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From the Pastor's Pen



Dear Member,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on another milestone of ministry. After 103 years, many have come and gone, passed from time into eternity, but Pleasant View marches on! We come from a rich heritage on our way to a bright tomorrow. And we never would have made it this far without the help of those Pleasant View Patriarchs of the past paving our way. We owe a great debt to their sacrifices, faith, and prayers.

I wanted not only to congratulate each of you; I wanted to commend each of you for your undying and unwavering commitment to this church, and the cause of Christ. I am not oblivious to all the challenges we have faced together this year as a church family. However, I am convinced more than ever that our trials only come to make us

strong. Our church family is (spiritually) stronger now than before. Neither am I unmindful of the financial struggles of the times but you continue to give cheerfully, consistently, and sacrificially to the support of the ministry. From the depths of my heart, Thank You! I commend you for sticking together! Celebration is in the air!

Finally, I want to challenge you. We have a great task before us! What shall we do to advance the Kingdom on our watch? What shall we leave for the next generation? The demands of building new facilities are upon this generation of Believers. Let us be determined not to do less than or disappoint previous generations, nor fail the next generation. Our challenge has arrived! Let us go out to meet it!

In Prayer,

Bruce J. Shaw, Sr.

Pastor

Preserving peace in the church by promoting the unity of the church

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

I Peter 3:8 (NIV)

Pleasant View's History



Rev. Elijah P. Marrs

Pleasant View Baptist Church was founded around 1900. People who were children at the time provided the only information available. After weighing all the facts, it is agreed that the Reverend Willie Minor and the

Reverend Elijah P. Marrs, in a small house in the 3800 block

of Bohne Street where the Southwick Housing Project was situated, founded the church before 1904. From its origin the congregation was under two pastors, the Reverend Willie Minor and the Reverend Tommie J. Lewis, and the tenure of their pastorate is unknown.

In this very small house, probably donated by one of its charter members for a prayer service and Bible class, these few people were about doing God's work in this settlement known to them as the "*New Additions.*" Along with her sister church, Marr's Memorial Baptist Church now at Cecil and Dumesnil, they were the only two churches in this vast area from Woodland south and 32nd Street west. Though unorganized, they continued to grow under the pastorate of Reverend Charles Jacob, who lived on Bohne Street. In the same year or prior to 1913, it was officially organized.

The deed for the first property showed the property was purchased from George W. and Amanda E. Grant, November 7, 1913. On June 23, 1915, our first church building was erected in the 3500 block on Southern Avenue. In 1919 Reverend Charles Jacob, due to failing eyesight and advanced years, resigned as pastor. Reverend William T. Ratliffe was then called to this city from Alabama. He was very talented and a well educated man, both in ministry and music. It was under his pastorate that the first Boy Scout Troop #38 was installed. He was a staunch supporter of Simmons University and the Louisville Leader (the only Negro paper at this time). He solicited financial support for the University and sold subscriptions for the newspaper for the betterment of the community (not for personal gain). During the time he labored with us, he also founded the Ratliffe Bible Institute in the 1300 block of Broadway. In 1923 he resigned to devote himself fully to this endeavor. The church then called Rev. R. L. Rhodes of New Albany, Indiana. He served until 1924.

In 1924 the church called Reverend H. A. Scott who was pastor at Pee Wee Valley, KY. He was also a student at Simmons and he enjoyed the longest pastorate of any of our eight pastors. In 1949 he left us and organized Scott's Golden Temple located in the 1300 block of Southern Avenue.

Reverend R. H. Talley was called in the fall of 1949; he served through 1950.

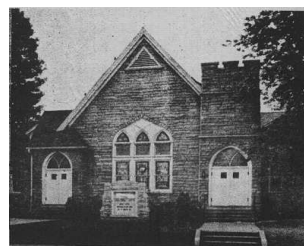


Southern Avenue

Reverend O. D. Jackson was called from Commerce, Georgia, in April 1951. The first six years were steady and routine. In 1951 we were informed that we would have to sell or move our church to make way for the Southwick School. The following five years were the most trying for both congregation and pastor. We knew that Urban Renewal was going to buy in this area,

but the most desirable spots to relocate were out of our financial reach. Southern Avenue looked like the Jordan River did to the children of Israel. In the midst of the five years we could see the clouds by day and the pillows of fire by night; but we had the assurance of God's presence.

