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The River Jordan

A Note from the Pastor



The sententious brief saying setting forth practical wisdom of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel (30:28) revealed that “*A lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in king’s palaces*”. Beloved, what could a tiny lizard possibly teach us? It teaches the rewards of persistence which “takes it to the top”.

Another has said, “The race is not always to the swift but to those who keep on running”. Among other things, fulfilling God’s will for our lives is reaching our total God-given human and spiritual potential. We don’t have to be geniuses to do this, but we do need to be persistent and keep on keeping on regardless of our circumstances.

The Apostle Paul experienced all sorts of trials and setbacks. He was shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, whipped and beaten, and thrown in jail for promoting Christianity. He knew firsthand what it was to experience loneliness, cold and hunger. And he penned some of his great letters to the churches while in prison as did John Bunyan with his Pilgrim’s Progress when he was in prison.

I listened to a preacher some time ago, a preacher who had cerebral palsy and struggled with every word he spoke. I was deeply moved. God used this man to influence hundreds of lives for all eternity. If ever I saw persistence it was in this man. In spite of his debilitating handicap he reached his top and was maximizing his full potential.

God has a plan and life-purpose for each of us, too. To achieve it, it won’t happen without dedication, commitment, hard work and persistence. As Paul wrote in 2nd Corinthians 4:1, “It is God himself in his mercy, who has given us this wonderful work ... and so we never give up”.

Eulogia,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.".

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PHBC FEATURED MEMBER

By Beverly Parker

Sister Eddie T. Youngblood



The light is shining brightly on **Sis. Eddie T. Youngblood**, our featured member in this edition of "The Hill Messenger." She is truly a servant of God, one who has used the musical talent that He blessed her with to glorify His name far back as the 1970s. If you are relatively new to PHBC, you may not be aware of Sis. Youngblood's years of dedicated musical service, not only to PHBC, but to other churches and gospel groups as well. When I walked into her home and saw all of the awards and acknowledgements displayed on the walls that she received over the years, I could clearly see what a wonderful servant she has been in the field of gospel music. Sis. Youngblood is very aware of her special gift as she noted with pride, "I was blessed with a skill and a gift that is my anointing ... it is a God-given talent for music and I am grateful that He has allowed me to worship Him and praise Him through my music ministry."

Sis. Youngblood was born in 1936 in Benton, Louisiana, to the late Eddie Lee English and Willie Grey Washington. At the age of eight, her stepfather and mother moved the family to Shreveport. She is a product of the Caddo Parish School System, attending schools such as Brooks Street Elementary, Central High School, and Booker T. Washington High School. Ultimately, she earned her high school equivalency diploma.

After her family began attending PHBC, she was baptized in 1945 under the pastorship of the late Reverend D.V. Martin. Sis. Youngblood recognized her gift of musical talent at age 11. Although she did not have a piano, the late Sis. Christine Edwards, who was a gifted musician in her own right began to teach her to play and she quickly learned the keys. By the age of 12, she began playing music for Sunday School. Her life-long musical career as an accompanist to the general choir began when, at age 17, Sis. Youngblood became the pianist for PHBC and served for a remarkable 46 years!

Aside from her musical career, Sis. Youngblood was employed for many years in the shipping and handling department at United Warehousing in Shreveport until retirement. In 1988, she began employment at Pizza Hut where she enjoyed a successful work environment counseling and mentoring the young employees who were met with various life challenges. When she retired in 1998, the company acknowledged her with a plaque for 10 years of service.

Sis. Youngblood has provided musical service in various capacities at Pleasant Hill which includes the general choir, Sunday School, noon day service, and playing for various programs and church activities. Over the years of her service, she organized the Shreveport Gospelsing group who performed at numerous gospel concerts in Shreveport and surrounding cities and also in the state of Texas. She played for Magnolia Baptist Church in Vanceville, Louisiana; Stonewall Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana; and Friendship Baptist Church of Forbing, Louisiana. Although Sis. Youngblood retired years ago from her duty as piano accompanist for the choirs at PHBC, she continues to serve the church by playing the organ for the weekly noon day service. A few of the many awards she has received for outstanding service through song and music include the "Living Legend Gospel Music Hall of Fame Award" in 2010 for her years in the gospel music ministry and the "Rare Jewel Award" in 2015 from PHBC.

