

# THE HILL MESSENGER

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## *A Note from the Pastor*



*Tell me who your best friends are and I will tell you who you are. If you run with wolves, you will learn how to howl. But, if you associate with eagles, you will learn how to soar to great heights. "A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses." The simple but true fact of life is that you become like those with whom you closely associate - for the good and the bad.*

*The less you associate with some people, the more your life will improve. Any time you tolerate mediocrity in others, it increases your mediocrity. An important attribute in successful people is their impatience with negative thinking and negative acting people. As you grow, your associates will change. Some of your friends will not want you to go on. They will want you to stay where they are. Friends that don't help you climb will want you to crawl. Your friends will stretch your vision or choke your dream. Those that don't increase you will eventually decrease you. Consider this:*

- *Never receive counsel from unproductive people.*
- *Never discuss your problems with someone incapable of contributing to the solution, because those who never succeed themselves are always first to tell you how. Not everyone has a right to speak into your life. You are certain to get the worst of the bargain when you exchange ideas with the wrong person.*
- *Don't follow anyone who's not going anywhere. With some people you spend an evening and with others you invest it.*
- *Be careful where you stop to inquire for directions along the road of life.*
- *Wise is the person who fortifies his life with the right friendships.*

*Happy moments? Praise God  
Difficult moments? Seek God  
Quiet moments? Worship God  
Painful moments? Trust God  
Every moment? Thank God*

Eulogia,

*Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.*  
Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.  
Senior Pastor

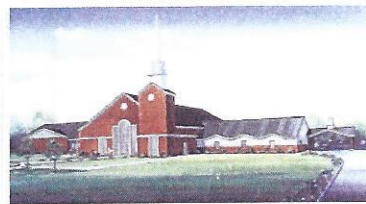
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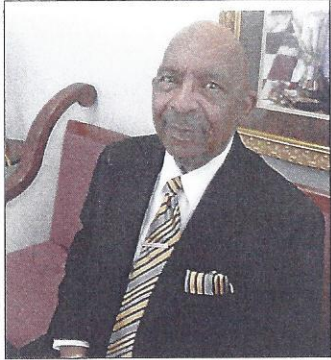
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# PHBC FEATURED MEMBER

*By Beverly Parker*

## **Leon James Price, Jr.**



The *"Hill Messenger"* is delighted to feature **Bro. Leon James Price, Jr.**, a member whose character and demeanor personifies all that is meant to be a servant of Christ and to the church. Those who don't know Bro. Price beyond observing his presence at church will probably say that he is quiet, modest, and reserved, but always seems to be lending a helping hand. If these are your thoughts, then some of the above descriptions would be correct. Upon meeting with Bro. Price I asked him to name five words that he feels best describes who he is. Responding to the question, he said, "I am honest, dependable, modest, a giver, and friendly." Bro. Price added that he likes things to be decent and in order, he loves people, and likes to be in the background – not in the forefront of things.

He is the second of three children born in Joaquin, Texas to the late Leon and Marie Redmond Price. His parents ensured that he and his siblings attended church and learned about God. The family later moved to Mansfield, Louisiana, where Bro. Price continued to thrive and grow in the Lord. He was educated in the DeSoto Parish Public School System and is a graduate of DeSoto High School. At age 25, Bro. Price moved to Shreveport and later became a welder helper at Riley Beard Company. After leaving Beard, he began a new field of work at Louisiana Paper Company distributing sales supplies and serving as a driver. The company was later sold to Georgia Pacific where he became the driver of an 18-wheeler. Being a man who is dependable and possesses a strong work ethic, Bro. Price is proud of the fact that he continued to be promoted within the company, ultimately being elevated to warehouse manager and finally to traffic manager. Throughout his career, Bro. Price received numerous awards and accolades for outstanding job performance and for consistently going above and beyond his primary job responsibilities. The company was later sold to Unisource and after 36 years as a committed, dedicated employee, he retired in 2001.

Bro. Price was raised in the Methodist faith but his wife who had been a long-time member of Pleasant Hill encouraged him to unite with her church so that they could worship together. In September 1996, he became a member of PHBC, a church that he immediately embraced and to which he would ultimately provide years of consistent, unwavering support. He was ordained as a deacon on September 15, 1998. During the year leading to his retirement, the current location of PHBC was in its last stages of construction, so he began making frequent stops to observe the process. Upon his retirement, Bro. Price said, "I was in the habit of stopping by the church every day, so I decided that I'd rather continue coming to the church daily to see where I could be helpful in completing tasks needed around the grounds and to the building ... that was more important to me than sitting around on the corner with the fellows doing nothing with my time." To this day, Bro. Price continues his daily routine of coming to the church to oversee the building.

