2025 at his home. He was born on September 4, 1952 to the late Edward, Sr. and Doris Stephens Williamson here in the city. He moved to Chicago, Illinois at an early age and attended the public school there.

Edward served his country in the United States Air Force from 1971 to 1975. After being honorably discharged, he had a long career with the United States Postal Service. He later chose to further his education by obtaining an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences from Olive Harvey College and Kennedy King College and later graduating from Chicago State University in 1991 with a degree in Business Administration.

He returned to Winston-Salem to be with family. Spiritually, he attended New Bethel Baptist Church where he sang with the New Bethel Communion Singers.

He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Deborah Ann Williamson. Edward leaves to cherish loving memories two children: a son, Erik Williamson and a daughter, Erin Williamson; a grandson, Darrion; a devoted sister, Lisa Neal Myers; an aunt, Thelma Russell; a devoted and special friend, Joanne Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends.

Funeral services were held at 11am on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at New Bethel.

Smith-Redd Spoke for 78th Women's Day { continued from page 1 }

Another highlight of the program was when several New Bethel ladies were recognized and presented gifts as a token of appreciation from the Women's Day Committee for their exceptional dedication and consistent work in the church. These women were recognized because they usually are working in several capacities and are rarely recognized, nor do they seek recognition. Those recognized on Women's Day were: First Lady Mae Jones, Mrs. Sharon Grooms, Dr. Sydney Richardson, Ms. Ashley Smith, Rev. Azuree Johnson-Dalton, Mrs. Wanda Davis, Deacon Constance Segers, Ms. Ruby Cain, Mrs. Dollye K. Mack, Mrs. Linda Feemster, Mrs. Diane Piggott, Mrs. Jeanette Hatcher, Mrs. Jannie Smith, and Mrs. Jackie Shannon.

Members of the Women's Day Committee

also sponsored a Gospel Cardio class on Saturday, May 17th from 10-12 noon. It was very well attended and was lots of fun and most beneficial to ladies as they learned exercises to guard their cardio health. There was also stations to check pulse and respiration. There were even chair exercises available for ladies who didn't feel comfortable exercising on their feet to the sounds of contemporary gospel music that was very fun, motivational, and not too strenuous. The session ended with a very high energy dance lesson for the newest line dance, Boots on the Ground!

A light and delicious lunch was served afterwards, prepared by the Women's Day committee; Mrs. Sharon Grooms, Ms. Sharifa Perry, Ms. Ashley Smith, Mrs. Sue Leach, and Mrs. Susan Hunt, chairperson.