Sis. Youngblood is the mother of three children: Rickey English of Queens, New York; Dianne Frazier of Dallas, Texas; and Vivian Andrews (Winzer). She is the grandmother of twins, Brandon and Brandi Winzer, who along with daughter Vivian are also members of PHBC.

Her favorite Bible scripture is 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.*" In closing, Sis. Youngblood said, "I don't have to worry about things because God has provided everything I need ... and I'm grateful that I know the Lord."

PHBC MINISTRY OF THE QUARTER

"THE SENIOR USHERS"



One would be hard-pressed to find an usher group more dedicated, hard-working, and focused than the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church **Senior Ushers**, and that is why they are selected as the **"Ministry of the Quarter."** They have a huge membership and are meticulously dressed for each Sunday worship, eagerly ready to fulfill their duties. The group, led by Sis. **Mary Barnes**, is comprised of men and women who love what they do: greeting members and visitors, leading them to seats in the pews, following the church etiquette (as to when to allow late-comers to enter), and performing various other pertinent duties.

What is also spectacular about the Senior Ushers is that they undertake activities in the community on behalf of the church. For instance, they have initiated a food drive whereby they collect non-perishable items to give to low-income citizens, the elderly and others who may be in need. They make periodic announcements to the congregation about the drive and encourage members to donate needed items. The food drive has been successful as tons of food has been donated by the congregation in a pleasant spirit of cooperation.

The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is pleased to thank this awesome group of men and women for the stellar service they provide and for the hospitality they continue to show to visitors and friends. We salute you!



PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH HONORS THE "MOTHER OF THE CHURCH"

Sister Apples Guice



On Mother's Day, May 8, 2016, **Sis. Apples Guice**, the designated "Mother of PHBC" was honored. She was recognized for several reasons: celebration of her 100th birthday, having been a member of PHBC for 80 years, and for the proclamation she received by Caddo Parish. The proclamation was arranged by Caddo Commissioner Kenneth Epperson, who is also a member of Pleasant Hill. Some of Sis. Guice's family members were on hand to witness the presentation to her by Bro. Epperson and Pastor Armington.

After worship service, a love donation was collected for Sis. Guice, and her family posed with her for a group photo.

L-R: Pastor & Mrs. Henry Armington, Henry Hewitt (nephew), Dymilah Hewitt (niece), Bro. Kenneth Epperson, and Mother Guice (seated)



INTRODUCING PHBC'S "NEW MINISTER OF MUSIC"

The PHBC Family is very pleased and excited at the arrival of **Minister Sonya Hester**. As the new **"Minister of Music"** at PHBC, Minister Hester said, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity for global ministry, and I'm of the belief that private preparation dismisses public humiliation." She has indeed had years of preparation that will give her most all she will need to direct the choirs at PHBC. Minister Hester began her music ministry at the age of eight and by the age of nine, she began directing her first choir. She also has years of previous experience serving as Minister of Music. Minister Hester is employed as Associate Professor of English at Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA). During her 23-year career at SUSLA, she has also used her musical talent to direct the school's gospel choir. The PHBC Family welcomes Minister

FATHER'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

“My Father, My Friend, My Hero”

by Nikita Glover Lewis



Charles Glover

A few things I love and have only come to appreciate in recent years is the patience, discipline, and love that my father, **Charles Glover**, has shown me all throughout my life. He has been a great inspiration to me.