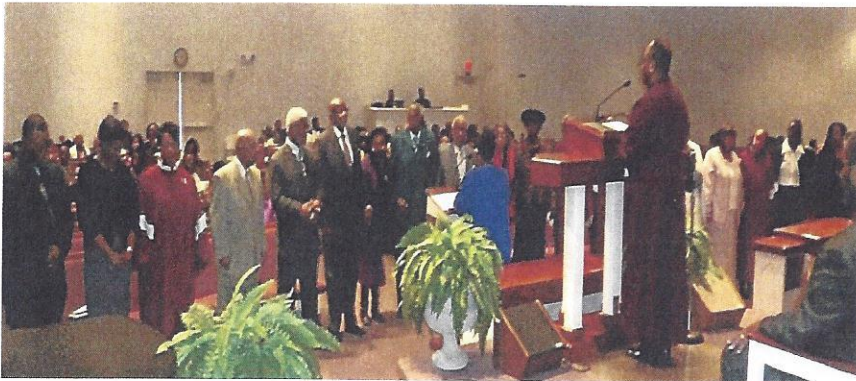
Although quiet and modest, Bro. Price is quite active in the church. He is a member of the Deacon Board, Finance Committee, sings with the Men of Valor Choir, holds membership in the Brotherhood, and serves on the Trustee Board, where his primary responsibility is to oversee the building and grounds – a job he loves doing and a responsibility he faithfully performs.

Bro. Price became a widower in October 2012 upon the passing of his dear wife of 46 years, the late Sis. Ola Mae Price. Sis. Price had been a faithful member of PHBC for over 50 years at the time of her passing. Their union produced four children: Karon (Nightingale, NC), Lee (Austin, TX), Alex (deceased), and Jason (Shreveport). He also has several grandchildren.

His philosophy on life is to be honest, love people and do what you can to help those that are in need. He said, "I appreciate the old days when people knew their neighbors, they were reliable, and it only took a handshake to make a binding agreement." Even though the world has changed, Bro. Price said he won't change his principles and the love he has for mankind.

Bro. Price enjoys watching sports on television and fishing, but he especially enjoys helping the church wherever and whenever he is needed. He said, "My favorite scripture is Psalms 23 because every word applies to everything in my life and my beliefs about the promises of the Lord." The PHBC family is indeed blessed to have such a man as Bro. Price – best known to the congregation as "Deacon Price"!

# 2016 MINISTRY DIRECTORS INSTALLATION



The new year began for the PHBC family with the **installation of ministry directors**. Some of them continued in their positions from the previous year and others were new ministry directors. The installation was held on January 10, 2016 during worship service. Pastor Armington presided over the charge as directors recited the pledge of commitment to their responsibilities. **Ministry Directors are:** Sharon Crosby-Administrative Office, Patsy Stephens-Annual Prayer Vigil, Dr. Henry Armington-Associate Ministers, John Jones-

Baptist Training Union, Edward Abner-Baptismal, Vivian Andrews-Beautification, Levi Craig-Benevolent, Arthur Green-Brotherhood & Mighty Men of Valor, Leon Price-Building & Maintenance, Delores Bryant-Calendar Clerk, Gwendolyn White-Christian Education, Beverly McCulloch-Church Clerk, Lorri Johnson-Church Climate, Queen Abner-Convalescent Home, Mereta Coulter-Culinary, Curley White-Chairman Deacon Board, Queen Abner-Deaconess, Deborah Lee-Event Coordinator, Leroy Bates-Finance, Levi Craig-Funeral/Bereavement, Karla McCulloch-Greeters, Vivian Andrews-Historian, Levi Craig-Homebound Communion, Leon Price-Homebound Sunday School, Leroy Bates-Landscape, Cassandra Ragster-Liturgical Arts, Willie Stephens-Media/Library, Ethel Harvey-Membership Intake, Ethel Harvey-Mid-Week Bible Study, Sharon Williams-Mission, Johnny Shepherd-Music, Vivian Andrews-New Members Orientation, Beverly Parker-Newsletter, Patsy Stephens-Noon Day Bible Study, Aisha Williams-Praise Dance/MIMES; John Mosley-Prison/Jail Outreach, Beverly McCulloch-Recognition/Announcement, Marian Harris-Scholarship, Beverly Haynes-Shepherd Encouragers, Rosalind McKinney-Sick & Shut-In, Larry Woodard-Sunday School, Barbara Adams-Telecommunication, Gary Harris-Transportation, Rickey Lee-Trustee, Mary Barnes-Ushers, Sherri Barber-Website, Deborah Lee-Wedding Coordinator, and Cassandra Ragster-Youth.

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## PHBC MINISTRY OF THE QUARTER “The Culinary Ministry”



They work long, hard hours preparing meals and treats for PHBC members, guests, and friends, and they do it all with a smile! The **Culinary Ministry**, named as “**Ministry of the Quarter**” has earned this recognition many times over.



