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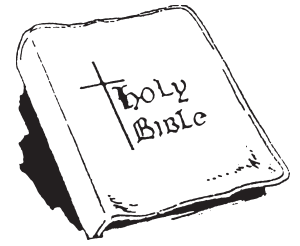


# THE SPOTLIGHT

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OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT IS "to reach, teach, and preach to every segment of our church and community with the love of Christ."



REVEREND JAMES COOK, SPEAKER

## Cook to Speak for 78th Men's Day

by Susan Hunt

The 78th Annual Men's Day Program of New Bethel Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 10:30 am. The men have chosen the theme: "Godly Men Taking Care of God's Business" with the scripture coming from Joshua 1:9.

The guest speaker for the morning worship will be Rev. James Cook, Pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, 5000 Noble Street here in the city.

The Men's Day Chairman, Deacon Charles R. Hunt, has been appealing to the men of the church to support this Men's Day Program in a mighty way; to pledge their \$125 donation which is asked of all men for this day as well as to invite friends and family to come and support the program. He has not left out the women in his appeal for support of this program. Deacon Hunt said, "We welcome all donations which will be for the support of our church.

The Men's Day Committee includes Deacon Hunt, Trustee Daniel Piggott, Deacon Thomas Atkins, Deacon Johnny Grooms, Trustee James Singletary and Trustee Eugene Thompson.

The men are looking forward to a very wonderful Men's Day celebration as Rev. Cook is planning to bring his congregation with him.

Deacon Hunt asks the church family to show up in a mighty way to welcome them and enjoy this special occasion and praise of God. Participants have not been selected as of press time.

## Happy Easter!



DEVIN FREEMAN AND FORMER VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS

## Freeman and Harris Present Chairman's Award

by Connie Smith

On Saturday, February, 22nd, Devin Freeman, grandson of Mrs. Frankie Greene (Charles), was a guest presenter at the 56th Annual NAACP Image Awards 2025 which was broadcasted on BET and CBS. He had the distinguished honor to co-present the Chairman's Award to former Vice President, Kamala Harris, celebrating her dedication to justice, equality, and the betterment of our society. Devin, a senior at North Carolina

Central University (NCCU), was one of the youngest delegates of the 2024 Democratic National Convention (DNC), a surrogate of VP Harris' Youth Council, NCCU precinct chair, youth member of the NAACP and also an author.

Devin is making quite a name for himself. You may want to get his autograph early while he is visiting New Bethel. Devin is the son of Mr. Macio and Dr. Sherita Greene Freeman.



JAMIE LEE GLENN MORRISON

## Morrison Lived A Blessed Life

by Susan Hunt

Jamie Lee Glenn Morrison lived just seven weeks shy of her 101st Birthday of April 16, 2025. The centenarian epitomized traits of a

godly woman in her home, in her family and in her church. She was born on April 16, 1924 in Winston-Salem where she attended the local public schools.

She was a devoted wife to her husband, Edward Lee Morrison until his death.

Affectionately known as "Aunt BB", she was the youngest female in her family. She was a devoted member of New Bethel for over 50 years. Her church affiliations included: Gold Star Member (50 years of membership); Sunday School Class #3; Missionary Department, Journalistic Society and The Spotlight Staff; The Effort Club ; and the Bereavement Committee.

Other family members embraced and enriched by her love include: a devoted great nephew, Kenno Dean Kirkland, a helpful niece, Ms. Faye Speas; a great, great nephew, Delayo Dodd; and a sister-like cousin, Dr. Constance Johnson; a faithful goddaughter Ms. Linda Morris; and a host of other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Rev. Dr. Kendall D. Jones, Sr. delivered the eulogy. Hooper Funeral Home and Cremations were in charge of services.

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## Editorial

### Love Lifted Me

by Carol Poe

Our pastor, Dr. Kendall Jones, Sr., has eloquently shared numerous sermons emphasizing the profound love that God has for humanity. Often, we may overlook this divine love until we face challenges, experience calamities, or confront the loss of someone dear to us. In such moments of distress, we instinctively reach out to God, and He responds in remarkable ways. You might wonder how He manifests His presence during these times. The answer lies in the individuals He places in our lives. Some are sent to provide comfort, others to offer support, while some fulfill the role of nurturers in our times of need, and still others serve as spiritual guides.