Throughout the years my dad has played vital roles often having to fill the space left by my mother. From combing my hair to helping me pick out my dress for prom, he made sure I had everything that I needed. He's shown me how to ride a bike, drive a car (he has nerves of steel), and how to make the best baked pork chops in the world!

My dad has also taught me the importance of hard work and sacrifice not by only his words but through his examples. He has always been the one who readily listens to my troubles and concerns. Also, he gives his best advice whether I want to hear it or not. Most recently he hosted a gender reveal party for me and my husband in which he and his lovely wife put in hours of manpower to ensure everything was perfect.

No matter how old I get, I will always be his “baby girl.” He is my best friend and my father, and I am forever grateful that he is a part of my life.

I love you Daddy!

Nikita

Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Ephesians 6:4

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Psalms 127:3-4

3 “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” 4 “As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.”

MOTHER'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



“The Best Mother that Ever Happened to Me”

by Cynthia Henderson



Berdia Jackson

For every child who has been blessed to know a mother's love, we can see in their eyes how special a mother is to them. They would probably say that their mother is the best mother in the whole world. Well, I could write a book about how special my mother is to me, but it would never be completed because I could go on and on and on with reasons why I have the best mother in the whole world. It doesn't take a lot of fancy words or even a few big words; it would only take the right words -- just the truth.

My mother is a kindhearted, dedicated Christian woman, who loves her God, her family and her church more than anything in this world. She truly has genuine love for everyone whom she has been blessed to know. She is loving, caring, compassionate, giving, devoted and trustworthy, and in my eyes, I feel she has a heart that is too big for one person to possess.

She truly has a special place in her heart for children. Although she loves her own children, she still has a lot of love for other children and treats them as equal to her own. I remember as a kid being jealous because she would show as much affection to other kids as she would for my siblings and me. She was always doing something for others without complaining or expecting anything in return. I would ask her, “Why are you always doing stuff for other people?” Well, my mother does everything from the heart and not for show, for she is always real, and so many times she does things anonymously. It wasn't until I was older that I realized my mother is special and God gave her that big heart of hers, and this why she is loved by so many.

I am and will always be proud of my mother because of the unmeasurable love and sacrifices she made for my siblings and me. We were always happy kids! Like I said, I could write a book, but it would never be completed ... so I'll simply say, “Thanks mother for being the best mother that ever happened to me!”

Your daughter,

Cynthia



Proverbs 31:10, 25-30

10 *“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”*

25 *“Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.”*

26 *“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”*

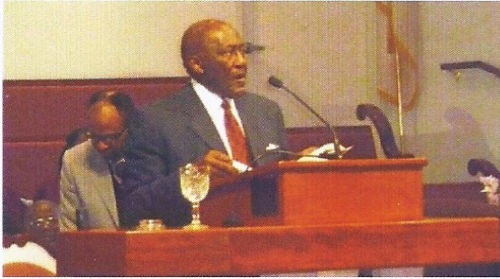
27 *“She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.”*

28 *“Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.”*

29 *“Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.”*

30 *“Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.”*

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HILL



**Pastor Harry Blake,
2016 Revival Guest Minister**



Revival Choir



Pastor Armington and Pastor Blake



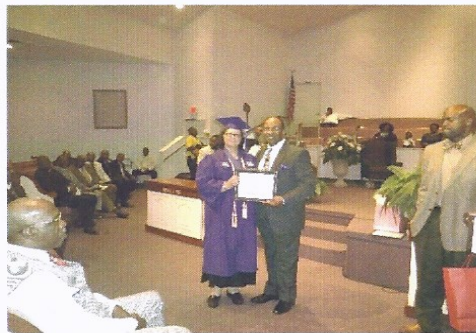
**Graduation Day
Pastor Armington presents Certificates
to Graduates**



Arthur Gilliam, Jr.