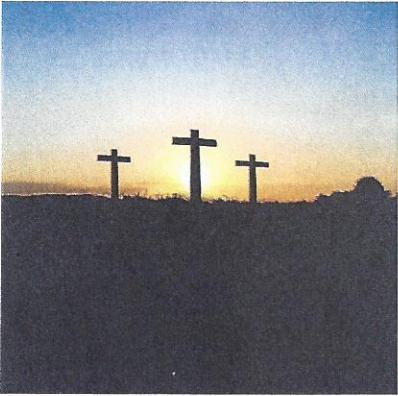
PHBC sponsors many activities throughout the year whereby meals are needed to be prepared and served; the PHBC family has the Culinary Ministry to thank for their tireless, dedicated effort in being this arm of support for the church. **Sis. Mereta Coulter** serves as Director and sees to it that when it comes to the set up

and clean up duties for banquets, anniversary celebrations, receptions, and other special occasions, the Culinary Ministry is on the job.

The PHBC family thanks the Culinary Ministry for all it does to provide delicious meals, service and warm hospitality to everyone—whether a member or a guest. You are appreciated!

# THE REAL MEANING OF EASTER

By Beth Patch, Ministries Producer



According to the Bible Dictionary, Easter, also called Easter Sunday, is an annual Christian festival in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, as calculated according to tables based in Western churches on the Gregorian calendar and in Orthodox churches on the Julian calendar.

Beth Patch wrote that the best way to understand the real meaning of Easter would be from Jesus. The real meaning is a three word answer ... the new covenant.

## The New Covenant

Jesus had come in town for the Passover celebration and was getting ready to be betrayed by one of the disciples, publicly humiliated and mocked, beaten beyond recognition, and hung on a cross to die, when he made his special request for his followers to remember that He gave his body for us and poured out his blood as a sacrifice for us. The heart of Easter lies in his words, "the new covenant between God and his people."

In Luke 22 we get a picture of the night before his death: When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you." [Luke 22:14-20](#)

## Passover and the New Covenant

Since the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, people were destined to be separated from God because of their sin. God's Spirit rested on the Patriarchs of our faith, but was not poured out on the masses. The Holy of Holies was the innermost and most sacred part of the tabernacle and ordinary people of faith would never get to have access to this place where God's presence could be found. We were hopeless in our sins and distanced from God. People of faith offered up animal sacrifices according to the laws given to Moses to ask God to forgive their sins and have mercy on them. Bulls, goats, and lambs each had their significance. But the lamb had special meaning because it was lamb's blood the Israelites painted on their doorposts to avoid death on the night of Passover. ([Exodus 12:11-13](#))

God gave Moses and Aaron specific instructions on how to honor God with annual Passover celebrations. Lamb is the pinnacle of the Passover meal. The lambs were to be spotless and even lived with the families for several days before they were sacrificed, adding to the understanding that the ultimate sacrifice was close to the hearts of those whose sins were atoned for. All of the many interesting details of celebrating Passover have significant meaning that point to the ultimate Passover lamb - Jesus Christ - a sinless God-man who lived among the people for a season.

What is the real meaning of Easter? In [John 1:29](#), as he sees Jesus approaching, John the Baptist announces to the crowd around him, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

He knew that Jesus was the son of God, the long awaited Messiah, the one whom God's prophets had promised to save mankind from their sins and to give them a deep heartfelt relationship with God the Father. The new covenant would be an everlasting covenant. ([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#), [Jeremiah 32:39-42](#), [Isaiah 55:3](#)) Jesus, our sacrificial lamb, our Savior, our God, our Redeemer - he laid down his life as our sacrificial lamb to pay for our sins. When he rose from the dead three days later, he gave victory over eternal separation from God (death) to all who put their faith and trust in him. That is the new covenant - everlasting life spent with God through faith in all that Jesus Christ has done and continues to do.



# A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST

## Test your knowledge of events leading to the Resurrection

(answers found on page 12)