On February 14, 2025, a day traditionally dedicated to love, I firmly believe that God dispatched an angel of love to gently guide my loved one from this life into eternity. In the days that followed, the essence of love was vividly displayed through the overwhelming support from family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and members of our church community. This collective outpouring of affection and solidarity served as a testament to the enduring power of love in times of sorrow. As we reflect on these experiences, we are reminded of the words from Psalms 136:26, which encourage us to "Give thanks to the God of heaven for His steadfast love endures forever."

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at New Bethel. Please bring donations of candy-filled plastic eggs for the youth to hunt from now to April 19.

## 2025 New Bethel Black History Month Celebrations

by Connie Smith

Activities began at New Bethel on the first Sunday in February.

First Sunday : Ms. Ruby Cain shared that Carter G. Woodson is the Father of Black History Month in the United States. In February 1926, he launched the celebration of Negro History Week the precursor of Black History Month. Carter G. Woodson was a Historian, author, journalist and Dean of Howard University. He is the second African American, after W.E.B. Du Bois to earn a PHD from Harvard University. Woodson is the only person whose parents were enslaved in the United States to obtain a PhD in history.

2nd Sunday: New Bethel had its first "T Shirts on Super Bowl Sunday". Everyone was invited to wear their T Shirts or Sweatshirts representing their church, college or sports team. The group picture featured at least 20 people but we had at least 30 members participating.

Our own Triple A students: Aoki Boden, Aziah Shuford, and Avery Richardson presented Mazie Woodruff, Jocelyn Johnson and Vivian Burke for the youth presentation for Black History Month. Mrs. Carol Poe, the Chair of the Black History Committee, selected and provided the historical information for the students. These three African American ladies were elected by the people and were committed to the public service of their communities and all of Winston-Salem.

Mazie Woodruff was the first African American Woman on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, which she served for 14 years. Jocelyn Johnson represented the East Ward for 4 terms and was a Social Worker at WFU Medical Center formerly called Baptist Hospital.

Vivian Burke was the longest serving City Council Woman for 43 years and she was the first African American Mayor Pro Tempore and the first woman to head the Public Safety Committee.

3rd Sunday: Connie Smith presented on Mary McLeod Bethune, who was an educator, civil rights activist, humanitarian and the founder of the National Council of Negro Women in the 20th century. She was the 15th of 17

children born to former slaves in Mayesville, SC. She attended Scotia Seminary which is now Barber Scotia College in Concord, NC and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She founded Bethune Cookman University and was an advisor to five Presidents. A statue was erected in her honor in 1974. It was the first monument to honor an African American and a woman in a public park in the nation's capital. It is located in Lincoln Park in Washington, DC.

4th Sunday Connie Marks presented "The Current State of Politics." She wore a t-shirt which read 92%, which is the reported amount of Black women who supported Kamala Harris for President. We have seen this before: our people are not counted, disrespected or excluded in the decision making policies that benefit them but not us. There are boycotts planned via social media and Connie Marks is encouraging our people to Buy Black. She voiced that churches need to be more involved. Our culture has changed tremendously since the 1950s when 90% of Blacks attended church, which was the center of social and spiritual activities. Today less people are attending church down to 48% by Blacks. Blacks are known to have higher attendance rates than other people. Today, the internet can get the word out in an email blast or posting on social media platforms within seconds or minutes versus the 1950s evening news, radio clues or snail mail which is mailing a letter. The good news is God is the same Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. We must exercise our Faith and Pray. Our God is Lord of Lords and King of Kings

New Bethel continued the tradition of wearing African or African American Attire on the 4th Sunday. Ashley Smith's liturgical dancers performed beautifully and the congregation sang the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." In the Spirit of our ancestors we also sang "We Shall Overcome" linking our arms together in the tradition of the civil right activists of yesterday.

