



Making Disciples Indeed

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REFRESHED

Acts 3:19 contains some very meaningful words that speak to the soul, "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." This phrase is in the middle of the sermon being preached by Peter. He is reminding the people that Jesus has the power to enable a lame man to walk, but more importantly, He has the power to refresh a lost soul when that person repents, is converted, and enjoys their sins being blotted out. That is, we can have a lame soul that has no walk with the Lord. We as Christians can be converted and saved, but are missing the refreshing presence of the Lord.

I have some apps on my phone that have information that needs to be updated. I can hit a certain place on my phone and it "refreshes" the site so that I can get the latest information. Does your pastor need to be refreshed? Yes! How does this happen for him? Let me testify to this. I have been recently blessed by some fifty members who are in the midst of our study called "Experiencing God." I cannot tell you how many times I have led this study since 1991, but I can assure you that I am refreshed by the spiritual appetites

met with spiritual nourishment.

Being reminded of Jesus as our model for ministry refreshes me again in this outline:

1. The Father has been working right up until now.
2. Now the Father has me working.
3. I do nothing on my own initiative.
4. I watch to see what the Father is doing.
5. I do what I see the Father doing.
6. The Father loves Me.
7. He shows Me everything He is doing.

I could easily study Jesus' words in the Bible and put a verse or verses next to each of the above statements reminding me of the relationship Jesus had with His Father.

Being a student of the Scripture and applying God's Words in a personal way refreshes me.

I am also refreshed by the people of God depending on God and each other in such a loving way. When Adam Johnson called upon us to pray for him and his family because of the new pregnancy, I was so grateful that he not only trusted us with this information, but depended on us to pray.

What a blessing it is to serve within a Church family that truly cares for one another. The outpouring of love refreshes me.

I experience the presence of God with disciples who love the Word and love each other. Thank you for providing the refreshment!!!!

Brother Rick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I cannot believe we are already one month into 2017. How time flies when you are working with children and seeing the lights come on in their faces, when they begin to understand what salvation is all about, and begin to ask how they can receive this gift from our Heavenly Father.

We have a lot of new things happening in the children's area. We have a larger committee this year than we have ever had with everyone willing to serve where needed. If you have any questions about the children's area, feel free to ask any one of the committee members. They are well informed on what is going on in the children's area.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer on Sunday, February 5th for Children's Church volunteers and helpers. We will be having a training class on February 25th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the children's area. I would like to invite anyone who may be, or thinks they may be, interested in serving come to the training class.

We are also having a new security system installed in the children's department and will announce a later date when we will train on that system.

February is Children's Ministry Month. We are planning to take our children, 1st-5th grade, on Sunday morning the 12th of February to "Healing Waters," (a soup kitchen in Shannon Hills, that serves a Sunday meal to the homeless and under-privileged people in our community) to help with their Sunday meal. More details and permission slips will be available on Sunday, February 5th.

I know this is early but we are searching for sponsors for children's camp. We need at least one male and one female, but would prefer two males and two females to serve as sponsors for our children the week of June 26-29. Please be in prayer about whether God is leading you to serve in this area. We need to have these sponsors in place by the end of March.

We are also in need of two volunteers for the W.A.S.H. program in the afternoons from 3:30-6:00. The responsibilities would be to lead a group of children from one area to another or if I had two people that would just sit in the sanctuary with them that would help greatly. Please be in prayer!



Would you like to become involved in the lives of these youngsters?
If so, please see Sharon for details!



I just want to thank you church family for supporting your children's area in everything that we do. You may not all be physically able to help but we feel the prayers.

*In Christ,
Sharon Harris*

HANDS IN SERVICE PUPPET TEAM

We would like to say thank you to Bro. Rick for allowing the Puppet Team to perform a Christmas program on Sunday night for you. If you would like to join the Puppet Team please let me know.

Beginning in February the Puppet Team will be going out to Arkansas Health center in Benton every other month on Saturday (instead of the usual Sunday) afternoon.

*Love in Christ,
Tonya Knight*

MINISTRIES OF THE HEART

We would like to say a special thanks to Harps on Highway 5 for donating the fruit for our Christmas bags and thank the church for the donation of the other items. We have twelve people that we see each month. Always remember to look on the back of the Order of Service each Sunday to identify the Superstar of the Month and call or send a card to that Superstar.

*Love in Christ##
Tonya Knight, Nelda West & Jasslyn, and Margaret Stinson*

YOUTH

As we conclude the first full month of 2017, it's obvious that God is actively at work in our church at large, as well as, in the environment of our student ministry. Of the five Wednesday night services thus far in 2017, no two have been alike. Finding benefits and momentum with one large group teaching environment, ten to twelve small groups, and guest speakers, we are endeavoring to utilize different teaching methods to spur spiritual growth. God has blessed our student ministry with more and more students who are hungry for the Word and, at the same time, blessed us with more committed adult volunteers than I've ever seen anywhere.