The son of one our senior members, Mr. John Saunders, informed our deacons and trustees that he would sell part of his land in order that we would have a plot for the church. In doing so, the church was turned around and moved directly in front of where we had been situated from 1915-1957. Through the help of this man, we met the requirement for land space. We felt assured that this would be our home for many years to come after we met rigid construction requirements and had acquired enough land to expand. We had considered expansion with the community growing around us, but we were dealing with the City of Louisville. Despite all the improvements we had made in moving, none of them met Urban renewal's requirements. Before the church house had rested on its new foundation, it had to be sold.



Catalpa Street

It was a joyous occasion when the trustees informed us that we had secured a site, 1310 Catalpa. The contract was closed moving day, Sunday, May 7, 1961. That day may have reminded one of the crossing of Jordan.

Service was held as usual at the Southern Avenue site and closed at our present location. The route planned for the motorcade was through 36th Street to Dumesnil and Dumesnil east to Catalpa; but due to heavy rain we had to take Southern Avenue, which was partially covered at 34th. But we made it through."

From Reverend Jacob to Reverend Scott, there is a name that has not been heretofore mentioned, Rev. Luke Coffee; He served this church in many ways between pastors as acting pastor, assistant pastor, Sunday School Superintendent,

Sunday School Teacher, first Scoutmaster, President of the Baptist Young People's Union (known as B.T.U. – Baptist Training Union), and occasionally janitor. There are many testimonies as to the noble character, preacher and Christian this man was. He was always present, would work anywhere he was needed and he lived a devoted life to the Kingdom Building.

In January 1968, the Lord called pastor, Reverend O. D. Jackson from labor to reward.

In June of 1968, the church called Reverend J. C. Pyles, Sr. and since his coming we have seen the walls come down. He was a very talented and educated man, both in ministry and music. Under Reverend Pyle's pastorate the church experienced its largest growth. As the church body expanded, there was a need for a larger building. In May 1971 the church moved to 2600 Virginia Avenue.

After 28 year of service, the Lord called Reverend Pyles home to rest. That spirit will continue to go out to bring those who are without hope into the fold of Christ's love.

In October of 1997, the church called Reverend Bruce J. Shaw, Sr. In the ten years of Pastor Shaw's leadership Pleasant View has seen a bountiful growth in the spiritual lives of its members and the beauty of its physical surroundings. Although the biggest task is still ahead of us; I am sure you will agree that this congregation's Canaan is not too far out of sight.

Deacon's Ministry

The Deacon's Ministry would like to take this time to wish the members of Pleasant View Baptist Church a blessed 104th year Church Anniversary. We would like to remind our members that we are committed to helping make Pleasant View Baptist Church the church that God wants us to be. We're committed to serving our membership and being the spiritual leaders to assist our pastor in leading this people. It takes a lot of commitment, hard work and sacrifice from all involved in this ministry to help lead this church. It is our prayer that you would give us (your family deacon) the opportunity to serve you during your times of concern and times of need.

Additionally, we would like to inform the church that the ordination service of Ted Burfict has been tentatively scheduled for the beginning of next year. We're very excited about this milestone in the life of Ted and our Church. More information will be given in the near future.

Yours in Christ
The Deacon's Ministry

Deacon's Assignment of Members by Alphabet

- James Johns.....(X,Z)
- Anthony Walker.....(F,H,Y)
- John Anderson.....(T,O)
- Ted Burfict.....(E,J,K)
- Deshawn Crayton
- Horace Gaither Sr.(C,S)
- Fred Herring.....(I,M)
- Alton (Buddy) Jefferson..... (W,U)
- Lawrence Mason.....(B,V)
- Neal Metcalf.....(A,D)
- Raymond Noah Jr(G,L)
- Richard Price Jr.
- Alonzo Royles.....
- Harold Stikes.....(P,N)
- George White.....

BEST POEM IN THE WORLD!

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
who made me sputter and gasp--
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,
the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
was rotting away in hell,
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How did all these sinners get up here?
God must have made a mistake.

"And why is everyone so quiet,
so somber - give me a clue."
"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

JUDGE NOT.
Author unknown

Except the Lord Build the House, they labor in vain that build it.