Former Vice President K.Harris said, "We need to Organize, Strategize, Educate, and Advocate."





**Our Lady of Many Talents**

*by Connie Smith*

Sydney Davis Richardson grew up in New Bethel Baptist Church. She has been blessed to work at Salem College as an Assistant Professor of Education and Dean of Adult Education from 2007 -2017. She was Dean of College and Career Readiness at Forsyth Technical Community College 2017-2020. She is currently at NC A. & T. State University since January 2021 as Associate Professor of Leadership Studies and Graduate Program Coordinator.

Dr. Sydney loves teaching the Word of God and has been doing it for the past ten years in various capacities ( Children’s Church, Youth Ministry, faculty advisor to campus Christian organizations, college student bible studies and New Bethel Adult Sunday School classes. A few years ago God put in her spirit to preach His word, so she enrolled in the Certificate of Ministry program through Truett Seminary.

The certificate consists of ten courses, from Survey of the Old and New Testament to Witnessing, Preaching, Theology, and more.

Through much prayer, the courses at Truett Seminary, wise and honest counsel that she approached Pastor Jones about preaching. In December of 2024 she did her initial sermon and became licensed. She continues to look forward to what God is doing to her life and through her calling. New Bethel Baptist Church looks forward to hearing more sermons from Dr. Sydney D. Richardson and witnessing the call on her life.

She was joined on this Sunday of her licensure by her niece, Malina Adams; her son, Canaan, her daughter, Avery, her brother-in-law, Chris Adams and her sister, Dr. Sharika D. Adams on the front row. On the back row stands her father, Charlie Davis and her husband, Herbert Richardson.



CAMILLE POE

**Poe Named Certified Instruction Support Personnel of 2025**

*by Diane Piggott*

Ms. Camille Poe has been honored by her colleagues as the Certified Instructional Support Personnel of the Year at C. Douglas Carter High School. Each institution within the district is tasked with selecting an outstanding individual, and Ms. Poe, who serves as the Director of Student Services, has been recognized for her exceptional contributions. C. Douglas Carter High School specializes in providing education to students with intellectual disabilities, and Ms. Poe has dedicated the past nine years to this vital role. In recent years, she has focused on equipping her students with real-world experiences and fostering their self-advocacy skills, ensuring they are prepared for life beyond the classroom.

This marks the second consecutive year that Ms. Poe has received this prestigious award, a recognition that holds significant meaning for her as it reflects the appreciation of her peers for her unwavering commitment and passion for her students and the school community. Her personal motto, "We Don't Do Average. We Do EXCEPTIONAL," has become a guiding principle at Carter High School, inspiring both students and staff to strive for excellence in all endeavors. This recognition not only highlights her individual achievements but also underscores the collaborative spirit and dedication present within the school.



DANIEL A. PIGGOTT, III

**Piggott to Summer Program at Columbia University**

*by Diane Piggott*

Daniel A. Piggott, III, a student at North Carolina A&T State University has been accepted to attend the National Science Foundations funded Center for Integration of Modern Optoelectronic Materials (IMOD) Undergraduate Research Program (REU). His placement will be in the research group of Professor Jonathan Owen at Columbia University.

As a part of the summer program, he will be interacting with Center faculty and students and participating in all phases of the research process, from data collection to analysis to communicating the results in written and oral form. Seminars, workshops, career planning sessions and other professional development opportunities will be available to him.

The program runs May 25 through August 2, 2025. He is the son of Daniel A. Piggott, Jr. and Nicole S. Piggott