It's obvious that PHBC has a heart for sharing the gospel with the students and families of our community. Some of the changes we've made to better accommodate this influx has been to build a portable dividing wall across the center of the gym to allow for youth services to be moved out into the larger gym area. We've seen a major answer to prayer in the way adult leaders have stepped up to the challenges of student ministry and behavior problems have steadily decreased in recent months.

Our Wednesday night studies this semester are centered around the Ten Commandments and connecting God's law with His call for repentance. Our Sunday School and Discipleship classes are also regularly at max capacity. Our Youth Committee is committed to pray more specifically for our students and to engage them with the biblical mandate to "go ye therefore." With each new class of students, come new challenges and differing ways on how to engage them with the Gospel.



Thank you for praying for these students and leaders in the weeks and months ahead.

Chris Reed

MUSIC

The Top 10 Reasons for Not Joining the Choir And Why That's No Excuse!

10. *I can't read music.*

There are many strategies for learning the music that we sing. One of the most helpful is being given a CD of music to listen to outside of rehearsal. Making notations on the music is another and also meeting with other choir members to practice. These are just a few creative solutions.

9. *I'm scared of auditions.*

This one is easy. There are no auditions. Everyone is welcome!

8. *I can't come every week.*

Attendance is on an "as possible" basis. It's important to have a sense of commitment, and we agree with the time honored saying "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right." And we believe that if you decide to engage, you will have fun worshipping in song with us. And if you have fun, the chances are greater that you will keep coming!

7. *I've never sung anywhere but the shower.*

This is just like singing in the shower, except for the water and being alone. Fear of being in front of a crowd is greatly reduced by being one of many. There is no individual pressure – it's a blend thing.

6. *I don't have childcare.*

We should try to figure that one out.

5. *I am not a member of the church.*

Membership, while not a requirement, is a good idea. We at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church associate with the Southern Baptist Convention and its teachings. If there's a question, see Bro. William. We love and believe in multigenerational worship, so if you are a young person, please see Bro. William.

4. *I don't know what part I sing.*

Bro. William will know right away!

3. *I have musical dyslexia.*

See #10 above.

2. *I can't take direction.*

You WILL take direction! Bro. William makes it easy.

#1 *Reason for Not Joining the Choir – The plate in my head receives messages from outer space when I sing in harmony.*

NO PROBLEM – the choir loft has been retrofitted with an intergalactic interceptor shield!

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

William Glover

Minister of Music

wglover@earthlink.net

MEN IN MINISTRY

What a huge blessing to cook for such a great group of men!! The Tschiemer's were so blessed by the outpouring of love that was revealed through all the work accomplished at their home.

Men of all ages came together to take care of the outside work. And we had ladies at work to help do some cleaning on the inside. Thank you men and women for hearing of the needs and responding so beautifully.

What is on next? Well, we can look forward to supporting the Valentine Banquet on February 11th which is for the whole church family. So we will not have our men's breakfast on the 4th, but will bring our families to the banquet on the 11th.

And we shall also focus on our annual WILD GAME NIGHT! Right



Chad Carrington beforehand.

Our next men's breakfast will be Saturday, March 4th. We can anticipate another ministry opportunity as the weather improves.

Again, THANK YOU for being such servants of the Lord!



now the date is set for Thursday night, February the 16th. And we have several special speakers for the grand event: YOU! We want the men of all ages to share their very best hunting or fishing story. I know that we will not have all night, nor will Christians be able to tell lies, but I know God has blessed you in wonderful ways. I am excited to hear the stories. And if there are pictures that you want up on the screen, please get with



ON MISSION!

The new year is now upon us and the first Mission Committee meeting is just around the corner! We are so blessed to know that our mission to evangelize the lost is ever before us as each Sunday morning we pray for the lost. And we pray for laborers that define who WE are. In 2016 we saw many come to the Lord; what will 2017 be like for us? Keep praying for the lost, and looking for the opportunity to share Jesus.

We can also look forward to dates on the calendar for 2017 which focuses on mission opportunities. May 20th will be the day that we join with our State Convention and put on a dental clinic. We will need many servants! Begin praying now for the dentists, hygienists, and others to be called to serve those in need. October 7th is the Acts 1:8 One Day Missions opportunity that will take place in North Little Rock. Because of the close proximity, we may have many who will follow the Lord onto this field. We also are excited about October 31st which is our Fall Fest. We had more last year than ever with it being a huge success. All hands will need to be serving on this special day as we reveal Christ to our community.

Are these the only dates that are significant? No. Being sensitive to the leadership of the Spirit will provide an awareness of where God is at work so that we can join Him. It is the way of our Master.