### Across

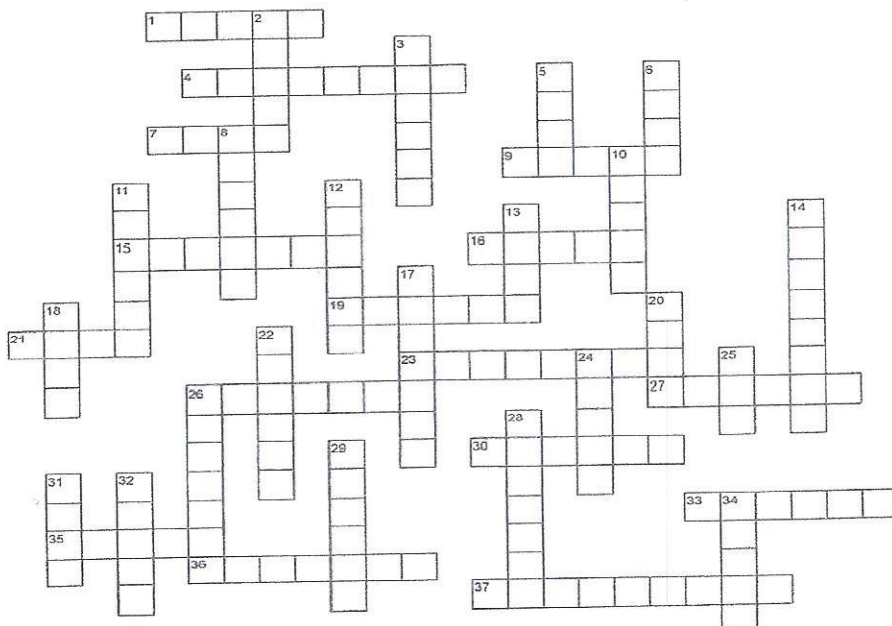
1. Disciples fell asleep \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus left to pray
4. The high priest
7. Judas gave Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ to point him out
9. The disciples thought that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_
15. Executed with Jesus
16. On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of Passover, disciples asked Jesus for Passover meal location
19. Herod sent Jesus back to \_\_\_\_\_
21. Asked why she was crying by Jesus
23. The place where people were executed
26. "Your spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, but your body is weak"
27. This disciple wanted proof that Jesus returned
30. Jesus refused to \_\_\_\_\_ himself
33. Galilee People had a different \_\_\_\_\_ to people in Jerusalem
35. The tomb of Jesus was guarded by \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers
36. Jesus was from \_\_\_\_\_
37. People in the crowd wanted Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

### Down

2. Judas was given thirty silver \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus was buried in a tomb in a \_\_\_\_\_ owned by Joseph
5. When he returned, Jesus had bread and \_\_\_\_\_ with his disciples

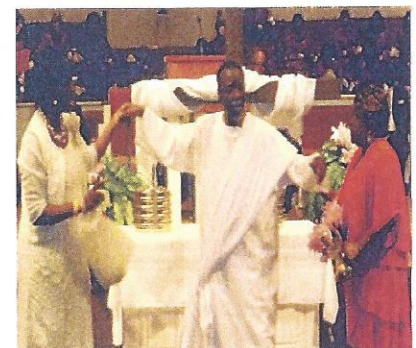
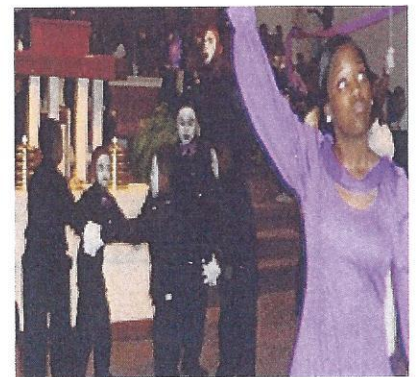
### Down

6. Wouldn't kill Jesus during Passover, feared a \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mary Magdalene and others went to put \_\_\_\_\_ on the body of Jesus
10. Jesus prayed for strength against temptation for about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
11. Judas wanted to know payment to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
12. He asked Pilate for the body of Jesus
13. Jesus was offered cheap \_\_\_\_\_ to dull his pain
14. Freed criminal
17. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ before being crucified
18. They mocked Jesus, saying "\_\_\_\_\_, king of the Jews."
20. Herod made fun of Jesus and his soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
22. After Jesus prayed, he found the disciples \_\_\_\_\_
24. Peter denied knowing Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times
25. Jesus was asked if he was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
26. Pilate ended his involvement by \_\_\_\_\_ his hands
28. Judas referred to Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_
29. "\_\_\_\_\_, this man was the son of God"
31. A servant \_\_\_\_\_ accused Peter of being with Jesus
32. Carried cross for a badly beaten Jesus
34. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ after denying Jesus



## EASTER CELEBRATION AT PHBC

The Easter program was presented during Sunday morning worship service. Members and visitors were treated to special presentations in honor of Jesus Christ by the Liturgical Ministry. Sis. Cassandra Ragster (Ministry Director) and her team: Linda Sherman, Brittna Bethune, Mary Houston, Dorothy Bates, Shirley Cooper, Minister Thomas Smith, Karla McCulloch, and Tyrone Lott entertained the crowd with a skit titled, "Down from the Cross," and the MIMES and Majestic Praise Dancers performed beautifully honoring the Lord. Both presentations were well done and appreciated by the congregation.



