



Wanda Phifer and Christopher D. Phifer

Pleasant Hill Interim Pastor

The members of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church are excited to present their interim Pastor, Christopher D. Phifer, and his wife, Missionary Wanda Phifer. The Phifers have allowed God to prepare them for this task.

Christopher D. Phifer was saved under the ministry of his father, the late Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr. in New York. He has pastored churches in New York and Tennessee.

His ministry extended to diverse organizations, including homeless shelters and prison ministries, as well as teaching in Children's Church, Youth and Senior groups.

Phifer holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Howard University, a Master of Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching as Leadership from Memphis Theological Seminary. He is married to his beautiful wife, Wanda, and they have one son, Christopher II.

Wanda Phifer has served in the Memphis City Schools System Legacy for twenty-five years. She assists her husband, Pastor Christopher D. Phifer, in Pastoral Ministry as Sunday School Superintendent and Director of Christian Education.

She received her B.S. Degree in Education. She is also a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Also, she received a +45 Degree in Administration and Supervision from Union University.

Additionally, Pleasant Hill MB Church family will celebrate their 148th Church's anniversary on May 3rd, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.. A complimentary Luncheon will be served between the 11:00 AM service and the 3:00 PM service.

Pastor Christopher Phifer will deliver the 11:00 AM morning message, and Pastor Wayne Tinnon of Memphis Tn. will deliver the 3:00 PM afternoon message. All roads lead to Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church on May 3rd of 2026.

Oakland. . .

(Cont'd from page 2) is so beautiful. We have one of the oldest campuses in Mississippi, full of beautiful old buildings. I am really happy to report that the Legislature this year gave The W enough funds to restore one of our old buildings, Old Pohl Gymnasium, which will be incorporated into our nationally ranked nursing school. This building was constructed in 1927. Ole Miss is the oldest school, founded in 1848, The W came 36 years later in 1884, and then Alcorn in 1871. These three campuses have the oldest buildings which I love.

The W was the first state supported college for women in the United States and some say in the world.

A very famous Supreme Court case in 1982 opened the doors for men to attend as well. My son attended Northwestern School of Law in Chicago. He was the only one in his class who raised his hand when asked if they had heard of the case or of The W when they studied it! Not only that, his mother attended there!

Alcorn has Oakland Memorial Chapel on its campus. I've always liked knowing that, even though it is not named for our town. Oakland Memorial Chapel predates Alcorn and was built in 1838 as part of Oakland College, founded in 1828 as part of a Presbyterian mission. Alcorn took over that defunct school's campus after the Civil War. Alcorn State was the first land grant university established specifically for the education of African Americans. The chapel was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976, and a Mississippi Landmark in 1985.

The Enid Depot has racked up another major recognition as it was named by Business Insider on April 16 as The Most Iconic Steakhouse in Mississippi. "The Enid Depot is an out-of-the-

box steakhouse set inside a historic train depot in the Mississippi Delta," Business Insider said. The Mississippi Beef Council and Mississippi Cattlemen's Association named it the best steakhouse in the state in 2025, according to the Clarion Ledger. Pretty tall cotton! Congratulations to Chef Brent Tippitt and his team.

It is now even easier to get to Enid Depot from the Oakland side of the world since the bridge on Hwy. 51 is finally open again. They have been working on it for years. Our friends at Ajinomoto are happy about it, too. It created years of trucking issues for them on deliveries and shipments.

I am reliably informed that Meg Daves, tennis player extraordinaire and granddaughter of Oakland's Joy Mullen, is closing out her Northwest Community College days being named All-Conference.

Congratulations, Meg. I know Joy and Meg's aunts have followed her across the state and beyond as she has enjoyed a wonderful tennis career.

I was showing Mother some pictures of my newest grandchild this week and she spotted an old family trunk in the photo. I reminded her that it had been made by her step-father's father. As we discussed it, she started telling us that "Mama Brown,"

Mother's Day Program



Jeanette Walker-Moore

You are invited to our Mother's Day program. Retreat a Mother. Come out and have a great time.

Date 5/10/26 Time 2:00 P.M. Place: Bruce Forestry Museum. Guest Speaker Overseers Jeanette Walker-Moore. Lunch served from 12:30 to 1:45pm.

Thanks Calhoun/Yalobusha Outreach.

her step-father's mother, had found her husband by placing an ad on the radio. Many of the "match-making shows" back in the 1930's and 40's were called "Lonely Hearts Clubs" or sometimes the announcers would just read the letters during a community news broadcast segment. Our ancestors had on-line dating, it

was just via radio waves. I had no idea!

Oakland's Yalo-Ribbon Festival is this Saturday, May 2! It starts at 2 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Let me know if you have news to include. Contact me via email at oaklandarea-chamber@gmail.com or text or leave a message at 601-853-3942.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 7-7-213, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), notice is hereby given that a copy of the 2024 audit of Yalobusha County is on file in the Chancery Clerk's office of Yalobusha County.