Thanks for being a vital part of a Church on Mission!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our Fall Retreat was a success!! Start making plans to attend this year's retreat and enjoy some time with your sisters in Christ.

Upcoming Dates:

February 7th – LOVE Meeting @ 6:30

March 7th – LOVE Meeting @ 6:30

March 11th – Inspire Conference – First Baptist in Cabot – 8:30 – 3:45

April 4th – LOVE Meeting @ 6:30

If you have any ideas or questions regarding the Women's LOVE ministry, contact Amy Greer at ajg@yahoo.com



WEST SIDE OF 50 GANG

The West Side of 50 Gang had over sixty attend the Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons!! In January canned goods were brought to supplement our food pantry. Forty-five attended and contributed to this effort!

Plans are being finalized for upcoming events. Watch the Order of Service for these announcements.

SEWING WITH LOVE

"One sows and another reaps," John 4:37. This verse sums up the servant attitude that is at the heart of the Sewing with Love Ministry. Ladies, young and seasoned, are coming together to minister to hurting people in our community. Whether you sew, knit, quilt or crochet this sewing ministry is a creative way of fellowshiping and reaching out to meet the needs of people experiencing real life issues. Sewing with Love can benefit a variety of individuals or groups like nursing homes, hospital patients, homeless shelters, or crisis centers. We will put our talents for sewing and working together to create many items for use in our community. Prayers will be offered specifically for the intended recipients as the ladies sew mats, lap quilts, caps, adult bibs, etc. Ladies who do not sew are still a part of this ministry by cutting, pinning, ironing, and assembling. As the old saying goes, "Many hands can make light work."



Ladies meeting to discuss the Sewing with Love ministry

To join these ladies all you need is a desire and curiosity to be needed. Would you like to personally make a difference in our community? Our sewing ministry is a great place to start! Please consider giving of your time and talents to show the love of Christ to others through the work of your hands.

The ladies meet once a month on the third Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. If you can't stay that long it is fine. Since we are meeting just once a month, we felt we needed the four hours to get things done. We will have lunch at noon. You will need to bring a sack lunch. Come out and have a great fellowship with us.

If you are unable to come to the meetings but you would like to sew at home let Nelda West, Tonya Knight, or Margaret Stinson know. Others can also get involved by donating sewing items.

TRAVELERS' CHAPEL

Greetings from Travelers' Chapel at J J's Truck Stop.

Services for 2017 have gotten off to a great start. We are seeing and feeling the spirit moving. Bob and Judy are volunteers from PHBC in Sunday morning services that start at 8:30 and Rick Richardson volunteers on Sunday evenings, services starting at 7 p.m.



We met a driver Sunday morning, January 29th who had spent some time in jail and through that process had asked his Mother to bring him some literature from his truck to hopefully get him on a better road of life. One of the items she brought him was a Bible he had received on the parking lot of J J's, stamped inside with Travelers' Chapel and our address and phone number. As a result of getting into God's Word he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Now folks, that's what it's all about! Praise the Lord!

We would love to have you come worship with us and meet some of these fine men and women that travel the roads in those big trucks. Till the next time....

Judy Farrow

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings distributed over 2,000 diapers to 154 client visits in December 2016, and that was with being closed the last two weeks of the year! As of January 2017 there has been a transition in leadership. Kim Puska has taken a leave of absence to go spend time with and help with her newborn grandson in a northern state. Patti Snowden is now the Director and Carla Parsons is the Assistant Director; their leadership is invaluable. New Beginnings has a great need of volunteers for Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. If interested, please call (501) 315-5557.



New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center in Benton

Breath of Life's Director is Pam Robideaux and she is looking forward to what 2017 will bring by way of ministering to mothers, mothers-to-be and fathers-to-be. They are always in need of diapers, wipes and clothes and they are very excited for the Baby Bottle Drive to kick off for the New Year.

At this time the Pregnancy Test Center is open on Monday afternoon/evenings by appointment only. The phone number for the Test Center is (501) 316-4057. We have already seen baby's lives saved because the Mother got to see that life was growing within her. Praise the Lord!