# HAPPY 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY FROM T

## Banquet



Rebecca Green - Coordinator

What a wonderful finale to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 100th Anniversary celebration, fully in line with the theme, "Rooted in Faith, Reflecting God's Glory" - Colossians 2:7. The activities from the banquet held January 30th to the Convoy on February 13 starting at the Abbie Street location to the current Lakeshore Drive location, to the anniversary on Love Day, February 14, 2016, would be hard to surpass. The anniversary celebration was chaired by Sis. **Mattie McCulloch**, along with the support of her committee. Coordinators included Sis. **Rebecca Green** (banquet), Sis. **Vivian Andrews** (souvenir book), and Sis. **Terri Anderson-Scott** (convoy).

The banquet keynote speaker was **Bishop William Brown, Senior Pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church** in Meridian, Mississippi. Bishop Brown provided an uplifting sermon as he addressed his text from Matthew 20:25-27. The entire event was well done and included several local gospel artists. The toastmaster was the **Reverend Arthur Douglas, Jr., Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church**. Pastor Douglas provided a great deal of humor as he entertained the crowd with numerous jokes and funny stories.



On anniversary day, amidst a sea of the anniversary colors: red, black and white worn by enthusiastic members, the 8:00 a.m. service featured the **Rev. Barry Joffrion**, Pastor of Bossier Missionary Baptist Church in Bossier City. His text was taken from Acts 2:42-46, and he addressed the topic, "A resolution for God's Church," in which he encouraged the congregation to resolve to stick with the church and keep God in their resolution. **Dr. Theron Jackson**, Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church, was the guest minister for the 11:00 a.m. service. His text was taken from I Corinthians 18:8 as he addressed the topic, "A Certain Sound." He stressed the point that the word of God still stands, even in a changing world. The committee did an outstanding job of intertwining a variety of musical guests into the church services, which included **Doug Williams and Andre Tate**, both Grammy Award winners with the Williams Brothers singing group, and **Huey Williams**, legendary singer with the Jackson Southernaires.



The Culinary Ministry was point as usual, doing what they do best. At the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. service, members and guests were treated to a continental breakfast. After the 11:00 a.m. service, members and guests received an extra special treat as they were served with a full, delicious buffet dinner. Everyone absolutely enjoyed the meal and was very appreciative of the efforts of the Culinary Ministry and the hospitality they demonstrated in serving both meals.



Sis. McCulloch spoke on behalf of the committee by thanking all who assisted them in the planning and preparations for all of the events. Sis. McCulloch presented First Lady, **Sis. Katherine Armington** with a Valentine's gift on behalf of the committee. Pastor Armington also expressed his appreciation to the Anniversary Committee, the guest musicians, and PHBC members for their participation and support of this 100th year celebration.



Bishop William Brown & Mrs. Brown, Pastor & Mrs. Armington, Pastor Arthur Douglas & Mrs. Douglas



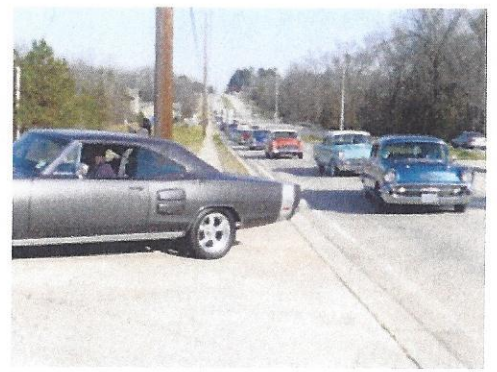
Banquet Committee



Anniversary Committee

# THE PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY!

## Convoy



## Worship After Convoy



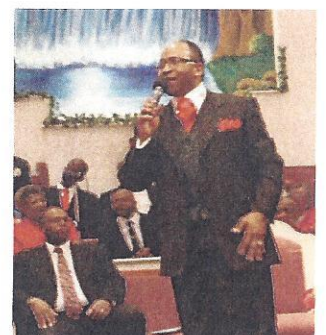
## Anniversary Day



Pastor Armington with Rev. Barry Joffrion



Dr. Theron Jackson with Pastor Armington



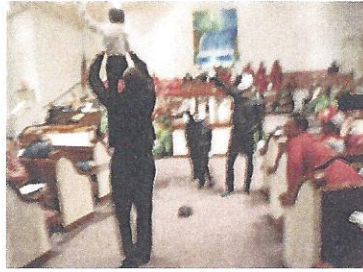
Pastor Armington Sings

# PHBC 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## *Anniversary Day*



Musicians: Johnny Shepherd & Lesia Browning



MIMES Ministry



First Lady Katherine Armington receives gift



Pastor & Mrs. Armington, pose with singers, Andre Tate and Doug & Felicia Williams