(Psalm 127:1)

This verse deals with building and battling, these two actions describe much of our life and they certainly describe the Christian life, but I want to use them in the context of our building project that we started about a year ago. We introduced to the congregation conceptual drawings of a new Sanctuary coupled with some improvements to our current Sanctuary that is needed, the Church voted and we gained the necessary approval to proceed with this project.

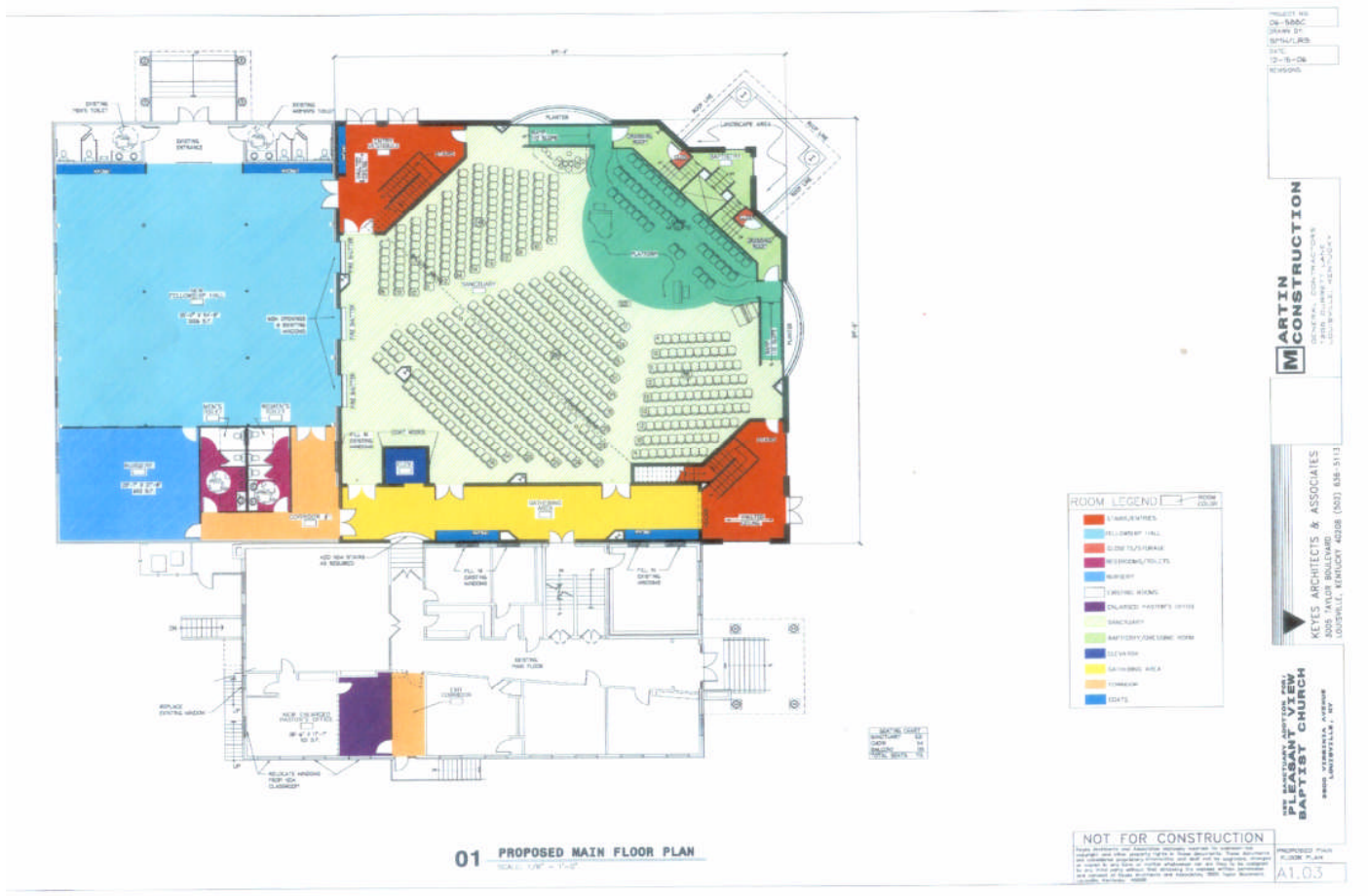
Over the past months a building committee was formed and has worked with the architects on the design and layout of the building. A meeting was held earlier this year so the congregation could get an idea of the work the committee had been doing and also have the architects present to us what the design would look like in this stage of the process.