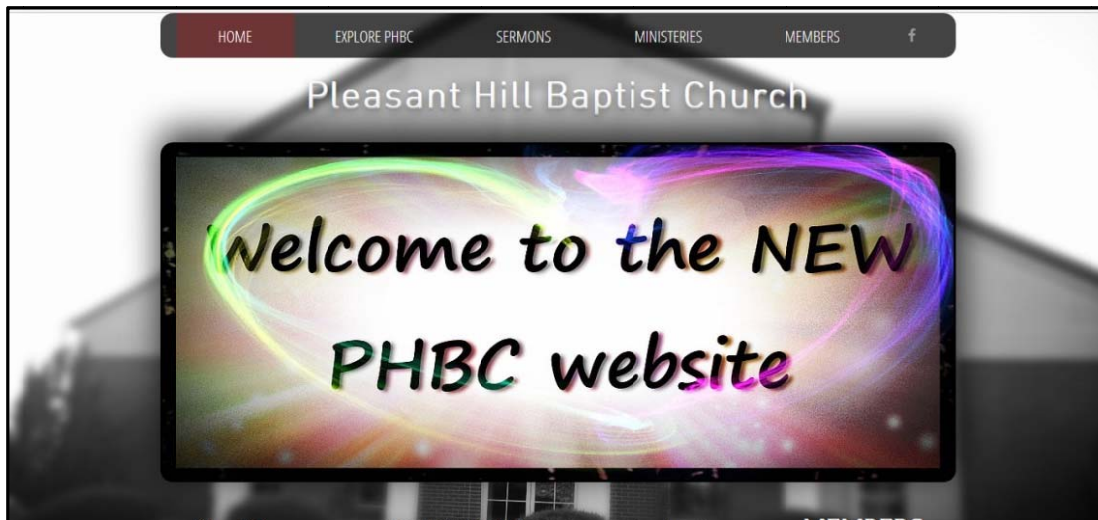
The Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser is in full swing. This project is the main form of income and covers operating expenses for both centers all year long! If you need more information please contact:

New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center or
Pregnancy Test Center
120 S. Conrad
Benton, Arkansas 72015 ..
Patti or Carla at (501) 315-5557

Breath of Life Pregnancy Resource Center
1015 E. Page
Malvern, AR 72104
Pam at (501) 332-2994

Judy Farrow

PHBC WEBSITE



Thank you very much to Chad Carrington for developing a new PHBC website.
Check it out at phbcsardis.org!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members!

James & Shannon Pinson	Doctrine Agreement	8/21/2016
JoAnne Overstreet	Transfer of Letter	9/4/2016
David Littleton	Transfer of Letter	9/18/2016
Gunnar Morris	Profession of Faith	10/2/2016
Addison Carrington	Profession of Faith	10/9/2016
Laney Glymp	Profession of Faith	10/9/2016
Brooke Hirtzinger	Profession of Faith	10/16/2016
Breana Ziegelgruber	Profession of Faith	10/16/2016
Janey Ziegelgruber	Profession of Faith	10/16/2016
Kaiytlynn Pinson	Profession of Faith	10/30/2016
Hannah Harkness	Profession of Faith	11/13/2016
Ashley Littleton	Transfer of Letter	11/16/2016
Bailea Sharp	Profession of Faith	11/20/2016
Jim Conway	Transfer of Letter	11/20/2016
Kevin, Carrie, Bradley & Irey Davis	Transfer of Letter	11/20/2016
Chun Ziegelgruber	Profession of Faith	12/4/2016
Gracie Philpot	Profession of Faith	12/7/2016
Peggy Brown	Transfer of Letter	1/29/2017

FROM THE OFFICE

2017 is here and the Lord continues to bless us with many opportunities to reach a lost and dying world. Listed below are the dates and activities already on the calendar for this year with many others to follow.

February 11th – Valentine Banquet / Ministry Life Center

February 16th – Men's Wild Game Night

February 25th – Family Olympics Youth Fund Raiser

March 20th thru March 24th / Spring Break for Bauxite Schools

April 16th – Sunday Morning Easter Program & Church-wide Luncheon

April 16th – Children's Easter Party

May 10th – End of Year WASH Pinewood Derby

May 20th – Free Dental Clinic

May 24th – Bauxite Schools out for summer

June 11th thru June 15th – Vacation Bible School

June 26th thru June 29th – Kids Camp at Spring Lake

July 10th thru July 14th – Youth Camp at Spring Lake

September 6th – W.A.S.H. Program resumes

October 7th – One Day Missions in North Little Rock

October 31st – Fall Fest

November 1st thru 3rd – *Right Now* Conference / Dallas TX

December 1st – Children's Christmas Party

That's the short list and doesn't even include the programs and events that different ministries and Sunday School leaders have planned.

Please pray that God's grace and mercy abounds for all our church family. That we stand united with one voice. That whatever we do, we give God all the Honor and Glory. There are these and many other opportunities to join God in his work through Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Please speak up when you feel led to be involved.

As a reminder, our office is open and phones are being answered Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To have an announcement placed in the Order of Service, please submit your request no later than the 9:00 a.m. Thursday before you want it to run. Also to reserve any or all of our facilities, let me know A.S.A.P. so we can be sure there is no conflict in scheduling. Reach me by phone at (501) 557-5153 church, (501) 626-0575 cell or email at dharris030301@yahoo.com.

Thank You,

I Love You,

Dennis Harris