Dinner served after worship

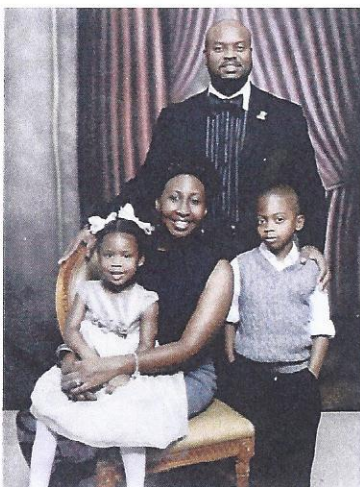


Beautiful decorations by Anniversary Committee

## *The 100th Year Anniversary was Celebrated by Families, Members and Friends*



*The Woodlands  
Dynasty  
2014*





# DEACON PROFILE

## Deacon Rickey B. Lee



**HOMETOWN:** Shreveport, Louisiana  
**EDUCATION:** Bethune High School, 1969; Southern University at Shreveport, 1971  
**MILITARY:** United States Army (one of the last draftees to be called to serve)  
**EMPLOYMENT:** Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP), 1974; positions held: Meter Reader, Journeyman Troubleshooter, and Supervisor of Distribution Systems  
**JOB SERVICE:** Served on the Executive Board of IBEW Local 329  
**AWARDS:** Received an Electrical Certification from ICS Learning Systems, 1994  
**RETIREMENT:** December 31, 2012 (having rendered 38 years of service to the electrical industry and customers in the Shreveport-Bossier area)  
**UNITED WITH PHBC:** 1961 (lifelong member for over 50 years)  
**ORDAINED:** October 1978

**SERVICE:** Chairman of the Trustee Board, Divisional Superintendent of Sunday School, Director of the Tape Ministry, and former Chairman of the Deacon Board

**FAMILY:** Married to Sis. Deborah Lee for 41 years, this union has welcomed two children (Angela and Jeremy) and four grandchildren (Taylor, Austyn, Kennedi, and Kendall)

**HOBBIES/INTRESTS:** Die-hard Dallas Cowboys and Golden State Warriors fan, coaching little league basketball and football, mentoring young boys and offering them a positive, male role model

**PHILOSOPHY:** "I remain true to my calling – rendering myself as a living sacrifice to my church family. From childhood to adulthood, 'The Hill' has held a special place in my heart ... my philosophy in life has always been to give my best and to be the best that I can be...even when no one is watching. My relationship with God provides me with the assurance that my reward in heaven will far exceed any offerings on Earth."

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 3:5-6: *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

### Members Assigned to Deacon Rickey Lee

Johnnie Allen  
 Hermean Anderson  
 JaDerious Anderson  
 Brandon Bates  
 Catherine A. Bates  
 Dorothy Bates  
 Leroy Bates  
 Walter Bradley

Shirley Brown  
 Eddie J. Coleman  
 A'mareyon L. Hall  
 Bruce Hall  
 Kenneth Harris  
 Cassandra P. Jackson  
 Earnest Jackson  
 DeBorah T. James

Debra A. Jordan  
 Ca'Taurius A. Mason  
 Charles L. Mock  
 Annie Pouncey  
 Tanika Richardson  
 Andrea R. Small  
 Velma Walker  
 Vincine A. Walker

Earnest Wiley Jr.  
 James Williams  
 LaDonna Williams  
 Alexandria Wilson  
 Anthony Wilson  
 Felicia S. Wilson  
 Kenneth Zachary

### PHBC ORDAINS NEW DEACONS

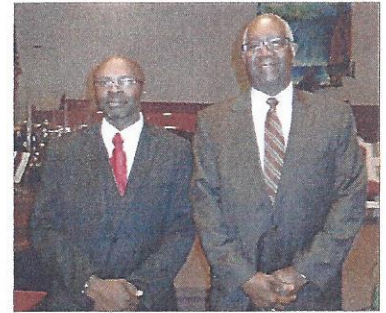
Three deacons were ordained on February 14, 2016: Nathaniel Sewell, Leroy Bates, and Willie Stevens. The deacons went through six months of training and after having passed catechism and other requirements, they became full-fledged deacons at PHBC. Two deacons who united with PHBC, Bro. Charles Glover and Bro. Willie Coleman were accepted on the deacon board after having gone through the required prerequisites.