Brittina Bethune



Marilyn Persley



**Mary Houston accepts for Grandson,
Dominique McLemore**



Aakilah Harris



**Adriaunna Wade
2016 Student of the Year at Northside
Elementary School**



**Bria King and Mathew Pinchback at
13th District Competition Youth Rally**



MIMES perform on Father's Day

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HILL



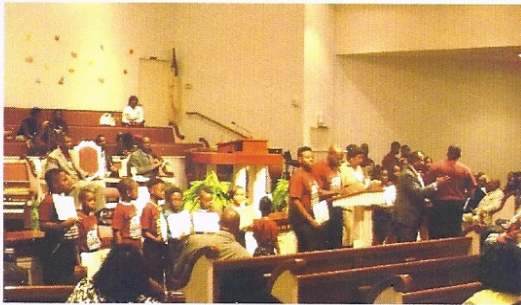
Promoting Golf Tournament



Presentation of Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students



Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students



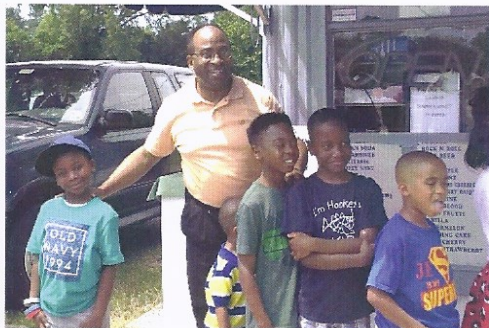
Presentation of Fourth Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students



Youths at Leadership School



Youth Director with STY Gang at Leadership School



Pastor Armington poses with children on "Save the Youth Day"



Children treated to snow cones during STY Day



STY Gang summer trip to Dallas Children Aquarium, African American Museum, Celebration Station



Assistant Director poses With STY Youths



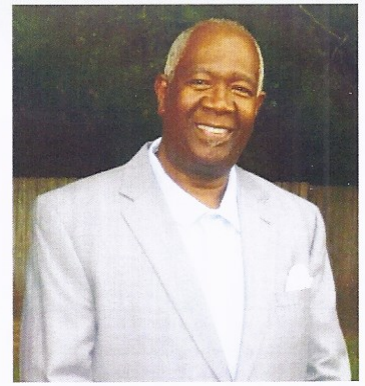
STY Gang summer pose



Balloon Ministry Release in Tyler, Texas

DEACON PROFILE

Deacon Willie Coleman



Deacon Willie Coleman began worshipping at Pleasant Hill one year ago and later decided to become a member. His reasons for joining were the emphasis that the church places on "Kingdom Building" and because it is a "church on the move." Having served as a deacon at his former church, he made the decision to continue on in this ministry and after completing the required prerequisites, Bro. Coleman began serving as a PHBC deacon. Here are some facts to help the congregation in getting to know Deacon Coleman:

HOMETOWN: Columbus, Mississippi

EDUCATION: Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi

EMPLOYMENT: Over 30 years as a Senior IT Analyst; currently employed at Lowe's as a Sales Specialist Plumbing

UNITED WITH PHBC: August 2015

ORDAINED: February 14, 2016

ORIGINALLY ORDAINED: February 21, 1993 at Little Union Baptist Church

FAMILY: Widower - Married 27 years to the love of his life, Linda Coleman (deceased); Children: twins – Kimberly and Kevin Coleman of Shreveport, Louisiana

HOBBIES/INTRESTS: Cooking, doing home makeovers, painting

PHILOSOPHY: "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3:1 and ff, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Members Assigned to Deacon Willie Coleman

Daniel Alaniz

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Bernstein

Alexis Bernstein

Tiffany McVaigh

Latonia Bernstine

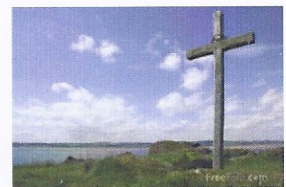
Joshua Wilson

Leah Bernstein

IN MEMORY

"Gone, but not forgotten"

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of deceased PHBC members:



Sis. Bertha Hines

Sunrise - June 30, 1923

Sunset - April 23, 2016

Deacon Roger Taylor

Sunrise - February 2, 1932

Sunset - April 25, 2016

FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

by Shelford Wilson

A near capacity crowd attended Pleasant Hill's first Annual Scholarship Banquet. The banquet's honoree was **Arthur Cooper Gilliam, Jr.**, (affectionately known as "A.C.") and a recent graduate at Evangel High School. The event began with a greeting/occasion, invocation and acknowledgement given by **Matthew Pinchback, Rev. Dr. Malcolm Bernstine and Arthur C. Gilliam, Jr.**, respectively. After a moving musical selection by **Johnny Shepherd**, a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all. During dinner, a PowerPoint presentation was shown depicting the honoree's formative years until his graduation from Evangel Christian Academy.



Dr. Lamar Goree, Arthur Gilliam, Jr., Pastor Armington

The speaker for the event was **Dr. Lamar Goree**, Superintendent of Caddo Parish Schools. He captured everyone's attention with his timely message. He challenged us to find ways to help others and not to shy away from leadership. He also reminded us that we should not let others define who we are but instead set our own goals and objectives and to define ourselves.

A.C. received the Jonah Taylor, Norma Grace Holmes Clark and Hazel C. Dudley Scholastic Scholarships which were presented by **Mr. Charles Mock, Ms. Teresa Clark and Ms. Zazell Dudley** respectively.

Ms. Arien Ragster's recognition of the honoree and all guests preceded remarks from the Scholarship Ministry Chairperson, **Mrs. Marian Harris**. Mrs. Harris thanked and recognized all those who gave of their time and energy to the success of the event. Also recognized were the parents of A.C., **Bro. Arthur and Sis. Margie Gilliam**. The event ended with closing remarks and a prayer by the **Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.**, Senior Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.



2016 BANQUET



The Hill Word Search

S A L S A H P L A Y G B A I D
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| GENESIS | GOD | HOLYSPIRIT |
| JESUS | LOVE | MALACHI |
| OMEGA | PASTORARMINGTON | PSALMS |
| REVELATIONS | SALVATION | SANCTIFY |

Word search solution found on Page 12

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

Peyton M. Comeaux

"ON THE MOVE"



Peyton Comeaux is indeed a young lady on the move! She has continued to make positive strides toward success for most of her life, beginning at infancy when she was dedicated at PHBC and up to the present. At the tender age of five, she was baptized at PHBC on March 18, 2001.

Peyton is a graduate of Captain Shreve High School and is currently a Social Work major at Southern University A&M in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At Southern, she is on the Dean's List, a Jim Etta Lee Memorial Scholarship recipient, President of the National Association of Black Social Workers, and Secretary of the Social Work Action Club. She is also a mentor with the Big Buddy Program in Baton Rouge.

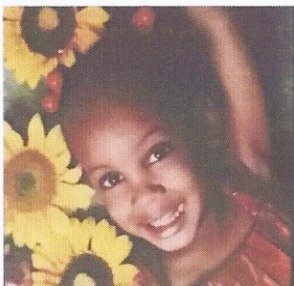
As Peyton grew, she developed an interest in dancing, especially the art of teaching dance. She enjoys community work because it prepares her for a career in social work. Peyton wants to attend the master's program at Howard University and upon receiving her degree, she plans to become a social worker, specializing in the adoption and foster care system or with victims of domestic violence. Her long-range plans are to initiate a foster home that serves as a boarding school and offer many different enrichment opportunity to elevate and enrich the quality of life for foster children.

Peyton is the daughter of **Bro. Rick and Sis. Jacqueline Comeaux**. She says that the best advice she ever received from her mother is, "Listen to understand – not to reply." From Deacon Winzer Andrews (whom she calls 'Papa'), she said, "His best advice for me is pretty is as pretty does." When asked how she interpreted Bro. Winzer's advice, she said, "Pretty is as pretty does means to me that you are only as pretty on the outside as you are on the inside and regardless of how pretty and pleasing to the eye you may be, does your spirit, manners, and how you carry yourself match that beauty?" It appears that Peyton has adhered to this advice as she often demonstrates her inner beauty and kind spirit to all whom she meets. She is certainly a youth on the right path toward success!