**71st Baptist Training Institute**

*by Diane Piggott*

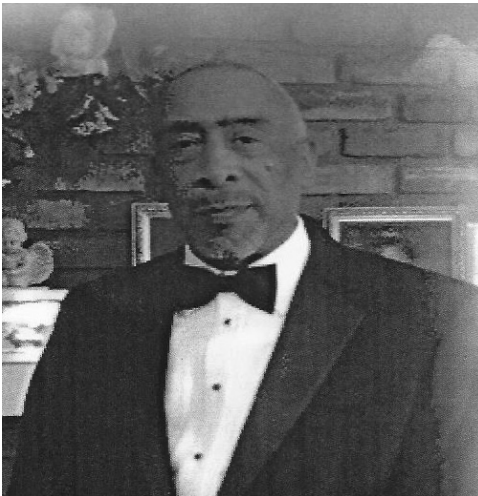
The 71th Forsyth Countywide Baptist Training Institute is scheduled to be held April 28 through May 2 at Piney Grove Baptist Church’s Family Life Center, 4633 Grove Garden Drive where Rev. Brandon Helton is Senior Pastor. The Institute opens each evening from 6 to 8:15 pm. The study book is “**24/7 Embodying Christ-Like Leadership**” by Leslie Copeland. The book cost is \$12.

There will be classes for all ages using the theme, “CHRIST-like Leadership” with

scripture reference, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5).

Class Facilitators are: Youth Eager Seekers, 6 to 10, Rev. Clara Goode; Youth In Action, 11 to 15, Rev. Michelle Hudson; Youth Messengers, 16 to 20, Mrs. Denise Waller; Young Adults, 21 to 44, Min. Calvin Lowery; Senior Missionaries, Mrs. Shelia Sullivan; Trustees, Dr. Jeremiah Shipp; Ushers, Mr. Rodney McCormick; Ministers and Pastors, Rev. Ronald Speas; Sunday School, Elder Richard Wood; Health and Wellness Guild, Mrs. Sharon Martin; and Deacons, Deacon Christopher Brooks. All facilitators have books for purchase.

This should be a dynamic week of study!



GEORGE S. HORTON

## Horton Eulogized by Wife

George S. Horton passed on January 15, 2025 and was funeralized on Friday, January 31, 2025 at New Bethel Baptist Church at 12 noon. He received both Military Honors and Masonic Rites.

He was born to Betty Corenthia Norwood on August 19, 1948 in Lenoir, North Carolina. He was a member of Freedman High School's Class of 1966. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served in the Vietnam War.

George found his soulmate in Augusta, Georgia during the summer of 1985. They were wed on June 30, 1990 and put down roots in Winston-Salem and built a beautiful life together.

His memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Carolyn Dianne Jenkins Horton; his son and daughter, Jamaal and Escada; his dear grandson, Atticus; his in-laws, Art and Carolyn Jenkins and Cathy and Tony Clarke; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

His wife delivered a very touching and moving tribute to her husband taking remarkable fortitude.

## Deaths and Funerals of Relatives

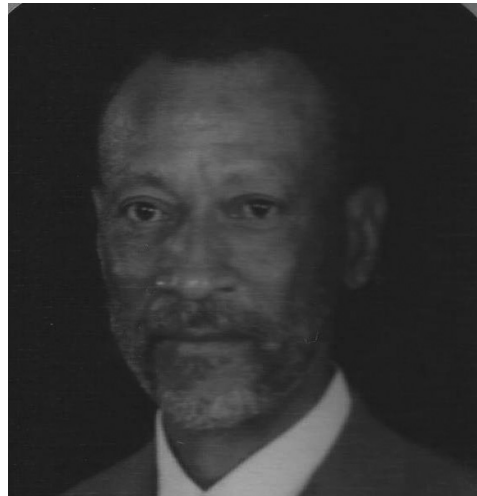
by Diane Piggott

**John and Keith Dixon**, the sons of the late Dorothy Mae Young Dixon, departed this life in an early morning house fire on December 7, 2023. Carlos Dixon, New Bethel member, is the nephew of the Dixon brothers. Funeral services were held at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

**Julius Lennon** passed away on January 13, 2025. He was the brother of Majorie (James) Singletary.

**Dorothy Wynecoff** was the stepmother of New Bethel Member, Connie Smith. She passed on January 11, 2025.

**Evelyn Dobson Powell**, a beloved mother, was the sister of New Bethel member, Robin Macklin. She passed on February 1, 2025 and was funeralized on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from the Douthit Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Nathaniel Williams did the eulogy.