Ministers and Deacons pray for new Deacons



Nathaniel Sewell, Leroy Bates, and Willie Stevens



Charles Glover and Willie Coleman

# YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

## Steven DeWare Epperson

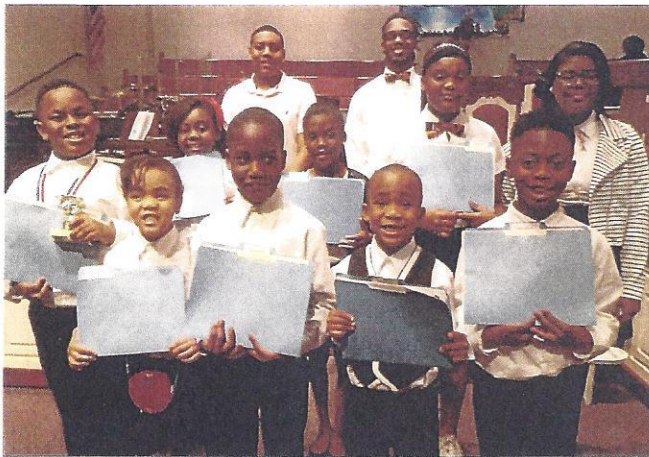


Congratulations to **Steven D. Epperson** for his scholastic achievement! Steven has been a scholar throughout his public school days and continues to excel now as a college student. He graduated from Captain Shreve High School in 2014 in the top 10% of his class. Currently, he is a sophomore at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. In just a brief span of time, Steven became the recipient of numerous awards for academic excellence from the following organizations: National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society; and Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. To date, Steven has maintained an overall 3.5 GPA. Also, he has been serving in the Louisiana Army National Guard for two years and is currently ranked Specialist (E-4).

Steven is majoring in International Studies with a concentration in the Middle East; his minor is Mandarin Chinese. His career goal is to become a translator for the United Nations. Steven is currently raising funds to study abroad this summer in Morocco and has created a web-site for contributions: [www.gofundme.com/cd54aaka](http://www.gofundme.com/cd54aaka).

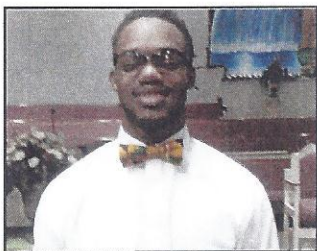
Steven was born and reared in Shreveport and united with PHBC in September 2015. He is the 20-year old son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Patricia Epperson, also members of PHBC. His personal goal is to learn to play the piano and would ultimately become a part of the church's music ministry. He said, "The best advice I ever received from my father was when he encouraged me to work twice as hard to get half of what the next person gets ... and now that I am older, I understand what he meant by that advice because working hard is the key to my success – and also praying for God's guidance."

## Youth in the Spotlight



As customary, PHBC recognized several young people who made the honor roll or received perfect attendance or attained other achievements, during a nine-week period, from their schools or their communities. The special recognitions were

held on Sunday, February 21, 2016, during worship service.



Congratulations to **Arthur Cooper "A.C." Gilliam Jr.**, for receiving a four-year football scholarship to the University of Arkansas- Pine Bluff. Currently, A.C. is an honor roll student at Evangel Christian Academy and was a top first team linebacker and running back during the past football season.

The children below were selected to represent each month in the first quarter for the "Smile of a Child" Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to shine the spotlight on young children up to the ages of five (5) to spark interest in the youth and to make them feel special.

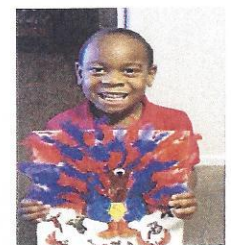
**January:** Twins –  
Kendal & Kevin  
Stevenson



**February:**  
Kennedi Jae Lee



**March:**  
Jordin Timmons



# NEW MEMBER MINISTRY PRESENTS

## *First New Members Reception*



Winzer Andrews (Asst. Director) & Vivian Andrews (Director) New Members Orientation Ministry

The New Member Orientation Ministry coordinated the first "New Member Reception" on January 10, 2016 after the conclusion of worship services in the PHBC Fellowship Hall. New members who united with PHBC under the leadership of Dr. Henry Armington, as of September 14, 2014, were honored. Since becoming pastor of PHBC, 115 new members had united with the church. This was an important and great feat to accomplish, especially when several local churches have experienced a declining congregation, PHBC enjoyed a steady climb in membership. The Culinary Ministry assisted by preparing and serving a continental breakfast.

The purpose of the New Member Orientation Ministry is to acquaint new members with mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and to provide suggested methods of Bible study along with key scripture references for the fellowship of

the New Testament Church. The four-week curriculum is taught each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. All four sessions must be completed before the right hand of fellowship. A meeting with Pastor Armington is required before participation in the ministry of choice. The ministry, led by Sis. Vivian Andrews, will also coordinate and host the New Members Reception to be held every two years, which will include the presentation of the "Spirit of Hope Award".