In accordance with Section 7-7-221, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the following synopsis of the Yalobusha County audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, is provided in the format prescribed by the State Auditor:

Revenue	10-01-2023	to	9-30-2024	\$16,300,466
Expenditures	10-01-2023	to	9-30-2024	\$18,984,411
Cash & Investments at 9-30-2024				\$14,363,510

A copy of the audit report containing all findings and recommendations as well as exceptions, if applicable, can be obtained for \$15.00 or, if available on the OSA web site, \$25.00, by writing to the Office of the State Auditor, Post Office Box 956, Jackson, MS 39205. The web site address is www.osa.state.ms.us.

A copy of the audit report is also on file and available for public inspection at the Yalobusha County Library.



Tillatoba News By Patcie Deck

The annual Hartley Bass Tournament is coming up Saturday, May 2 at the Hartley Farm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun fellowship and fishing.

Tracy Pegram, Tray Pegram's father, is scheduled to have open heart surgery Monday morning. Please add Tracy to your prayer list.

Deborah and Tommy McCool went to church and then to Batesville. After eating lunch, we went to Lowe's and did some shopping and then visited daughter, Kimberly and Jason Beavers a couple of hours, then home. Daughter Angela Dukes and P.J. Went to Alabama Saturday and spent the day with Angela's daughter Allison and Cameron. She is doing well with her pregnancy, about 2 more weeks and Lily should be here. Deborah says she can't wait! Talked with son Christopher McCool who lives at Senatobia and they are all doing good.

Martha Box is recuperating from what little she has accomplished as she plans next week. Did get up and at'em working through the house Thursday cooked a roast and shared with my neighbor/brother. Great visit with sister Joyce Steavens as we pigged out on fish and hush-puppies. And that was all we got done! (Martha I love the way you and sister Joyce diet!!)

Wonderful message at Pine Grove Baptist Church Sunday. Brother Scarborough opens our ears and our hearts to Jesus! And you should have heard all that singing, especially those little kiddos.

Wonderful Happy Day with a visit from my favorite son in law, Phil Harrison, and oh yeah, his wife, my

baby, Ginger!

Congratulations to a sweet friend, Breanna White who will be getting her Masters Degree at Ole Miss, May 8-2026.

Myra Dempsey is grinning from ear to ear as she looks at her new great granddaughter Storie O'Ryan Jones. Little Storie weighed 7 pounds 2.6 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Just a handful of pure love.

Saturday your writer and David visited our daughter, Donna Garripoli, and our great-grandson, Bradley Holliday, was there as well. After we left Donna's, we road just up the hill to my sister, Ann Hudson's home and visited with her and enjoyed looking at all of her beautiful flowers.

Our visitors this week, were JoJo McClanahan, Donna Garripoli, Bradley Holliday, and Brad Holliday.

Our son, Tim Sullivan came down one afternoon and planted cucumbers in the garden so far that's all we have planted. I was hoping to get squash, hot peppers for pepper sauce and a few tomatoes planted before it is too late. We will see!

Celebrating birthday's this week are Taylor Moody on the 1st, Festus Hailey on the 2nd, Larry Franklin on the 3rd, Alan McMillian on the 4th, Ann Hart Hudson and Cole Burselson on the 5th, and Diane Lofton and Ollie Dogan on the 7th. I pray you all have a wonderful day celebrating your special day!

Recipe for the week: "Pineapple Casserole"

Ingredients.
4 cups of French bread, cut in small squares
1 1/2 sticks of butter or margarine melted
1 cup of sugar

3 eggs
Crushed Pineapple (20 ounce can.)

Cut the bread up and set aside.

In a bowl add your sugar, eggs, melted butter, and beat well by hand. Then add your pineapple juice and all to this mixture and mix well. Pour mixture over your bread cubes and make sure each one is coated well. Put in a buttered 9 x 3 casserole dish and bake at 3:50 for 25 minutes.

Thought for the day...
Some people aren't just missing a screw, the whole toolbox is gone!



Pine Grove Homecoming

Pine Grove Baptist Church will have their annual Homecoming on Sunday, May 3rd. Services begin at 10:45 with a pot-luck luncheon to follow.

We look forward to seeing you!

Pine Grove Baptist Church
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Food Safety Certification Class: One Day June 3

ServSafe Food Certification Class will be taught June 3, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The certification exam will begin around 4:00 p.m. and should be completed by 6 p.m. The class will be held at the Yalobusha County Extension Office in Coffeeville. Cost of the course is \$150. **The deadline to register is May 4, 2026.** Call Pamela Redwine at the Extension Office at 662-675-2730 for additional details and to register. When calling to sign up, please inform the office of any disabilities that might interfere with your opportunity to participate in this program. The MSU Extension provides educational opportunities to the public on an equal opportunity basis and will make every reasonable effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities.



Last week's "Who Is It?" was Marge Kilgore and Jean Scobey. Sarah Williams and Jean Scobey correctly identified the picture. Please call the Courier at 662-675-2446 before noon on Monday or call and leave a message or text 662-458-8939.

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