BARBARA J. CARSON

## Robert Myers Passes

Robert Eddie Myers passed on January 20, 2025 at his home. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on October 25, 1955 to Jacqueline Tucker Myers and the late Robert Lee Myers. He was a 1975 graduate of North Forsyth High School.

He was an avid football fan of the Chicago Bears. In his spare time he was a devoted member of the Carolina Cruisers Motorcycle Club.

He leaves cherished memories with his wife, Lisa Neal Myers of 31 years, three children—Bryant Lamont Gwynn, Dedrick Tyrone Neal, and Brandon Moore; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his mother; eight siblings; and many devoted friends.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at New Bethel Baptist Church. Interment followed at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Services were furnished by Hooper Funeral Home and Cremations.

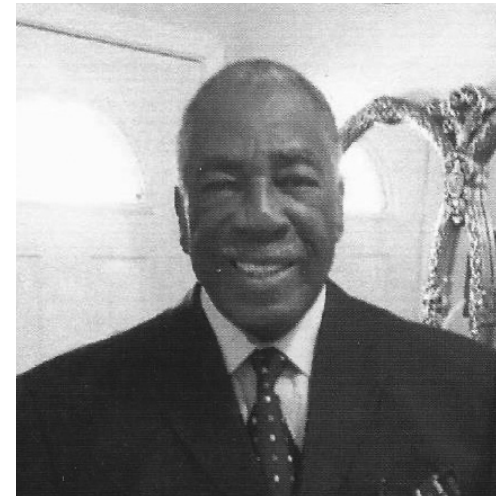


## Spring Break and Bible Bowl

By Sydney Richardson, Ph.D

Spring Break week for Youth Ministry participants was incredible! For this week, the youth and their families enjoyed bowling at Bowlero in Winston-Salem. Although the youth asked to bowl, they enjoyed most of their time in the arcade.

Next, some of the youth participated in the Youth Bible Bowl. For the first time in a few years, New Bethel had four youth participate: Trinity Dalton, Avery Richardson, Talent Dalton, and Canaan Richardson. For weeks, the youth met online and then face-to-face to study the 75 questions presented to them. On March 16, 2025, all of the participating youth met at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church for the Bible Bowl. While New Bethel did not bring home the grand prize, they were fantastic! They said that they couldn't wait to participate next year.



ALFRED ALVIN POE

## Poe Makes Peaceful Transition

Alfred Alvin Poe peacefully departed this life on Friday, February 14, 2025 surrounded by the warmth and love of his family. He was the son of the late Katie Friday born on May 8, 1942 and raised by his mother and step-father, Roscoe Friday, Sr. He grew up in High Point and completed his education at William Penn High School and initially worked for the City of High Point for a year before embarking on a collegiate journey. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina College, now known as North Carolina Central University (NCCU) on a tennis scholarship. He furthered his education by pursuing a Master's Degree from Morehead State University in Kentucky as well as pursuing his Elementary Principalship at Bowie State University.

Following his graduation, he took the position of tennis coach at Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC which marked the beginning of a distinguished career in education and athletics. It was at Livingstone that he met his wife, Carol Stowe Poe.

They returned to Winston-Salem and were wed. He took a job at George Washington Carver High School as a physical education and health educator and coach.

To the union, three cherished children were born and they enjoyed a fulfilling marriage of 51 years.

Throughout his life, Alfred garnered numerous accolades. Some include winning the Western District Doubles Tennis Championship at William Penn; the All CIAA Tennis Team at NCCU; Coach of the Year Award in 1991, 1996 and 1997; and leading three Basketball Conference Championships and achieving notable success on the state level in competitions.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Carol; three children: Alisa (Damian) Anderson, Camille and William Poe; five grandchildren: Naikeesha, Princess, Malachi and Elijah Poe and Cierra Campbell; a great grandson, King Coleman; a sister, Kathleen Friday of High Point; two brothers: Roscoe (Debra) Friday, Jr. of Richmond, VA and Calvin (Judy) Friday of Charlotte; two sisters-in-law: Patricia S. Cordell of Auburn Hills, MI and Sandra S. Chavis of Fayetteville; along with numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and THE CARVER NATION.