The trustees voted to advance the project to the next stage of the process, which is the detailed/construction drawings; this will consist of HVAC, plumbing, electrical and all the mechanical aspects of the building; and then after this process is complete we will be able to secure a set price/cost for the entire project.

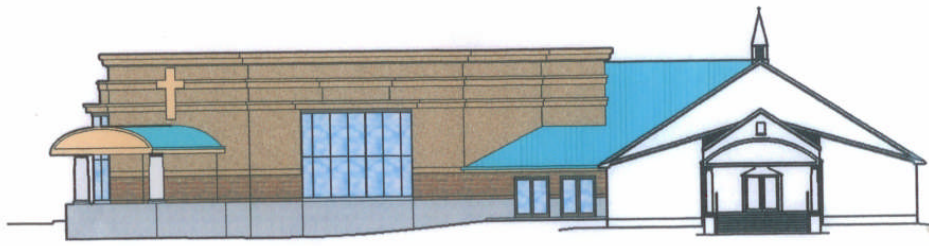
As you can see we are currently working through the necessary processes with our Lord and Savior leading the way. We look forward to everyone's continued prayers and financial support for PVBC and this project.

GOD is the builder
(Hebrews 3:4)

Dennis Osborne, Chairman of Trustees



Proposed Main Floor Plan



NORTH ELEVATION

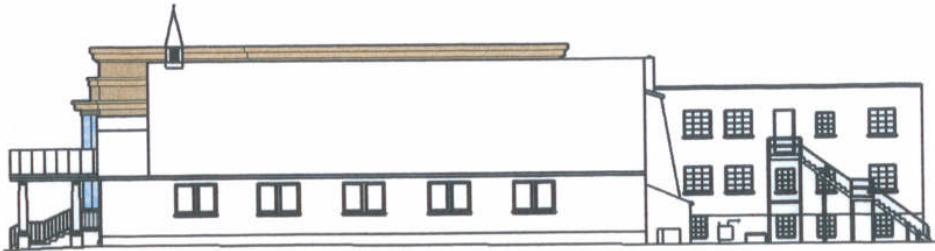


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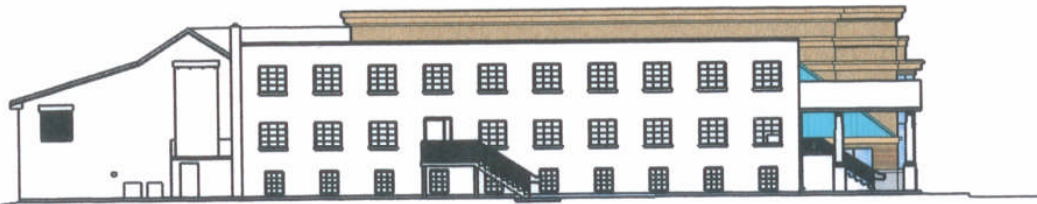
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When the call for young Christian men was sounded Deshawn Crayton answered enthusiastically. If you have not met Deshawn he is one of several young men that walk with the Deacons. Once you spent some time in conversation with him you will realize that not all of our young men are adding to the prison rolls or cemeteries.



Bible studies teacher on Wednesdays for the third, fourth and fifth graders. "I enjoy it. I get to know them and their personalities and they get to know me. Now I can put names with the faces. A few of them thought I was the drummer, others said I was an usher. So they did recognize me. So hopefully they will get to know me and I will get to know them."

Deshawn, 24 attended University of Louisville on a full Porter scholarship. He majored in Marketing and graduated cum laude with a 3.5 gpa. He is currently working towards his Master in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. He is employed by Humana in the Medicare critical processing unit where his team works to resolve problems that cannot be resolved by other units.

Deshawn was asked how can we touch young people today, where is the light of hope? He said that the one thing that helped him was to have a purpose in life. "If you have a purpose and you can define future beyond tomorrow. The challenge is to get someone to not define future as tomorrow or tonight. But to define future as 35, 45, retirement, 20 years past retirement; if you can get someone to think that far it helps."

Deshawn comes to Pleasant View via his parents – as a youth he attended church with his mother, Angie Crayton. His father, Lavon Crayton is a member also. Deshawn and his girlfriend of six years, Schnelle are faithful in their attendance and service. In fact, although Deshawn introduced Schnelle to Pleasant View she became a member before him.