New Members Orientation Ministry

## SISTER MATTIE McCULLOCH

### *Presented with the "2015 Spirit of Hope Award"*



L-R: Pastor Henry Armington, Sis. Mattie McCulloch & Sis. Katherine Armington

During the New Members Reception, Pastor Armington presented the first "Spirit of Hope Award" to Sis. Mattie McCulloch. The award was created by Pastor Armington as a show of his appreciation to the member who brought in the most individuals to unite with the church. Expressing her delight over the award, Sis. McCulloch said, "I was totally surprised, but after the shock of my name being called as the "2015 Spirit of Hope and Fisher of Men Award Recipient," I was so humbled, grateful and thankful to be honored for reaching souls for Christ at this household of faith where I worship, serve, and praise the Lord. I am truly excited for the new saints for the Savior at "The Hill" and appreciative that the Lord allowed me to touch somebody's life and impact their decision to unite here. I also want to give a very special 'Thank You' to our visionary leader, the Rev. Dr. Henry L.

Armington, for this awesome challenge to impact souls for kingdom building. Truly "The Hill" is walking into its new season, so let's just keep marching onward to Zion, that beautiful city of God!"

## PHBC PRESENTS 2016 MEN & WOMEN CONFERENCE

The PHBC Annual Men & Women Conference was held Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2016 which showcased inspiring speakers, luncheon, and worship service. The Friday instructors were Pastor Ronald Perkins of Greater Zion Mission Baptist Church, and Sis. Dorothy Gardner of New Inspiration Baptist Church. The speaker was the Rev. Paul Marshall, Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana. The Saturday luncheon presented performing artist, Sis. Monica Mickle, and speaker Minister Diane Frazier of Willing Vessels Ministry, Dallas, Texas. The Conference concluded with Sunday worship service which featured the Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Pastor of New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi. Dr. Gwendolyn White, Coordinator and Dea. Arthur Green and Sis. Renee Walker, Chairpersons.



L-R: Pastor Ronald Perkins, Dorothy Gardner, Arthur Green, Pastor Armington, William Kessie, Renee Walker, and Pastor Paul Marshall



L-R: Pastor Armington, Dr. Gwendolyn White, Minister Diane Frazier, and Monica Mickle



Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin and Pastor Armington

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Joining the PHBC Family December 27, 2015 - March 27, 2016

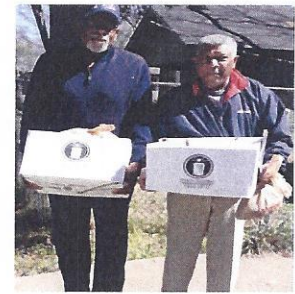
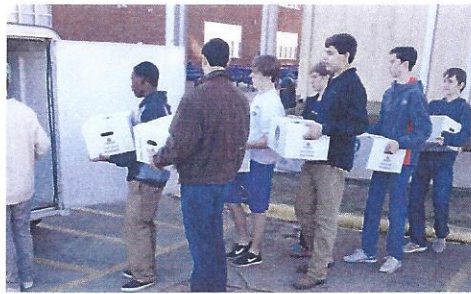
Daniel Alaniz	Perry Brown	Stanley Hall	James Jackson	Leola Rhodes
Lois Autrey	Kenneth Epperson	Terri Hamilton	Linda Jones	John Simon
De'Marcus Brown	Janet Evans	Brooklyn Hines	Tiffany McVaigh	Terri Watkins

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## PHBC Community Outreach



Members of **The Brotherhood** assists students in the **Byrd High School Key Club** to pack, load, and deliver boxes of food to families during the 2015 Christmas Food Drive. They also visited the sick and shut-in to bring cheer.



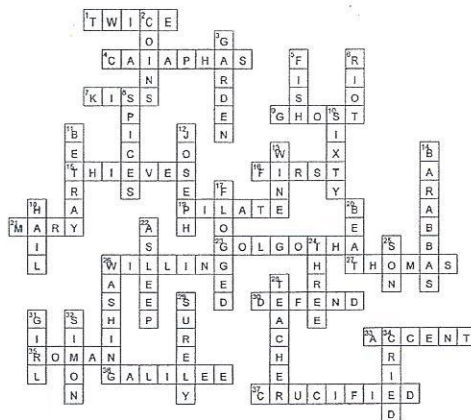
## PHBC Upcoming Events & Activities

- \*Christian Leadership School, April 9
- \*PHBC Annual Spring Revival, April 18-20
- \*Annual Mission Day, May 29
- \*Vacation Bible School, June 13-16
- \*Scholarship Banquet, June 25

### PHBC Weekly Services:

Sunday School – 8:55 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
 Baptismal – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
 Child Dedication – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
 The Lord's Supper – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 BTU – 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 – 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Noonday Prayer  
 – 12:00 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
 Home Sunday School  
 – 10:00 a.m. - Sat. before 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
 Home Communion  
 – 10:00 a.m. – Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

### Answers to Puzzle



### Newsletter Ministry



L-R: Cassandra Ragster, Dorothy Bates, Shelford Wilson, Annie Phillips, Beverly Parker (Director)

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