Youth in the Spotlight

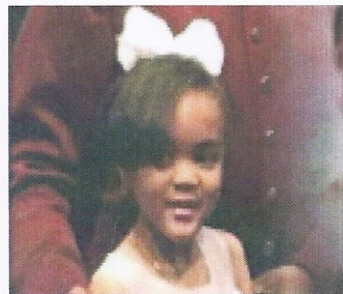
The children below were selected to represent each month from April thru July for the "Smile of a Child" Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to shine the spotlight on young children up to the ages of five (5) to spark interest in the youth and to make them feel special.



April Smile of a Child
Eluse Chelsea Flowers



May Smile of a Child
Zandria Lott



June Smile of a Child
Rhian Hickmon



July Smile of a Child
Hailey Armington

WOMEN OF DESTINY MINISTRY SPONSORS HAWAIIAN ESCAPE NIGHT OUT



The ladies at Pleasant Hill were treated to an extra special night of fun as they enjoyed the “Hawaiian Escape” on Friday, June 10, 2016, an outing sponsored by the **Women of Destiny**. The occasion was the first of its kind which was filled with many fun things such



as ice breakers, group activities, door prizes, and even line dancing. The food was without a doubt delicious and plentiful – God bless the cooks! All of the ladies looked delightful dressed in Hawaiian attire and flowers attached to their hair.

The purpose of the outing was to allow PHBC ladies to get to know one another in a different setting other than Sunday worship. An introduction of participants was led by **Sis. Gwendolyn White**. New members had an opportunity to meet long-time members as well as new members like themselves. Near the close of the outing, participants posed for group photos.

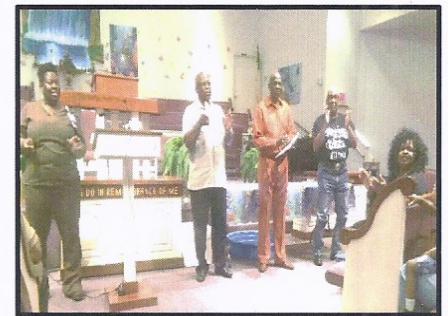
The night was absolutely awesome and enjoyed by all who attended the event. Many expressed that they are looking forward to the next outing. Kudos are certainly in order to **Sister Sharon Williams**, Women of Destiny/Mission Ministry Director, and her volunteers for planning such a wonderful evening for the PHBC ladies.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT PHBC



This year’s Vacation Bible School, held June 13-16, concluded successfully and left those who participated feeling strengthened and satisfied spiritually. The theme for VBS was “*Deep Sea Discovery – God is with me Wherever I Go.*” Youths and adults were exposed to wonderful teachers, activities, and powerful lessons from the Bible. PHBC thanks **Sis. Sherri Barber**, Director, and her team for undertaking this annual event and making it an enjoyable experience for all.



Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Joining the PHBC Family April 3 – July 31, 2016

Raven Barr
Chassidy Bell
Alexis Bernstine
Leah Bernstine
Latonia Bernstine

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Bernstine
Dan Evans
Rhian Hickmon
Jaelon Hines
Darius Jackson

Jacqueline Lee
Shelecia Matthews
Courtney McDaniel
Kendrick Powe
Susie Stull

Joshua Williams
Willie Williams

PHBC



Homecoming Day, August 14
Summer Revival, August 15-17
Brotherhood Ministry Mentor's Breakfast, September 10
Pastor's Anniversary, October 9
Veteran's Day Program, November 5
Family & Friend's Day, November 13

PHBC Weekly Services:

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

Word Search Solution

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Newsletter Ministry



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