Deshawn believes that our goal as a people is to continually aim higher than the previous generation. "I give credit to my parents. I feel as black people coming from where we come we have to always strive to be better than the generation before. I saw my parents do more for me than their parents were able to do for them and I want to be able to do more for my children."

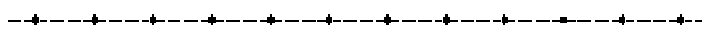
When asked how he came to the Deacon ministry. Deshawn shared how he had been wrestling with finding what he could do for the Lord. "I never have seen myself as a Deacon. Before Deacon Johns asked me I was battling with myself thinking that my jobs were not in God's will and I needed to be doing God's will. So it was God's will that Deacon Johns came to me because I had not thought about becoming a deacon. I had not shared with Deacon Johns this struggle but after careful thought I said 'Yes'."

He wants his Pleasant View family to know that he is on the road to become the best Deacon that he can be. Deshawn says that he enjoys the Psalms, "A few weeks ago when the young people had a get-together, Rev. William Clark was talking and he brought to light that Praise is one of our greatest weapons. ...that knowledge gives praise so much strength." His favorite scripture is Psalm 150.¹*Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power...*

He does not take this call on his life lightly. Whatever God may have for him to do he says he is ready to serve. "A lot of times I find myself even ministering to people on the job. Many are people my age."

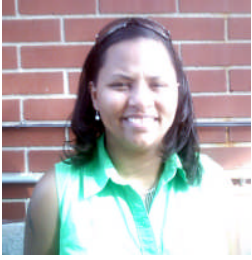
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Blessing

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever" Amen (Heb 13:20-21)



Deshawn accepted also the challenge from Youth Leader Sister Cottoner to become a

Member Spotlight II



When I first heard Cathy Jones vision and goals for the step team 'Images', I was moved by her faith and commitment. Sometimes the only way that God can reach us is through the testimony of others. So here is Cathy's testimony.

"I started my transition two years ago when God really pulled me in. I had joined Pleasant View in 2000 when I was eighteen, but then I strayed away. I came back two years ago this October. God had showed me that it was His grace and mercy that had kept me all that time. When I was ignoring Him, He still kept me and when I did not want to see Him, He still showed me. I was broken all the way down until I had no one to turn to, but Him. He said, 'I have been trying to tell you that you cannot do it without me.'

What really made me get involved in church was I had been praying and praying since I joined asking God where did he want me? I did not want to do what people were asking me to do, and I did not want to do what I wanted to do, because every time I did what I wanted to do I ended-up on the wrong route. So I had learned to lean on Him and listen to Him, so I just kept praying and reading my Word and going to bible study. I am also in another bible study that meets on Tuesdays called Sisters Inspiring Sisters a lot wisdom come from the women there. I have been with that bible study group since I started my transition.

When I came about the step team it was because God chose me for it. I actually argued with Him about it. I was like God are you sure, are sure that is what you want me to do? He revealed to me in a sermon that that was what he wanted me to do. Pastor Shaw was praying 'that everything was going to be all right'. I said, 'Well, all right Lord.' I just had to listen to Him. I do it for God; not for anyone else not even myself. Because I fight daily with it – when I'm tired or knowing that the kids are going to misbehave. I only do it for Him because he has done so much for us. Why don't I give Him back what He has already given out? Although I can never repay Him for what He has done.

I try to show the children what I have learned. That God is the reason for everything. The reason why we step should be our praise; it should be our giving back and who we step for is Jesus. When I say, 'Who?' They say, 'Jesus': When I say, 'What?' They say, 'Praise'. When I say, 'Why?' They say, 'To give back'. I want them to understand who, what and why we are stepping. We can step anywhere for anybody. But this should be special. I pray a lot on the step team. Because being teenagers and I was a teen not too long ago. I

know how they are dealing with peer pressure and wanting to do the right thing, but, they have friends that down them or telling them it is not the 'in' thing'. But Jesus is always 'in'.

Our name is Images. The group brought in several names and they voted for Images. Because in His word it says that He made each and every one of us in His image. So when we step we pray that someone can shout, that someone will receive the blessing of our stepping. We pray that our hearts and minds are on the right path. So that we can show them that through movement we can praise as well. For the young adults and the teenagers I feel we have to get on their level. We have to let them know that however you come to God, as long as you come correct, with your heart on the right page and your mind set on Jesus, then He will accept your praise. That is whole the reason why I am involved. I love all my step members."

Cathy is married to Leo Jones and they have three daughters, Seirra 9, Da'mya 4, and Haley 1. She is a stay at home mom. *"I work very hard to try to do right by my children for their sake so that they can be mighty women of God and that they can do something wonderful and marvelous for His kingdom. God is looking at how I am raising them. And I want to raise them how God would have me to raise them and not how I want to raise them."*

Cathy was asked how the church can reach the youth in the community. *"I think that we as a church need to come together as one. We need to stop disliking one another. We need to say, 'I love you' and mean 'I love you'. Because we here for one reason only. Once we get it together in church then we can move out and do what we have to do. I still say that prayer is powerful. For those who are true believers and truly want to walk right with God; you will pray for your church, you will pray for the lost, you will pray for everybody and sincerely mean it. And pray for yourself too, so that you can see yourself. So that you won't judge others and be cautious at how you look at people and speak on them. We would not talk so bad about the community instead we would get out there and do something about it."*

She has two favorite scriptures; the first is Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. *"Because if I had lean to my own understanding I would not be in church, I would not be on the step team and I would not be where I am in my life now."* Her other scripture is Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Her favorite songs are *The Holy Ghost Power* and the hymn *Blessed Assurance* -- she love gospels.

Ms. Cathy, thank you for being a blessing.

Sunday School

Her Motto: To Gather

Gather the people together, men and women, and children and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: Deuteronomy 31:12 KJV

Her Might: Prayer

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31 KJV

Her Motive: To Know Christ

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable unto his death. Philippians 3:10 KJV

Her Ministry: To Care

They said to me, "those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace" –when I heard these things, I sat down and wept. Nehemiah 1:3-4 NIV

**Submitted by
Brenda Graves
Sunday School Director**



Pleasant View's 2007 Graduates



41 graduates were honored at our 2007 Graduate Sunday on June 10, 2007. Our scripture was 1 Timothy 4:12 and the theme was "Dream What the World Can Be and Live That Dream. . . Starting Today"

Thanks to the members of Pleasant View Baptist Church, all Kindergarten graduates received a \$5.00 gift card to Wal-mart; Fifth-grade graduates received a \$10.00 gift card to Wal-mart; Eighth-grade graduates received a \$20.00 gift card to Wal-mart; High school graduates received a \$50.00 check; and, College graduates received a \$100.00 check.

Our J.C. Pyles Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ashley Johnson in the amount of \$2,000.00 Thanks to our PVBC membership for continuing to support our scholarships. Please continue to give your \$120.00 pledges so that we can continue to award scholarships.

To all Graduates!

"The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity.

Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity...

these are the choices that measure your life."

Author unknown



Where are they?

Just a few months ago it was May and those new, bright-eyed graduates crossed the stage to receive their high school diplomas. Quickly their childhood was fading and they must decide what do I want to do with my life (and we pray that they also asked God).

Sister Juanita Pyles had the scoop on where her former Sunday School students are:

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| Latoya Conley | Benedict College Columbia, NC |
| LaDawndra Ellington | Paralegal Studies University of Louisville |
| Ashley Rose Johnson | Business Mgmt/Mktg Jefferson Community College Southwest Campus |
| Christine Lockridge | Premedicine/Chemistry Northern Kentucky University |
| Diamond Metcalf | Biology Western Kentucky University |
| Carman Alexandra Moore | Social Work Eastern Kentucky University |
| Shelby Smith | Education University of Louisville |
| Star Tate | Pharmacy Tech Working at UPS Jefferson Community College |
| Tommy Walker | Working at Yamamoto in Riverport |

Breast Cancer and the African American Community



Cancer death rates are dropping among African Americans in the United States, but the gap between blacks and whites remains large, according to the latest estimates

from the American Cancer Society.

The death rate for all cancers combined declined by 1.6% among African Americans each year between 1993 and 2001, according to the, Cancer Facts & Figures for African Americans 2005 2006 That rate is greater than the 1% yearly decline seen among whites in the same period. And screening, rates among African Americans have improved over the past decades.

Still, African Americans are much more likely to die from cancer than any other racial or ethnic group, and are more likely than whites to be diagnosed with more advanced disease, which is harder to treat.

Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among African-American women, and the second leading cause of cancer death. About 19,240 new cases are expected this year. This cancer is actually less common among African-American women than white women -- except in the case of women under 40; younger black women have higher rates of the disease than do younger white women. But even though African-American women overall are less likely to get breast cancer, they are more likely to die from it. About 5,640 black women are expected to die of breast cancer this year.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following guidelines for finding breast cancer early in women without symptoms:

Mammogram: Women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year and should continue to do so for as long as they are in good health. While mammograms can miss some cancers, they are still a very good way to find breast cancer.

Clinical breast exam: Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam (CBE) as part of a regular exam by a health expert, preferably every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a CBE by a health expert every year. It might be a good idea to have

the CBE shortly before the mammogram. You can use the exam to learn what your own breasts feel like.

Breast awareness and breast self-exam (BSE): BSE is an option for women starting in their 20s. Women should be told about the benefits and limitations of BSE. Women should report any changes in how their breasts look or feel to their health professional right away.

If you decide to do BSE, you should have your doctor or nurse check your method to make sure you are doing it right. If you do BSE on a regular basis, you get to know how your breasts normally look and feel. Then you can more easily notice changes

The most important thing is to see your doctor right away if you notice any of these changes: a lump or swelling, skin irritation or dimpling, nipple pain or the nipple turning inward, redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin, or a discharge other than breast milk. But remember that most of the time these breast changes are not cancer.

Women at high risk: Women with a higher risk of breast cancer should talk with their doctor about the best approach for them. This might mean starting mammograms when they are younger, having extra tests, or having more frequent exams.

While the widespread use of screening mammograms has increased the number of breast cancers found before they cause any symptoms, some cancers are still missed.

The most common sign of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A lump that is painless, hard, and has uneven edges is more likely to be cancer. But some cancers are tender, soft, and rounded. So it's important to have anything unusual checked by your doctor.

Other signs of breast cancer include the following:

- a swelling of part of the breast
- skin irritation or dimpling
- nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
- redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin
- a nipple discharge other than breast milk
- a lump in the underarm area

Information received in this article was found on the American Cancer Society's website



October is Lupus Awareness Month There's More to Lupus Than You Know

Lupus is an autoimmune disease that causes inflammation and tissue damage to virtually any organ system in the body. While lupus affects mostly women of childbearing age, women and men of all ages and children can develop lupus. Its health effects can range from mild to life-threatening. Symptoms of lupus may include joint pain and swelling, fever, debilitating fatigue, skin rash, kidney problems, anemia, chest pains, strokes, seizures and sun sensitivity.

Join our effort to educate patients and the public about Lupus

Please help support the foundation every Tuesday in October by eating dinner at

Chili's

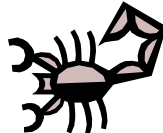
3623 Bardstown Road.

Call the **Lupus Foundation of Kentuckiana** at 502-456-5265

Or 1-800-277-9681 to learn more.



The Stinging Scorpion (author unknown)



There was a man who saw a scorpion floundering around in the water. He decided to save it by stretching out his finger, but the scorpion stung him. The man still tried to get the scorpion out of the water, but the scorpion stung him again.

Someone nearby told him to stop saving the scorpion that kept stinging him.

But the man said: "It is the nature of the scorpion to sting. It is my nature to love. Why should I give up my nature to love just because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting?"

Don't give up loving.
Don't give up your goodness.
Even if people around you sting.



Pepper Profit Program

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Welcome New Members



And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Act 2:47

April

Darius Osborne

Carla Davis

May

Janae Burton
Pamela Johnson
Maurice Witherspoon

Jennifer Reyes
Earnest Clarke

June

Fred Clarke
Jennifer Clarke

Rev. Bryan K. Litton

July

Woodrow Smith
Shera Johnson
Barbara Hall

Teresa Lynn Wilson
Rhonda Hayes
Vincent P. Moore

August

Shawn King

D'Erica Monea Jackson

September

Kamahl Hess
Benica Price
Ronald P. Thomas, Sr.

Kendra Hess
George Masden

October

Aaron Sanchez
Shawna Jordan
Dakota Burdine

Corrie Sanchez
Idell Martin
Angela Renfo

Precious Memories



Ava Stone 3/4/1959 – 4/23/2007
Gwendolyn Rogers 11/14/1931 – 5/19/2007
Sharon R. Chinn 4/11/1959 - 10/10/2007



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it may just be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God

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